

## Defender Lyrics

### Psalm 5A

#### Listen to My Words, O LORD

1. Listen to my words, O LORD;  
Know the whispered things I say.  
Heed my crying out for help—  
God, my King, to You I pray.  
Hear me in the morning, LORD,  
When I lift my voice on high,  
Setting forth my plea to You,  
Looking out with watchful eye.
2. For I know that You, O God,  
Find in evil no delight;  
Evil cannot dwell with You,  
Nor the proud stand in Your sight.  
You hate all who practice sin.  
You destroy the one who lies;  
For the LORD abominates  
Those who schemes of blood devise.
3. Yet in Your abounding love,  
To Your house will I draw near,  
Bowing to Your holy place,  
Worshiping in rev'rent fear.  
Since, O LORD, my enemies  
All around me lie in wait,  
Lead me in Your righteousness;  
Make Your way before me straight.
4. In their mouth there is no truth;  
All their heart destruction seeks,  
Like an open grave their throat,  
While their tongue with honey speaks.  
Make them bear their guilt, O God;  
Snare them in the things they planned!  
Cast them out for all their sins:  
Rebels who against You stand.
5. Yet let all who trust in You  
Sing for joy through all their days.  
Guard all those who love Your name;  
Let them give You joyful praise.  
Blessing to the righteous one,  
You, O LORD, will surely bring;  
With Your favor, like a shield,

You will give him covering.

### Psalm 7B

#### God is My Shield

6. God is my shield, yes, He is my defense,  
For He will surely save the right in heart.  
A righteous judge, God judges righteously;  
The wrath of God is burning every day.
  7. He whets His sword if one does not repent;  
He has His bow already strung and bent.  
His deadly weapons He has now prepared;  
He makes His arrows fiery, deadly shafts.
  8. Look at the man in labor with his sin:  
Conceiving evil, he gives birth to lies.  
He digs a pit, but falls in it himself;  
His vicious plans come down on his own head.
  9. I will give thanks to Him who is the LORD  
According to His perfect righteousness;  
And I will sing to Him forevermore.  
I'll praise His name; He is the LORD Most High.
- ### Psalm 10A
- #### Why Do You Stand So Far Away?
1. Why do You stand so far away, O LORD?  
Why do You hide Yourself in troubled times?  
In pride the wicked chase and trap the poor;  
Let them be caught in schemes they have devised.  
The wicked boasts about his heart's desires;  
The greedy he commends, but spurns the LORD.
  2. The wicked proudly does not choose to seek;  
In all his thoughts he says, "There is no God."  
He cannot see Your judgments, yet he thrives;  
He sneers with scorn at all his enemies.  
He says within his heart "I'll not be moved;  
Through ev'ry age I will not suffer harm."
  3. His mouth is full of curses, lies, and threats;  
Beneath his tongue are evil thoughts and deeds.  
He lurks and hides along the village streets,  
The innocent he murders secretly.

In stealth he watches for some helpless one.  
He's like a lion crouching in his den.

4. He hides himself that he may seize the poor;  
To seize the poor he traps him in his net.  
He crouches, waiting for his chance to pounce;  
He overpower's the helpless with his claws.  
And so he thinks, "God has forgotten this;  
He has concealed His face, He will not see."

**Psalm 10B**  
**Rise up, O LORD**

5. Rise up, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand!  
Do not forget the ones who are oppressed.  
Why has the wicked proudly scoffed at God?  
He thinks that You will never take account.

6. But You indeed see evil and distress,  
You see, and with Your hand You set things  
right.  
The helpless can commit himself to You;  
You are the helper of the fatherless.

7. O break the arms of brutal, evil men;  
Search out their wickedness till You find none.  
The LORD is king through all eternity;  
The Gentile nations perished from His land.

8. You hear, O LORD, the longing of the meek;  
Their heart You strengthen; You incline Your  
ear.  
O vindicate the crushed and fatherless,  
That men of earth may terrify no more.

**Psalm 35A**  
**Strive, LORD**

1. Strive, LORD, with those who strive with me,  
And fight with those who fight with me.  
Take up the buckler and the shield;  
Rise up and my Defender be.

2. Take up the spear and block the way,  
Stopping the men who me pursue;  
And to my soul in mercy say,

"I am salvation unto you."

3. Those who desire to take my life  
Humbled and shamed let them all be;  
Let them be thwarted and turned back,  
Those who plot evil things for me.

4. Let them be chaff before the wind,  
With the LORD's Angel driving them.  
Make their way dark and slippery,  
With the LORD's Angel chasing them.

**Psalm 35B**  
**Without a Cause Their Net They Hid**

5. Without a cause their net they hid  
To take me in the pit prepared;  
Without a cause they laid a trap  
In which my soul might be ensnared.

6. Let him the unexpected meet;  
Let him be caught within the snare  
Which he has spread for other feet,  
And fall to utter ruin there.

7. My soul shall in the LORD rejoice,  
And boast in His salvation, too.  
My body will exult and say,  
"O LORD, who can there be like You?"

8. You give the poor deliverance  
From one who is for him too strong;  
The needy and oppressed You spare  
From those who steal and do them wrong."

**Psalm 35C**  
**Now Men Arise to Bear False Witness**

9. Now men arise to bear false witness;  
They ask me things I do not know.  
My good they pay back with their evil;  
It fills my heart with grief and woe.  
When they were sick I dressed in sackcloth;  
I fasted with humility;  
But all the prayers I offered for them  
Would keep returning back to me.

10. As if they were my friend or brother,  
I went about and grieved aloud;  
As though in mourning for my mother,  
With deepest sorrow I was bowed.  
But at my stumbling they were joyful—  
Assailants all unknown to me;  
Together they conspire against me,  
They slander me continually.

11. Like godless jesters at a party,  
They with their teeth have gnashed at me.  
How long, O Lord, will You allow this?  
How long look on and let this be?  
Deliver me from their destructions,  
And save my life from lions strong.  
I'll thank You in the great assembly,  
And praise You in the mighty throng!

**Psalm 35D**  
**Let Not Those**

12. Let not those wrongfully my foes  
Raise over me their joyful cries;  
And those who hate me without cause,  
Let not with malice wink their eyes.

13. Of peace they will not speak at all,  
Toward peaceful neighbors scheme with lies.  
With brazen words accusing me,  
They say, "We saw this with our eyes."

14. LORD, You have seen; do not be still.  
O Lord, be not far from my sight.  
O rouse Yourself, to judgment wake!  
My God, my Lord, uphold my right.

**Psalm 35E**  
**With Justice Judge Me, LORD**

15. With justice judge me, LORD, my God;  
Let not my foes gloat over me.  
Let them not think, "We've swallowed him!"  
At last, our soul's desire we see!"

16. Let them be humbled and ashamed

Who gloat at my calamity;  
Clothe them with shame and with disgrace  
Who proudly rise up over me.

17. But let them shout aloud with joy  
Who long to see me justified;  
And let them never cease to say,  
"O let the LORD be magnified.

18. Because it brings to Him delight  
To see His servant prospering."  
I'll speak about Your righteousness;  
Throughout the day Your praise I'll sing.

**Psalm 43B**  
**O Vindicate Me**

1. O vindicate me, plead my cause  
Against a thankless nation, God;  
From him who works deceitfully  
To bring about his unjust ends,  
Now grant deliverance to me.  
You are the God who gives me strength.

2. Why have You now abandoned me?  
Grieving, oppressed by enemies,  
Send out Your light and truth to me  
That they may clearly guide my way,  
To lead me to Your holy hill  
And to Your dwelling places there.

3. Then I will to God's altar go,  
To God, the greatest of my joys.  
With harp I'll praise You, God, my God.  
My soul, why so cast down, disturbed?  
Hope now in God. I'll praise Him still.  
He is my help. He is my God.

**Psalm 46A**  
**God is Our Refuge and Our Strength**

1. God is our refuge and our strength,  
In trials, a proven aid.  
And therefore, though the earth should change,  
We will not be afraid  
Though hills may slide into the sea,

And waves crash down and roar,  
And though the ocean's rage may shake  
The mountains on the shore.

2. A river makes God's city glad,  
The Most High's holy place.  
God is in her; she won't be moved;  
God helps at break of day.  
When nations rage, then kingdoms fall;  
But when He speaks, earth melts.  
The LORD of Armies is with us;  
Our rock is Jacob's God.

3. O come! See what the LORD has done:  
He made earth desolate.  
He made wars cease, broke bow and spear;  
He burned the chariot.  
"Be still," He says, "Know I am God,  
Exalted over all."  
The LORD of Armies is with us;  
Our rock is Jacob's God.

#### **Psalm 57A** **Be Merciful to Me, O God**

1. Be merciful to me, O God,  
Be merciful to me,  
Because my soul has found in You  
Its true security.

2. I'm safe in shadow of Your wings  
'Til ruin passes by;  
I'll cry to God who gives me help,  
I'll call to God Most High.

3. From heaven He will send and save,  
Shaming those hounding me.  
His lovingkindness God will send,  
And ever faithful be.

4. My soul among the lions lies,  
With men who lust for war;  
With those whose teeth are spears and darts,  
Whose tongues are sharpened swords.

#### **Psalm 82A**

#### **God Is in His Congregation**

1. God is in His congregation;  
Judge among the gods He stands.  
How long will you judge unjustly,  
Favoring the wicked hands?

2. Judge the needy and the orphan,  
And the poor, distressed defend;  
Free the destitute and needy;  
Save them from the wicked's hand.

3. These are they who have no knowledge,  
To perceive no effort make;  
They walk on in utter darkness;  
All of earth's foundations shake.

4. Gods you are, I have declared it,  
You are sons of Him Most High;  
Yet you'll fall like other princes,  
And as common men you'll die.

5. Now, O God, arise, we pray You,  
And the earth to judgment call;  
For You, as Your own possession,  
Shall inherit nations all.

#### **Psalm 109A** **God of My Praise**

1. God of my praise, O do not be silent.  
They've slandered me with wicked, lying mouths.  
They've circled me with their words of hatred,  
And fought against me without a cause.  
In return for my love they rather would accuse,  
But I still am in prayer for them.  
So they have repaid me  
Such evil for my goodness,  
And they gave hatred for all my love.

2. Order a wicked man to oppress him.  
Let an accuser stand at his right hand.  
When he is judged, let him be found guilty,  
And look upon his prayer as a sin.  
Let his days be few; let another take his place.  
Let his children be fatherless.

Make his wife a widow,  
His wand'ring children beggars  
Who seek food far from their ruined homes.

3. Let lenders take back all his belongings.  
Let strangers plunder all for which he worked.  
No mercy show to him or his children.  
Cut off his offspring; blot out their names.  
Let his father's sin be remembered by the LORD.  
Do not blot out his mother's sin.  
Let the LORD remember  
The sins they've done, forever.  
Remove their mem'ry from all the earth.

**Psalm 109B**  
**Never Thinking to Show Kindness**

4. Never thinking to show kindness,  
He pursued the poor to death;  
He the needy persecuted,  
Broken-hearted ones oppressed.

5. He loved cursing; curses on him;  
He loathed blessing; give him none.  
Cursing was his daily clothing;  
And on him it now has come.

6. May he soak up his own cursing,  
Let it penetrate his bones.  
May it be a belt around him,  
Let it cover him like clothes.

7. May this be to my accusers  
What they're given from the LORD;  
Those who evil speak against me,  
Let this be their just reward.

8. But, O LORD, my Lord, for Your name  
Will You kindly deal with me?  
For the goodness of Your mercy,  
May You my deliv'rance be.

**Psalm 109C**  
**Never Thinking to Show Kindness**

4. Never thinking to show kindness,  
He pursued the poor to death;  
He the needy persecuted,  
Broken-hearted ones oppressed.

5. He loved cursing; curses on him;  
He loathed blessing; give him none.  
Cursing was his daily clothing;  
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What they're given from the LORD;  
Those who evil speak against me,  
Let this be their just reward.

8. But, O LORD, my Lord, for Your name  
Will You kindly deal with me?  
For the goodness of Your mercy,  
May You my deliv'rance be.

**Psalm 109D**  
**I Am Very Poor and Needy**

9. I am very poor and needy;  
I am wounded in my heart.  
My life passes like a shadow,  
Like a locust shaken off.  
Both my knees are weak from fasting;  
Gaunt my body has become.  
I am scorned by my accusers;  
Seeing me, they shake their heads.

10. Help me, LORD, my Lord; O save me  
In accordance with Your love.  
Let them know that this is Your doing;  
That Your hand, LORD, did this all.  
Bless me even though they curse me;  
When they strike, they're put to shame.  
But may gladness fill Your servant,  
While dishonor covers them.

11. Clothed with shame be my accusers,  
Wrapped up in their own disgrace.  
With my mouth then I will offer  
Great thanksgiving to the LORD.  
In the multitude I'll praise Him;  
For He stands beside the poor  
At their right hand; and He'll save them  
From those who condemn his soul.

**Psalm 137B**  
**By Babylon's Rivers**

1. By Babylon's rivers we sat down with weeping  
Whenever we Zion recalled.  
And there, though we hung up our harps on the  
willows,  
Our captors demanded a song.

2. Our captors made sport: "Sing to us songs of  
Zion!"  
"Sing cheerfully!" was their demand.  
But how can the LORD's song be sung while in  
exile,  
By foreigners in a strange land?

3. Jerusalem, if I should ever forget you,  
My right hand be useless and lame!  
O make my tongue helpless unless I remember  
Jerus'lem with highest acclaim.

4. O LORD, now remember the malice of Edom,  
Who said at Jerus'lem's defeat:  
"Destroy it and raze it to its bare foundation,  
And make its destruction complete!"

5. O daughter of Babylon—destined to ruin—  
He's blessed who repays as you've done.  
How blessed is the one who will seize on your  
infants  
And hurl them to smash on the stone.

**Psalm 141B**  
**When Just Men Strike Me in Reproof**

3. When just men strike me in reproof,  
Such kindness I'll accept.

I'll take it as a soothing oil,  
My head will not reject.  
And yet I will continually  
Cry out in prayer to You  
To protest all the evil deeds  
That wicked people do.

4. Down from the side of rocky cliffs  
Their leaders will be cast;  
The pleasant words I speak to them  
They then will hear at last.  
As when the farmer plows the earth  
And opens up the ground,  
So at the grave's devouring mouth  
Our scattered bones are found.

5. And so to You, O Sovereign LORD,  
I look with longing eyes;  
Do not leave me defenseless now;  
On You my soul relies.  
O keep me from the traps and snares  
That wicked men have set.  
While I pass safely, let them fall;  
Catch them in their own net.

**Psalm 142**  
**To You, O LORD, I Lift My Voice**

1. To You, O LORD, I lift my voice;  
I supplication make.  
I pour my thoughts out to the LORD,  
To Him my trouble take.

2. For when my soul is overwhelmed,  
My every way You see.  
Upon the path on which I walk  
Their traps were laid for me.

3. None notices. Look to my right,  
No one regards me there.  
There's no escape for me to take,  
And none to show me care.

4. I cried to You, O LORD, and said,  
"You are my refuge true;  
And in the land of those who live,

My portion is with You.”

5. Since I'm brought low in misery,  
O listen to my cry;  
Save me from persecuting foes  
Who stronger are than I.

6. So, out of bondage, bring my soul  
That I Your name may praise;  
The righteous then will join with me,  
For You have shown me grace.