1   Sing merrily to God our strength,

shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

2   Take up the song and sound the timbrel,

the tuneful lyre with the harp.

3   Blow the trumpet at the new moon,

as at the full moon, upon our solemn feast day.

4   For this is a statute for Israel,

a law of the God of Jacob,

5   The charge he laid on the people of Joseph,

when they came out of the land of Egypt.

6   I heard a voice I did not know, that said:

'I eased their shoulder from the burden;

    their hands were set free from bearing the load.

7   'You called upon me in trouble and I delivered you;

I answered you from the secret place of thunder

    and proved you at the waters of Meribah.

8   'Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9   'There shall be no strange god among you;

you shall not worship a foreign god.

10 'I am the Lord your God,

who brought you up from the land of Egypt; ⬚

open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'

11 But my people would not hear my voice ⬚

and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts, ⬚

and let them walk after their own counsels.

13 O that my people would listen to me, ⬚

that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 Then I should soon put down their enemies ⬚

and turn my hand against their adversaries.

15 Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him, ⬚

and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat ⬚

and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.

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