

PSALM 80

For the director of music. To the tune of "The Lilies of the Covenant."
Of Asaph. A psalm.

Geneva, 1562



1. O Is-rael's Shep-herd, hear our plead-ing,
You who all Jo-seph's flock are lead-ing,
You throned a-bove the cher-u-bim!
Shine forth be-fore Your E-phra-im,
show Ben-ja-min, Ma-nas-seh light!
Come, save us, God! Stir up Your might.

2. How long yet in *Your indignation*
will *You ignore our supplication?*
Tears are the bread of Israel;
You gave us tears to drink as well.
You made us suffer strife and scorn,
and we our *neighbours'* jeers have borne.
3. LORD *God of hosts, O come, restore us*
and *cause Your face to shine before us.*
From *servitude in Egypt's land*
You *once brought out a vine to plant,*
that *it might thrive* for evermore
where other *nations* dwelt before.

4. You *cleared the ground for it to flourish*;
Your *vine took root and did not perish*
but *filled the land so that its shade*
a *shelter* for the *mountains* made
and, *covering many mighty trees*,
spread to the *River* and the *Sea*.

5. Why *did You break its walls asunder*?
All *passers-by its grapes now plunder*.
Your *vine is ravaged by the boar*,
and *other beasts its fruit devour*.
Return, *O God*, and show *Your grace*;
look down from *heaven*, *Your dwelling place*.

6. *O God of hosts, grant preservation*
and *save Your vine from devastation*.
See *how they in their savage ire*
have *cut it down, burned it with fire*.
O let them perish in their fear
when You with *Your rebuke* appear.

7. But *let Your hand, so great in power*,
Your *aid and favour freely* shower
upon the man at *Your right hand*
and *let him there beside You stand*.
You *raised him up*, the son of man,
to work out *Your salvation's plan*.

8. *O then we shall forsake You never!*
Revive us, and we shall forever
call on *Your name, before You bow*.
LORD *God of hosts, restore us now*
and *cause Your face to shine on us*.
LORD, save us *in Your faithfulness*.