

# O God, Be Merciful

## PSALM 56

**System 1:** Chords: Dm, Gm/Bb, Am, Dm, F/A, C.  
1. O God, be mer - ci - ful, be mer - ci - ful to me;  
2. What time I am a - fraid, I put my trust in You;  
3. All day they twist my words, their hearts are full of hate;  
4. You know my pil - grim woes, re - mem - ber all my tears;

**System 2:** Chords: Dm, Am, Dm, Bb, Gm, Dm.  
my foes, with con - stant hate, would my de - struc - tion see.  
in God I rest, and praise His word, so pure and true.  
they meet, they scheme, they watch, as for my soul they wait.  
are they not in Your book, where all my life ap - pears?

**System 3:** Chords: Dm, F, Bb, Dm, C.  
My count - less en - e - mies a - gainst me proud - ly fight;  
In God I put my trust, I will not doubt or fear,  
Shall they by wick - ed - ness es - cape Your judg - ment right?  
My foes shall flee in fear when I ap - peal to You,

**System 4:** Chords: Dm, Am, Dm, Bb, Gm, Dm.  
to o - ver - whelm my soul they watch from morn to night.  
for none can bring me harm when God, my help, is near.  
O God of right - eous - ness, de - stroy them in Your might!  
for none can bring me harm when God, my help, is near.

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5. In God, my Lord, I rest,  
His word of grace I praise;  
His promise stands secure:  
no fear, no foe dismays.  
In God I put my trust;  
I will not doubt or fear,  
for none can bring me harm  
when God, my help, is near.

6. Your promises, O God,  
surround me all my life;  
the sacrifice of praise  
to You I freely give.  
You rescued me from death,  
my path is set aright;  
before You I shall walk  
in life, and in Your light.