

# 68 May God arise

Capo 3: Em (B Em) Am B C Em B Em

1 May God a - rise and may his foes be scat-tered far and put to flight.  
 2 But may the right-eous all be glad; may they re - jice and sing a - loud.  
 3 A fa - ther to the fa - ther-less, of wid-ows' rights the cham-pi - on,

B Em (B Em) Am B Em (D) G (C G) D G

As smoke is blown be - fore the wind so may your foes be blown from sight.  
 Sing praise to God, sing to his name; ex - tol the One who rides the cloud.  
 is God with - in his ho - ly place; he gives a home to those for - lorn.

(D) Em (Bm C Am) B Em Am Em B Em

As wax is melt-ed by the fire may they be - fore God's wrath ex - pire.  
 For he a - lone is named the LORD - with joy all praise to him ac - cord.  
 He leads the cap - tives forth with song; to reb - els bar - ren wastes be - long.

4 When you, O God, went out and led  
 your people through the desert plain -  
 when through the wilderness you marched,  
 earth shook and heaven poured down rain  
 before the God of Sinai's hill,  
 before the God of Israèl.

5 O God, with showers you refreshed  
 your heritage so dry and bare.  
 And so your people settled down  
 and made their habitation there.  
 And from your overflowing store  
 you made provision for the poor.

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6 The Lord an-nounced his sov-ereign word; a might-y crowd took up the shout,  
 7 "Al-though in o - pen camp you sleep, a-dorned with sil - ver are your wings;  
 8 See Ba-shan's moun-tains ris - ing high; steep and ma - jes - tic are its hills.

B Em (B Em) Am B Em (D) G (C G) D G

and man - y wom - en spread the news: "See kings and ar - mies put to rout!  
 my dove, your feath-ers shine like gold." When God Al-might-y scat-tered kings,  
 Why view in en - vy, rug - ged heights, the hill where God for - ev - er dwells?

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9 They leave the fruits of bat - tle's toil; at home the wom - en share the spoil.  
 the land be - came like Zal - mon steep when on its slopes the snow lies deep.  
 The moun-tain where he chose to reign - there will the LORD him - self re - main.

10 When you ascended up on high,  
 you led out captives after you.  
 From people you accepted gifts,  
 from those who once were rebels too.  
 And so, O LORD God, you have come  
 to dwell in Zion as your home.

9 The mighty char-i-ots of God  
 in tens of thousands now appear;  
 surrounded by unnumbered hosts,  
 the Lord himself is drawing near.  
 From Sinai he has come to fill  
 his sanctuary on Zion's hill.

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- 11 Praise to the Lord, our Saviour God;  
our burdens daily he relieves.  
Of our salvation he is God;  
in truth he is a God who saves.  
The Sovereign LORD defeats the grave;  
he has the power from death to save.
- 12 The Lord will crush his enemies' heads,  
the skulls of those who practise sin.  
"From Bashan I will bring them down,  
and from the sea's depths bring them in,  
that you may plunge your feet in blood,  
which dogs will lick up as their food."
- 13 The great procession comes in view –  
the entry of my God and King  
into the holy sanctuary.  
Leading them all are those who sing;  
then girls with tambourines appear;  
musicians follow in the rear.
- 14 In the assembly praise the LORD  
and let God's praise be heard among  
the gathered tribes of Israël.  
See Judah's princes in a throng,  
in front the tribe of Benjamin,  
then Naphtali and Zebulun.
- 15 Your glorious power call forth, O God;  
show us the strength at your command,  
as you have done for us of old.  
The kings of earth, from every land,  
will bring their gifts to you in fear,  
and worship at your temple here.
- 16 Rebuke the beast from Egypt's reeds,  
the bulls with calves from every land;  
may they with shame their tribute bring.  
Disperse the tribes that war demand.  
Let Egypt's envoys come to God,  
and Cush bow down before the Lord.
- 17 O realms of earth, sing to the Lord,  
to him who has his throne on high;  
all kingdoms, join in praise to God,  
whose chariot rides the ancient sky.  
Now listen: he sends out his word,  
a mighty thundering voice is heard.
- 18 Proclaim the mighty power of God,  
whose glory shines on Israël;  
his strength is awesome in the heavens  
and in the place he comes to dwell.  
His people, Israël, God will raise  
to strength and might. To God be praise!