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for the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma

Thou, Oh Lord

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. The first system (measures 1-10) features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked *mp*. The vocal line has lyrics "Ooo" and the piano accompaniment has a "5" above the first measure. The second system (measures 11-17) has a tempo of *mf* and lyrics "Ah". The third system (measures 18-27) has a tempo of *ff* and includes markings for *rit.* and *a tempo*. The vocal line has lyrics "Ah" and "(Ooo)". The piano accompaniment has a "4" above the final measure. The fourth system (measures 28-31) has a tempo of *mp* and lyrics "Ma-ny are they in-creased that troub-le me, ma-ny are they that rise".

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33



up a - gainst me. Ma - ny there be that say of my

38 *mf*



"there is no help fo him in God." soul,

43 *mp*



But Thou, oh Lord, are a shield for me, my

48 *mf*



glo - ry and the lift - er of my head. Thou, oh Lord,

53



are a shield for me, my glo - ry and the lift - er of my

58 *f*
— head. — I cried — un-to — the Lord — with my — voice, —

53
— and He heard me out of His ho - ly ear. —

68
I laid — me down — and slept — and a - waked, — for the Lord — sus-tained, —

72 *mp*
— the Lord — sus-tained me. But Thou, — oh Lord, —

77 *cresc.*
— are a shield for me, — my glo-ry and — the lift - er of my — head. —

83

Thou, oh Lord, are a shield for me, my

88

glo-ry and the lift-er of my head. For Thou

94

Oh Lord, are a shield For Thou, Oh Lord, are a are a shield for me, my

For Thou Oh Lord, are a are a shield for me,

98

glo - ry and the lift - er of my head. For Thou

102

For Thou, — Oh Lord, are a shield —

For Thou, — Oh — Lord, are a are a shield for — me, my

— For Thou — Oh — Lord, — are a are a shield — for — me,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 102 through 105. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest, then sings 'For Thou, — Oh Lord, are a shield —'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are split across the vocal line and the space below the piano staff.

106

glo - ry and — the lift - er of my — head.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 106 through 109. The vocal line continues with 'glo - ry and — the lift - er of my — head.' The piano accompaniment continues with a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the vocal staff.

111

For Thou — Oh Lord, are a

For Thou, — Oh — Lord, are a

For Thou — Oh — Lord, — are a

Detailed description: This system contains measures 110 through 113. The vocal line starts with a rest, then sings 'For Thou — Oh Lord, are a'. The piano accompaniment features a key change to a major key (indicated by two sharps). The lyrics are split across the vocal line and the space below the piano staff.

114

are a shield for — me, my glo - ry and — the lift - er of my — head.

are a shield — for — me,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 114 through 117. The vocal line continues with 'are a shield for — me, my glo - ry and — the lift - er of my — head.' The piano accompaniment continues with a steady accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the vocal staff. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above and below the notes in the final measure.

119

For Thou, Oh Lord, are a shield

For Thou, For Thou, Oh Lord, are a are a

For Thou Oh Lord, are a are a shield

Detailed description: This system contains measures 119 through 122. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melodic line with lyrics: "For Thou, Oh Lord, are a shield". The bass staff has a supporting line with lyrics: "For Thou, For Thou, Oh Lord, are a are a".

123

shield for me, my glo - ry and the lift - er of my head.

for me,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 123 through 127. The treble staff continues the melody with lyrics: "shield for me, my glo - ry and the lift - er of my head.". The bass staff has lyrics: "for me,".

128

molto ritard **Broadly**

For Thou, oh Lord, are a shield for me,

Detailed description: This system contains measures 128 through 132. It begins with the instruction "molto ritard" and "Broadly". The treble staff has lyrics: "For Thou, oh Lord, are a shield for me,". There are triplets in the treble staff starting at measure 130.

133

my glo - ry and the lift - er of my head.

Detailed description: This system contains measures 133 through 137. The treble staff has lyrics: "my glo - ry and the lift - er of my head.". There are triplets in the treble staff starting at measure 133.

rit. *molto ritard*

140

of my head.