

All Day Long They Twist My Words

Words: Psalm 56

Music: Craig Bakalian

Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass

Psalm 56 New International Version (NIV)

Be merciful to me, my God,
for my enemies are in hot pursuit;
all day long they press their attack
My adversaries pursue me all day long;
in their pride many are attacking me.

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise--
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?

All day long they twist my words;
all their schemes are for my ruin.
They conspire, they lurk,
they watch my steps,
hoping to take my life.
Because of their wickedness do not let them escape;
in your anger, God, bring the nations down.

Record my misery;
put my tears in your wineskin--
are they not in your record?
Then my enemies will turn back
when I call for help.
By this I will know that God is for me.

In God, whose word I praise
in the LORD, whose word I praise--
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can man do to me?

I am under vows to you, my God;
I will present my thank offerings to you.
for my enemies are in hot pursuit;
For you have delivered me from death
and my feet from stumbling,
that I may walk before God
in the light of life.

All Day Long They Twist My Words

Craig Bakalian

Moderate (♩ = 96) **Fast, Hurried** (♩ = 210 – 230)

Soprano
fp *ff* *sp* *f*
 Be mer-ci-ful to me my God, for my en-imies are in hot pursuit

Alto
fp *ff* *sp* *f*
 Be my God, for my en-imies are in hot pursuit

Tenor
fp *ff* *sp* *mf*
 Be mer-ci-ful to me my God, my en - i - mies

Bass
fp *ff* *sp* *mf*
 Be My God, my en - i - mies

Moderate (♩ = 96)

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fp *ff* *sp* *<*
 all day long they press their attack all day long

fp *ff* *sp* *<*
 all day long they press My ad-versaries pursue me all day long

fp *ff* *sp* *<*
 at - - tack all day long

fp *ff* *sp* *<*
 at - - tack My ad-versaries pursue me all day long

Fast, Hurried (♩ = 210 – 230)

Moderate (♩ = 96)

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mf in pride at - tack - ing me When I am a -

mf in pride at - tack - ing me When I am a -

f in their pride many are at-tacking me at-tacking me a -

f in their pride many are at-tacking me at-tacking me a -

p

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mf mp fraid I put my trust in you In God, In God, In God,

mf mp fraid I put my trust in you In God, In God, In God,

mf p fraid trust you In whose word I praise whose word I praise I

mf p fraid trust you In God, In God, In God,

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mp *mf* *mp* *mf*

in God I trust and am not a - fraid a - fraid a - fraid a -

mp *mf* *mp* *mf* *f*

in God I trust and am not a - fraid what can mere mortals do to

p *p* *mf* *p* *mf*

8 praise God trust a - fraid a - fraid a - fraid a -

p *mf* *p* *mf*

God trust a - fraid a - fraid a - fraid a -

32

B *pp cresc.* - - - - -

fraid All day long they twist my words All day long they

p *pp cresc.* - - - - -

me do to me? All day long they twist my words All day long they

mf

8 fraid All their schemes are for my

mf

fraid All my

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twist my words All day long they twist my words All day long they

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8 ru - in They con - spire, they lurk they watch my steps,

they con - spire lurk watch

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twist my words All day long they twist my words Be-cause of their wicked-ness

twist my words All day long they twist my words Be-cause of their wick - ed Be-cause of their wicked-ness

8 hop-ing to take my life Be-cause of their wick - ed Be-cause of their wicked-ness

steps take Be-cause of their wick - ed Be-cause of their wicked-ness

45 *fff* *decresc.* - - - - -

do not let them e - scape in your an - ger, God, bring the

fff *mf*

not let them e - scape
do not let them e - scape

fff *decresc.* - - - - -

not let them e - scape do not let them escape do not let them e - scape
do not let them e - scape

fff *mf*

not let them e - scape
do not let them e - scape

49 - - - - *p* *C fp* *ff*

nations down. put my tears in your wine -

fp *ff*

put wine -

p *fp* *ff*

do re - cord my miser - y put my tears in your wine -

fp *ff*

put wine -

Fast, Hurried (♩ = 210 – 230)

55 *sp* *f* *p*

skin are they not in your record Then my en - i - mies will turn back

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8 *sp* *mf*

skin en - i - - mies turn back

skin en - i - - mies turn back

Moderate (♩ = 96)

60 *fp* *f* *mp* *D* *mf*

By this time In God, whose word I

fp *f* *mp* *mf*

By this I will know that God is for me In God, whose word I

fp *f* *p* *mf*

By this time God whose word I

fp *f* *p* *mf*

By this I will know that God is for me God word

66 *mp* *mf* *f*

praise in the Lord I trust and am not a - fraid what can man do to me? I

mp *mf* *f*

praise in the Lord In God In God In God In God I

p *mf* *f*

praise the Lord In God In God In God In God

p *mf* *f*

praise Lord In God In God In God In God

72 *f* *mf* *f*

am under vows to you my God I will pre - sent my thank off - er -

f *mf* *f*

am under vows to you my God I will pre - sent my thank

f *mf* *f*

am under vows to you my God will pre - sent my thank

f *mf* *f*

am under vows to you my God will pre - sent my thank off - er -

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ings to you in the light of life in the light of life

to you in the light of life in the light of life

to you for you have de - li - vered me from
the light of

ings to you for you have de - li - vered me from
the light of

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in the light of life in the light of life in the light of life

in the light of life in the light of life in the light of life

death life and my feet from stum - bl -
feet stum - bl -

death life and my feet from stum - bl -
feet stum - bl -

87 *f* *mf dim.*

that I may walk be - fore God be - fore God be - fore

f *mp dim.*

that I may walk be - fore in the light of life in the light of my

f *mp dim.*

ing ing be - fore in the light of life in the light of my

f *mp dim.*

ing ing be - fore in the light of life in the light of my

90 *pp*

God

pp

God

pp

God

pp

God