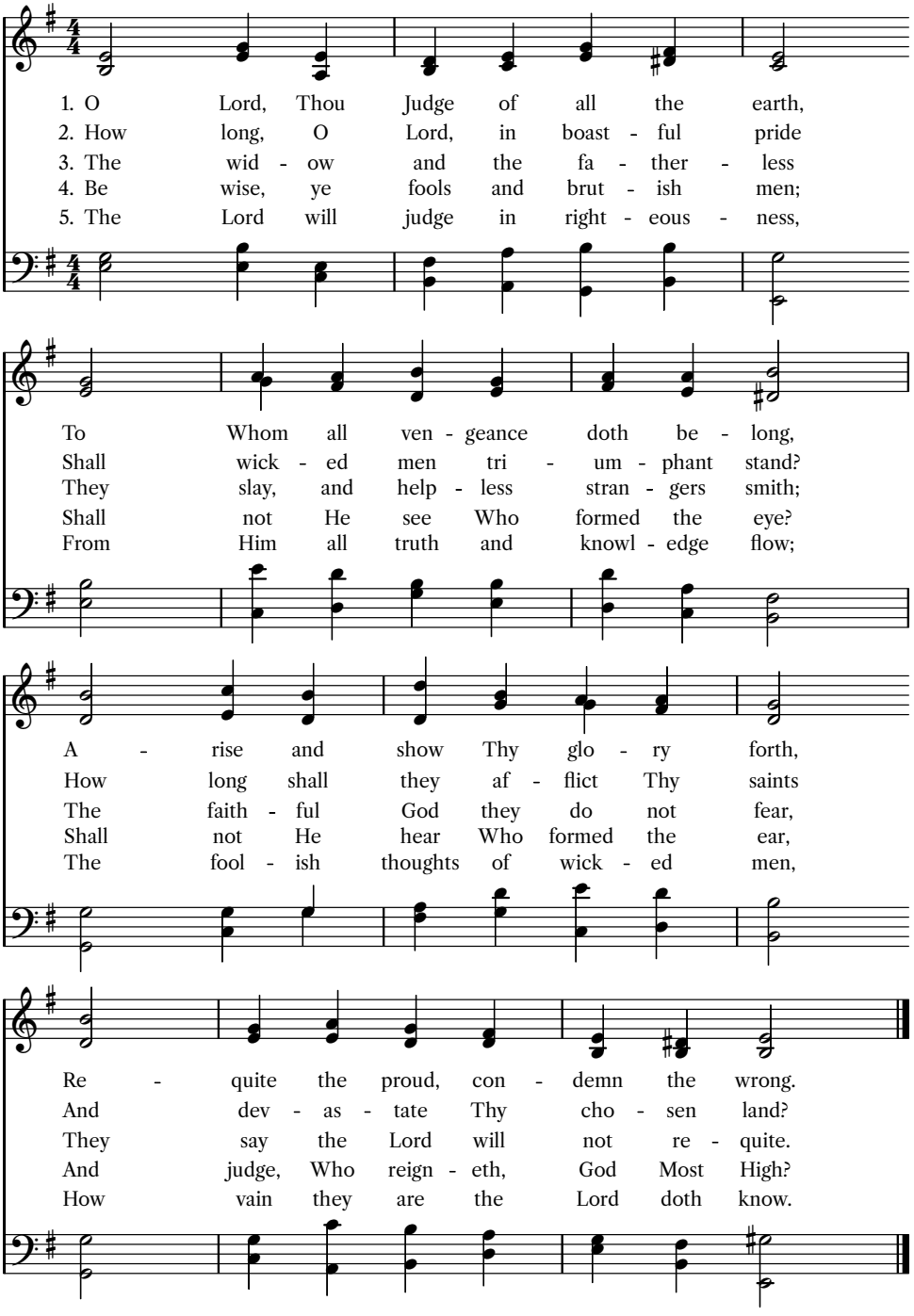God the Righteous Judge



6. That man is blest whom Thou, O Lord,
With chastening hand dost teach Thy will,
For in the day when sinners fall
That man in peace abideth still.

7. The Lord will not cast off His own,
Nor His inheritance forsake;
Just judgment shall at length prevail,
And upright hearts shall courage take.

8. Who will arise for my defense
Against the wicked in the land?
Against iniquity and wrong
What man for me will valiant stand?

9. Unless the Lord had been my help,
My life had quickly passed away;
But when my foot had almost slipped,
O Lord, Thy mercy was my stay.

10. Amid the doubts that fill my mind
Thy comforts, Lord, bring joy to me;
Can wickedness, though throned in might,
Have fellowship, O Lord, with Thee?

11. The wicked, in their might arrayed,
Against the righteous join their power,
But to the Lord I flee for help,
He is my refuge and my tower.

12. Our God, the refuge of His saints,
Will fight against iniquity;
Avenger of the innocent
The Lord omnipotent will be.

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