

18 I love you, LORD!

Capo 2: C F C Em Am C⁷ F C Am C G

1 I love you, LORD! You are my strength. A for-tress is the LORD to me -
 2 The cords of death en-tan-gled me; de-struc-tion hit me like a wave.
 3 The earth be-fore God's an-ger quaked; the moun-tains' deep foun-da-tions shook.

G⁷ Am F G E Am B⁷ Em (C Em) B Em

my rock and my de - liv - er - er; for ref - uge to my God I flee.
 En - cir - cled by the snares of death, I faced the ter - rors of the grave.
 Con - sum - ing fire blazed from his mouth, and from his nos - trils came forth smoke.

Dm G G⁷ C Dm G G⁷ C

He is my strong-hold and my shield, the LORD who saves me by his might.
 In my dis - tress I called on God; I cried out to the LORD for aid.
 The heav - ens part - ed, he came down; be - neath his feet the dark clouds lay.

G⁷ Am B C⁷ F C F (C) Am G⁷ C

I'll call on him and give him praise. I'm saved; he puts my foes to flight.
 He from his tem-ple heard my voice; he lis-tened to the prayer I made.
 Up - on the cher - u - bim he flew; on wings of wind he made his way.

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- 4 He made the dark his canopy,
dark rain clouds swirling in the sky.
From brightness of his presence came
clouds, hail and lightning from on high.
The LORD Most High sent forth his voice;
his thunder from the heavens pealed.
His arrows scattered all his foes;
his lightning drove them from the field.
- 5 The valleys of the sea lay bare
and earth's foundations deep and vast,
when your rebuke went forth, O LORD –
the pow-er of your nostrils' blast.
From heaven he reached to grasp my hand
and lift me as the waters rose;
he saved me from my enemy,
from all my overpowering foes.
- 6 They threatened me in my distress,
but GOD stood by me in my plight.
He brought me out and set me free,
because in me he took delight.
According to my righteousness
the LORD dealt with me faithfully;
because my hands were clean from sin,
the LORD my God rewarded me.
- 7 For I have kept the ways of God;
from him I have not turned away.
I have not strayed from his decrees;
his statutes ever with me stay.
Before the LORD I've kept myself
from blame and all transgression free.
Since in his sight my hands were clean,
the LORD my God rewarded me.
- 8 With faithful people you keep faith,
and to the blameless you are good.
With pure men you yourself are pure,
but with the crooked you are shrewd.
You save the humble and the meek,
but bring the proud down from their height.
You, LORD, will keep my lamp aflame;
God turns my darkness into light.

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9 With help from God I can advance a-against a troop and rout them all,
 10 For who is God ex-cept the LORD? be-sides our God, who is the rock?
 11 Your right hand gives me vic - to - ry; you stoop down low to make me great.

G⁷ Am F G E Am B⁷ Em (C Em) B Em

and with the aid my God will give I can leap o - ver an - y wall.
 He is the God who gives me strength, and he per-fects the path I walk.
 So that my foot-steps do not trip, you smooth the path-way for my feet.

Dm G G⁷ C Dm G G⁷ C

For per - fect is the way of God; no flaw is found with - in his word.
 He makes my feet like feet of deer; up - on the heights he makes me stand.
 I chased and o-ver-took my foes; I did not turn till they were slain.

G⁷ Am B C⁷ F C F (C) Am G⁷ C

To all who put their trust in him a shield and ref-uge is the LORD.
 My arms can bend a bow of bronze; in skills of war he trains my hand.
 I crushed them all be - neath my feet; they fell and could not rise a - gain.

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- 12 With strength you armed me for the fight;
my foes you humbled at my feet.
You made them turn their backs in flight;
and their destruction was complete.
They cried for help, but none could save;
they cried to GOD – no answer came.
I beat them fine as wind-borne dust;
like wayside dirt I scattered them.
- 13 You set me over many lands;
you saved me from my enemy.
A people whom I did not know
are in subjection now to me.
The moment that they hear my voice
they cringe before me and obey.
In fear they tremble and lose heart;
they leave their strongholds in dismay.
- 14 The LORD lives! Praise be to my rock!
My Saviour God exalted be!
He has avenged me, and subdued
rebellious peoples under me.
You saved me from my enemies,
exalting me above my foes;
you rescued me from violent men
who sought my kingdom to oppose.
- 15 Therefore among the nations, LORD,
your praise in song I will proclaim;
before the peoples of the world
I'll sing the glory of your name.
You give your king great victories;
your lovingkindness you will pour
on David, your anointed one,
and his descendants evermore.