

# PSALM 18

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## (Movement 1) (Quiet, meditative)

E C#m7  
I will love You, O LORD, my strength, I will love You, O LORD, my strength  
A E B  
My rock, my fortress, my rescuer  
E C#m7  
I will love You, O LORD, my strength, I will love You, O LORD, my strength  
A E B  
My God, my strength, in whom I trust  
F#m7 E/G# A B C#m A2  
My shield, and the power that saved me, my stronghold  
E C#m7 A E B  
I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies  
F#m7 E/G# A B C#m  
The cords of death were wrapped around me, the floods of ungodliness made me afraid  
F#m7 E/G# A B C#m  
The sorrows of hell surrounded me, and I was taunted by the jaws of death  
F#m7 E/G# A2 C#m7  
In my anguish I called on Yahweh, my cry came before Him, into His temple  
F#m G#m C#m  
And when my cry came to His ears... (speed up for Movement 2)

## (Movement 2) (low, rolling toms)

C#m A B  
Then the earth shook and trembled and the foundations of the mountains quaked, because He  
was angry  
C#m A B  
Smoke rose from His nostrils, devouring fire came from His mouth, coals were kindled by it  
C#m A B  
He ripped open the skies and came down with darkness under His feet  
C#m A B C#m  
He was riding on a cherub, and He flew upon the wings of the wind  
**(band kicks in full)**  
A B C#m A B C#m  
His covering was darkness, and storm clouds of the sky  
A B C#m A G#7  
From the brightness before Him hailstones and coals of fire thundered from the clouds  
**(very loud)**  
C#m B A B C#m B A B  
Yahweh thundered His voice from the heavens, hailstones and coals of fire  
C#m B A B C#m B A B  
He shot His arrows and scattered the foe and routed them with lightning bolts!!  
A B C#m A B C#m  
Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the earth laid bare  
A B C#m A G#7 C#m  
With just a blast from his nostrils, at His rebuke He sent for me, He drew me out of many waters



C#m7

God's ways are perfect

A B

His WORD is proven

F#m7 G#m7 A2

He is a shield to all who trust in Him

E A B

For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock besides our God?

E

The God who arms me with strength

A B

And makes my way secure

F#m7 G#m7 A2 B

He is a shield to all who trust in Him

### (Movement 6) (Cut out save for guitar or piano)

E A B

He makes my feet like hind's feet and sets me on high places (build and repeat chord progression - go to happy place)

### (Movement 7) (Bring back down – prechorus feel) (A-B-C#)

A B C#m A B C#m

He trains my hands for war so I can bend a bow of bronze (climbing melody)

A B C#m A B C#m

He gives to me His shield, the shield of His salvation

A B C#m A B C#m

His sovereign hand holds me up, His gentleness has made me great

A B C#m A B C#m

He cleared the ground beneath me, so that my feet would never slip

### (Movement 8) (Very loud)

C#m B A B C#m B A B

So I chased the enemy and beat him down, and I didn't stop till I had won

C#m B A B C#m B A B

I finished him so he could not rise, and he fell down at my feet

A B C#m A B C#m

For You have armed me with strength, You have placed my foes under me

A B C#m A G#7 C#m

Those who tried to destroy me and hated me are silent now, You've given me the victory

### (Movement 9) (Lower – kick drum)

C#m A B C#m

They cried for help, but there was none to save, to the LORD, but He ignored their pleas

C#m A B C#m

Then I beat them as fine as the dust, I cast them out like dirt in the streets

A B C#m A B C#m

You've delivered me from their hate, and made me king of all the land

A B C#m A G#7 C#m

Now my enemies fear me, they come trembling out of their palaces in holy fear

## (Movement 10) (Final Section) (Only Harp)

A B C#m7 B/D# E B C#m  
Yahweh is alive, blessed be my rock  
A E C#m7 Bsus

Let the God of my salvation be exalted

A2 E

The God who gives me vengeance

B C#m

And subdues my foes under me

A E C#m7 Bsus

Who delivered me from my enemies

A2 E

He raised me above those who hated me

A2 C#m7

And he rescued me from the violent man

A2 E C#m7 Bsus

For all this, I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations

A2 B C#m

And I will sing to Your name

A2 E C#m B A2

Great victory He gives to His king

A2

And He shows steadfast love

B C#m

To His anointed ones

F#m7 E/G# A

To David and his descendants

A B E

Forever more