

# I Love You, Lord (Psalm 18)

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Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

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**\*REFRAIN**

Melody

Harmony

F F/E

I love you, Lord, my strength. I love

Bb/D Csus4 C F F/E

you, Lord, my strength. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Bb/D Csus4 C 1 2-4 to Verses

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Final F F/E Bb/D Csus4 C Fine

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\*Play Refrain as an Intro.

VERSE 1

F C/E

1. I love \_\_\_\_\_ you, \_\_\_\_\_ O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of music for Verse 1. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords F and C/E are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are "1. I love \_\_\_\_\_ you, \_\_\_\_\_ O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my".

Bb/D Csus4 C D.C.

1. rock, my for - tress, my \_\_\_\_\_ - li - er - er. \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of music for Verse 1. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. Chords Bb/D, Csus4, C, and D.C. are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are "1. rock, my for - tress, my \_\_\_\_\_ - li - er - er. \_\_\_\_\_".

VERSE 2

F C/E Bb/D

2. My God, \_\_\_\_\_ my rock \_\_\_\_\_ of ref - uge, \_\_\_\_\_ my shield, the horn \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of music for Verse 2. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chords F, C/E, and Bb/D are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are "2. My God, \_\_\_\_\_ my rock \_\_\_\_\_ of ref - uge, \_\_\_\_\_ my shield, the horn \_\_\_\_\_ of my \_\_\_\_\_".

Csus4 C Bb/D F/A Gm7

2. \_\_\_\_\_ sal - va - tion, my strong - hold! \_\_\_\_\_ Praised be the LORD, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ strong - hold, \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of music for Verse 2, including a piano accompaniment line. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. Chords C, Csus4, Bb/D, F/A, and Gm7 are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are "2. \_\_\_\_\_ sal - va - tion, my strong - hold! \_\_\_\_\_ Praised be the LORD, \_\_\_\_\_" and "\_\_\_\_\_ strong - hold, \_\_\_\_\_".

Csus4 C Bb/D Csus4 C D.C.

2. I ex - claim, \_\_\_\_\_ and I am \_\_\_\_\_ from my en - e - mies. \_\_\_\_\_

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Detailed description: This block contains the third line of music for Verse 2, including a piano accompaniment line. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. Chords C, Csus4, Bb/D, Csus4, and C are indicated above the staff. The lyrics are "2. I ex - claim, \_\_\_\_\_ and I am \_\_\_\_\_ from my en - e - mies. \_\_\_\_\_" and "2. I ex - claim, \_\_\_\_\_ en - e - mies. \_\_\_\_\_".

VERSE 3

B $\flat$ add9 C F

3. The LORD lives and bless - ed be my rock!

B $\flat$ add9 F

3. Ex-tolled be God my sa - ior.

B $\flat$  C F C/E Dm

3. You who gave great vic - tories to your king

3. Oo, to your, to your

Dm/C B $\flat$  G7/B Csus4 C

3. and showed kind - ness to you a - noint - ed.

3. king, kind - ness, Oo.

F C/E B $\flat$ /D Csus4 C

*D.C. al fine*

# Assembly Edition

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The musical score is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "I love you, Lord, my strength. I love you, Lord, my strength. I love you, Lord, my strength. I love you, Lord, my strength." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent rhythm.

1. I love you, O LORD, my strength,  
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.
2. My God, my rock of refuge,  
my shield, the horn of my salvation,  
my stronghold! Praised be God, I exclaim,  
and I am safe from my enemies.
3. The LORD lives and blessed be my rock,  
Extolled be God my savior,  
You who gave great victories to your king,  
and showed kindness to your people.

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