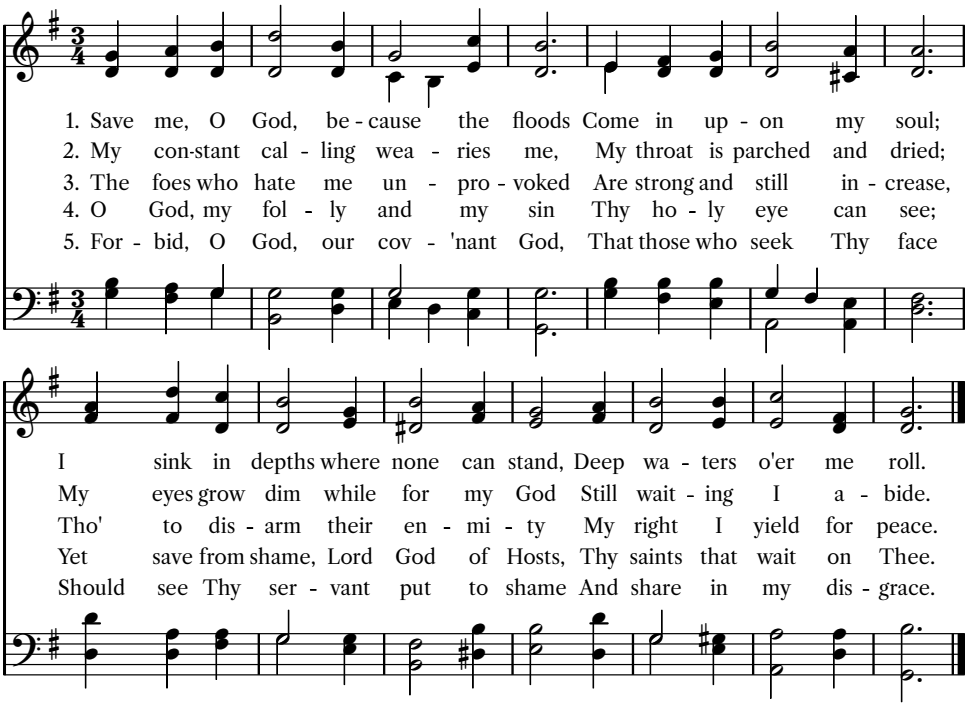Suffering and Prayer



6. It is for Thee I am reproached,
   For Thee I suffer shame,
   Until my brethren know me not,
   And hated is my name.

7. It is my zeal for Thy abode
   That has consumed my life;
   Reproached by those reproaching Thee,
   I suffer in the strife.

8. I wept, with fasting bowed my soul,
   Yet that was made my shame;
   When I in sackcloth clothed myself,
   Their byword I became.

9. The men who sit within the gate
   With slander do me wrong,
   And they who linger at their cups
   Make me their jest and song.

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