

79 My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me?

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from the words of my groaning? Ps. 22:1*

♯ F Em C D⁷ G Em D ♯ G Am C Dsus⁴ D

1. My God, my God, O why have you for - sak - en me? O why
2. Our fa - thers put their trust in you; from you their res - cue came.
3. All those who look at me will laugh and cast re - proach at me.
4. You took me from my moth - er's womb to safe - ty at the breast.

G C Am⁷ D G A⁷ D G Am Em

are you so far from giv - ing help and from my groan - ing cry?
They begged you and you set them free; they were not put to shame.
Their mouths they o - pen wide; they wag their heads in mock - er - y:
Since birth when I was cast on you, in you, my God, I rest.

Bm Em G Am D G C Dsus⁴ D

By day and night, my God, I call; your an - swer still de - lays.
But as for me, I am a worm and not a man at all.
"The Lord was his re - li - ance once; now see what God will send.
When I pro - claim my praise of you, then all the church will hear,

G C Am G A⁷ D ♯ G Bm Am Em ♯

And yet you are the Ho - ly One who dwells in Is - rael's praise.
To men I am de - spised and base; their scorn - ings on me fall.
Yes, let God rise and set him free, this man that was his friend."
and I will pay my vows in full where men hold him in fear.

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