

Psalm 18:1-19

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Guitar chords for unison singing only

E Am C E Am (D) Bm Am D G

1. ¹O LORD, I love You, God, my strength, ²You are my rock and for-tress,
 2. ⁴Sor-rows of death en-com-passed me, ⁵The snares of death came af-ter.
3. ⁹He bowed the hea-vens down as well; He came, and walked on dark-ness,
 4. ¹³The LORD has thun-dered out His voice, The High-est spoke and shat-tered
 5. ¹⁶God sent His ho-ly help to me; He drew me from the wa-ters,

E Am C E Am (D) Bm Am D G

In You I trust, sal-va-tion's horn, My buck-ler and high tow-er.
⁶In my dis-tress, I called to God; His tem-ple heard my fal-t'ring.
¹⁰His steed, a cher-ub, wings of wind, ¹¹And dark-ness His pa-vil-ion.
 All earth with hail and coals of fire, ¹⁴His ar-rows fell as light-'ning,
¹⁷God saved me from my en-e-mies, Whose strength was far be-yond me.

D Em B Bm Em C D G C Dm E

³I call on the LORD; His worth I will praise; I call on my God.
⁷Earth trem-bled and shook, God's wrath came a-live ⁸And then smoke and fire
Dark wa-ters, thick clouds, ¹²And bright-ness and fire All passed be-fore God.
 He scat-tered all those Who hat-ed His voice, He scat-tered their lies;
¹⁸The e-vil day brought Their mis-chief to life But God was my stay

C F G C G Em Bsus B E5

From en-e-mies a-round My God saves and de-liv-ers.
 Came forth, His nos-trils flared And fier-y coals were kin-dled.
These coals of fire and hail And clouds, all praised His glo-ry.
¹⁵And riv-er-beds re-veal The earth's foun-da-tions dried up.
¹⁹He brought me out to life And light, for I de-light Him.

Psalm 18:20-34

10. E Am C E Am (D) Bm Am D G

6. ²⁰Ac - cord - ing to my right - eous - ness My GOD re - ward - ed rich - ly.
 7. ²³Up - right be - fore the Lord I stood ²⁴And this He has re - ward - ed.
 8. ²⁸My can - dle God will al - ways light, And chase a - way the dark - ness.
 9. ³¹So who is God ex - cept the LORD? Who is a Rock be - side Him?

12. E Am C E Am (D) Bm Am D G

The clean - ness of my hands and heart Has meant He brought this bless - ing.
²⁵The mer - ci - ful find mer - cy now, And up - right men will see Him.
²⁹By Him I have run through a troop, And crossed the wall by leap - ing.
³²He is the One Who girds with strength, And keeps my way es - tab - lished.

14. D Em B Bm Em C D G C Dm E

²¹With wick - ed - ness gone, I can - not de - part ²²From God's gra - cious law
²⁶And pur - i - ty gives True ho - li - ness sight To see the true God.
³⁰God's way is the right, His words are all true. His way is the right.
³³As sure - foot - ed hinds On great, rock - y crags, He stead - ies my feet.

17. C F G C G Em Bsus B E5

For all His laws were held, My hand has held them tight - ly.
 Some think that He is hard; ²⁷Our God can break the haugh - ty.
 He is a buck - ler strong, A shield for those who trust Him.
³⁴As bows of steel are bent, He trains my hands for fight - ing.

Psalm 18:35-50

19. E Am C E Am (D) Bm Am D G

10. ³⁵And God's right hand has held me up, And gave the shield sal - va - tion.
 11. ³⁹For You have gird - ed me with strength, You gave me strength for bat - tle.
 12. ⁴³And You have saved me from their wiles, The striv - ings of the heath - en,
 13. ⁴⁶Lord God, You are the liv - ing Lord; I bless the Rock most ho - ly.

21. E Am C E Am (D) Bm Am D G

He made me great through gen - tle - ness, ³⁶My steps now can - not fal - ter.
⁴⁰You gave the necks of en - e - mies, Of them who dy - ing hate me.
 And You have made me head and lord Of those who have not known me.
⁴⁷Praise Him, the God Who saved me here, My shield and my a - ven - ger.

23. D Em B Bm Em C D G C Dm E

³⁷My foes are pur - sued, They run till they fall, ³⁸I wound - ed them there
⁴¹They cried out in loss But no one has heard, And God an - swers not.
⁴⁴They hear and o - bey, Sub - mit to my name, And bow to my rod.
⁴⁸And snatched from the fire, ⁴⁹I thank my God now; ⁵⁰For Da - vid is saved.

26. C F G C G Em Bsus B E5

Be - fore they all could rise, So now my foes have fal - len.
⁴²I beat them fine like dust, And down to earth I cast them.
⁴⁵The heath - en all shall fade, They are a - fraid in sec - er.
 He shows His kind - ness now, To Christ, His seed for - ev - er.