Let Israel Now Say in Thankfulness

Psalm 124

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Genevan Psalter, 1551

Scottish Psalter, 1615; alt.

1. Let Israel now say in thankfulness
   That if the Lord had not our right maintained
   And if the Lord had not with us remained,
   When cruel men against us rose to strive,

2. Yea, when their wrath against us fiercely rose,
   Then would the tide o'er us have spread its wave;
   The raging stream would have become our grave;
   The surging flood, in proudly swelling roll,

3. Blest be the Lord who made us not their prey;
   As from the fowler's net a bird may flee,
   So from their broken snare did we go free.
   Our only help is in God's holy Name;

4. We'd surely have been swallowed up alive.
   Most surely would have overwhelmed us all.
   He made the earth and all the heavenly frame.