

# Out of the depths I cry to Thee

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. A fermata is placed over the first measure of the treble staff.

The second system of musical notation continues from the first system. It consists of two staves, treble and bass clef. The melody continues in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. A fermata is placed over the first measure of the treble staff.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It consists of two staves, treble and bass clef. The melody continues in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. A fermata is placed over the first measure of the treble staff.

Out of the depths I cry to Thee,  
Lord God! O hear my prayer!  
Incline a gracious ear to me,  
and bid me not despair:  
if thou rememberest each misdeed,  
if each should have its rightful meed  
Lord, who shall stand before thee?

'Tis through thy love alone we gain  
the pardon of our sin;  
the strictest life is but in vain,  
our works can nothing win;  
that none should boast himself of aught  
but own in fear thy grace hath wrought  
what in him seemeth righteous.

Wherefore my hope is in the Lord,  
my works I count but dust;  
I build not there, but on his word,  
and in his goodness trust.  
Up to his care myself I yield,  
he is my tower, my rock, my shield,  
and for his help I tarry.

And though it linger till the night,  
and round again till morn,  
my heart shall ne'er mistrust thy might,  
nor count itself forlorn.  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,  
ye of the Spirit born indeed,  
wait for your God's appearing.

Though great our sins  
and sore our wounds,  
and deep and dark our fall,  
his helping mercy hath no bounds,  
his love surpasseth all:  
our trusty loving Shepherd, he  
who shall at last set Israel free  
from all their sin and sorrow.

Martin Luther