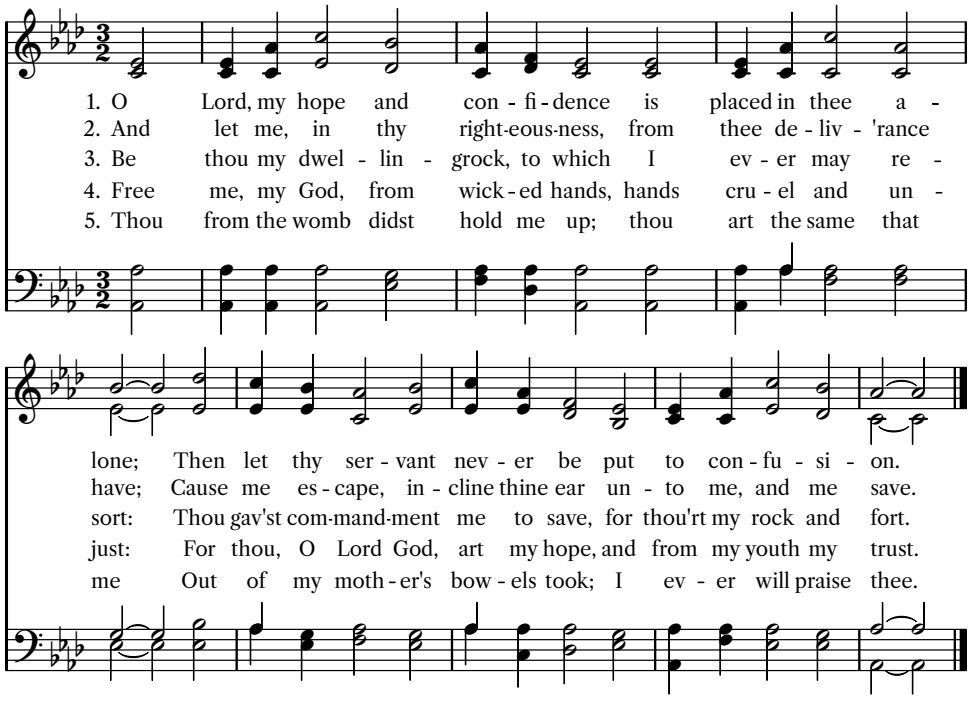
O Lord, My Hope and Confidence



6. To many I a wonder am;
but thou'rt my refuge strong.
Filled let my mouth be with thy praise
and honour all day long.

7. O do not cast me off, when as
old age doth overtake me;
And when my strength decayed is,
then do not thou forsake me.

8. For those that are mine enemies
against me speak with hate;
And they together counsel take
that for my soul lay wait.

9. They said, God leaves him; him pursue
and take: none will him save.
Be thou not far from me, my God:
thy speedy help I crave.

10. Confound, consume them, that unto
my soul are enemies:
Clothed be they with reproach and shame
that do my hurt devise.

11. But I with expectation
will hope continually;
And yet with praises more and more
I will thee magnify.

12. Thy justice and salvation
my mouth abroad shall show,
Ev'n all the day; for I thereof
the numbers do not know.

13. And I will constantly go on
in strength of God the Lord;
And thine own righteousness, ev'n thine
alone, I will record.

14. For even from my youth, O God,
by thee I have been taught;
And hitherto I have declared
the wonders thou hast wrought.

15. And now, Lord, leave me not, when I
old and grey-headed grow:
Till to this age thy strength and pow'r
to all to come I show.

16. And thy most perfect righteousness,
O Lord, is very high,
Who has so great things done: O God,
who is like unto thee?

17. Thou, Lord, who great adversities,
and sore, to me didst show,
Shalt quicken, and bring me again
from depths of earth below.

18. My greatness and my pow'r thou wilt
increase, and far extend:
On ev'ry side against all grief
thou wilt me comfort send.

20. My lips shall much rejoice in thee,
when I thy praises sound;
My soul, which thou redeemed hast,
in joy shall much abound.

Scottish Psalter, 1650

19. Thee, ev'n thy truth, I'll also praise,
my God, with psaltery:
Thou Holy One of Israel,
with harp I'll sing to thee.

21. My tongue thy justice shall proclaim,
continuing all day long;
For they confounded are, and shamed,
that seek to do me wrong.

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