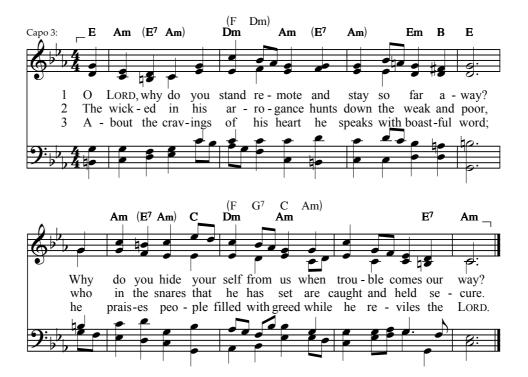
O LORD, why do you stand remote? 10



- The wicked does not seek the LORD because he is so proud, and in his inmost thoughts there is no room at all for God.
- His ways are always prosperous; he strikes a haughty pose. He keeps his distance from your laws; he sneers at all his foes.
- He reassures himself and says, "No threat will topple me – I will be happy evermore; from trouble I'll be free."

- The wicked's mouth is always full of curses, threats and lies; evil and trouble from his tongue continually arise.
- He lies in wait near villages his victims' blood to spill; he lurks in secret ambushes the innocent to kill.
- Like lions crouching secretly he waits for helpless prey. He pounces on the weak and poor; his net drags them away.

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- His victims by his strength are crushed;his prey collapse and fall.He thinks, "God does not notice it;he does not see at all."
- 11 Arise, LORD God, lift up your hand; do not forget the poor. Why does the wicked say of God, "My conduct he'll ignore"?
- 12 But you, O God, do see such wrong and you will bring redress.

 The victim puts his trust in you; you help the fatherless.
- 13 LORD, break the wicked person's power and call him to account for all the evil which he thought would never be found out.
- 14 The LORD will ever reign as King; his throne will always stand. The heathen nations of the world will perish from his land.
- 15 O LORD, the needy ones' desire you answer from on high; you give encouragement to them and listen to their cry.
- 16 For you defend the fatherless and those who are oppressed, so that from fear of mortal man the helpless may have rest.