



**Gloom, Despair  
and Agony on Me**

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**<sup>1</sup> Lord, how long will You continually forget me? How long will You hide Your face from me?**

**<sup>2</sup> How long will I store up anxious concerns within me, agony in my mind every day? How long will my enemy dominate me?**

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**<sup>3</sup> Consider me and answer,  
Lord, my God. Restore  
brightness to my eyes;  
otherwise, I will sleep in  
death,**

**<sup>4</sup> my enemy will say, “I have  
triumphed over him,” and my  
foes will rejoice because I am  
shaken.**

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**<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in Your faithful love; my heart will rejoice in Your deliverance.**

**<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord because He has treated me generously.**

# **1. Let His Light Restore**

**...Restore brightness to my eyes;**

**Literally “give light to my eyes” means to restore one’s strength, health, vigor (see 38:10; 1 Sam 14:27, 29; Ezra 9:8), since bright eyes were considered the sign of good health. NJV has “Restore the luster to my eyes.”**

## 2. Trust In His Faithfulness

**<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in Your faithful love...**

***I have trusted* translates a verb meaning to rely on, depend on, place confidence in. The continuative aspect may be better represented in English by “I am trusting” or “I always trust.”**

# 3. Rejoice in Your Salvation

5... my heart will rejoice in Your deliverance.

*Rejoice* is the same verb as in verse 4b.

*Your deliverance* (TEV “*you will rescue me*”), “cause me to live” or “make me see life.”

In all things we still have eternal life.

## **4. Sing About His Grace**

**<sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord because He has treated me generously.**

**The Lord has obviously is abundant in His benefits, His blessings, and He is good and gracious to us.**

**If we do not sing creation will.**

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**Like the old Hee Haw song we  
soon forget how God takes  
care of us.**

**We are blessed.**

