



*Refrain: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.*

1 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; □

preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, □

from the gathering of evildoers.

3 They sharpen their tongue like a sword □

and aim their bitter words like arrows,

4 That they may shoot at the blameless from hiding places; □

suddenly they shoot, and are not seen.

5 They hold fast to their evil course; □

they talk of laying snares, saying, 'Who will see us?'

6 They search out wickedness and lay a cunning trap, □

for deep are the inward thoughts of the heart. [R]

7 But God will shoot at them with his swift arrow, □

and suddenly they shall be wounded.

8 Their own tongues shall make them fall, □

and all who see them shall wag their heads in scorn.

9 All peoples shall fear and tell what God has done, □

and they will ponder all his works.

10 The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord

and put their trust in him, □

and all that are true of heart shall exult.

*Refrain: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.*

*Cut through the malice of our hearts, redeeming God,*

*with the Spirit's sword,*

*wound the pride of our rebellion*

*with the grace that makes righteous*

*and bring near the day of Christ,*

*when love shall reign in joy;*

*for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.*

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