

88 O LORD, the God who saves me

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Piano

1. 5 Am Em⁶ Am Em

Voice: O LORD, the God who saves me, to you my spir - it cries;

Pno.

9 Am Em⁶ Dm⁷ Em

Voice: my world is full of trou - ble, all hope of mer - cy dies.

Pno.

2./4. 13 Am Em⁶ Am Em

Voice: Your ang-er lies up - on me, I can - not make a - mends;
I call to you in wa - king, and seek you all day long:

Pno.

17 Am Em⁶ Dm G(sus⁴)/E

Voice: your waves, they ov - er - whelm me, you take a-way my friends.
O hear me, LORD and Sav - iour— re-store to me my song.

Pno.

3./5. 21 F G C Em/B F G C(add2) G/B

Voice

And shall the dead sing prais - es, and can the dark - ness see
My God shall yet up - lift me, the Spir-it come to save,

Pno.

25 Am F C Em/B Am⁶ G(sus4)

Voice

your right-eous ways, your won - ders, your faith - ful-ness to me?
and Je - sus my Re - dee - mer shall meet me from the grave!

Pno.

1 O LORD, the God who saves me,
to you my spirit cries;
my world is full of trouble,
all hope of mercy dies.

2 Your anger lies upon me,
I cannot make amends;
your waves, they overwhelm me,
you take away my friends.

3 *And shall the dead sing praises,
and can the darkness see
your righteous ways, your wonders,
your faithfulness to me?*

4 I call to you in waking
and seek you all day long:
O hear me, LORD and Saviour —
restore to me my song.

5 *My God shall yet uplift me,
the Spirit come to save,
and Jesus my Redeemer
shall meet me from the grave!*

This is an English poetic translation of the Hebrew Psalm 88.

The Hebrew word translated as LORD is the personal name of God, יהוה often approximated 'Yahweh' in English letters.