

O God that art my righteousness

The Whole Booke of Psalmes (1621) - *Psalm 4*

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2. Have mercy Lord therefore on me,
and grant me my request:
For unto thee incessantly
to cry I will not rest.

3. O mortal men how long will ye
my glory thus despise?
Why wander ye in vanity,
and follow after lies?

4. Know ye that good and godly men,
the Lord doth take and (choose).
And when to him I make my plaint,
he doth me not refuse.

5. Sin not but stand in awe therefore,
examine well your heart:
And in your chamber quietly
see you yourselves convert.

6. Offer to God the sacrifice,
of righteousness I say,
And look that in the living Lord
ye put your trust alway.

7. The greater sort crave worldly goods
and richness do embrace:
But Lord grant us thy contenance,
thy favour and thy grace.

8. For thou thereby shalt make my heart
more joyful and more glad:
Then they that of their corn and wine
full great increase have had.

9. In peace therefore lie down will I,
taking my rest and sleep:
For thou only wilt me O Lord,
alone in safety keep.

Critical notes:

This setting is similar to the one of Psalms 74 & 109;
text somewhat modernised.