

Psalm 39

Lyrics and Music by Shane Heilman

Note: Album version is in Bb minor (one half-step down from these chords)

(Verse 1a)

Bm A Bm
I said, I will guard my ways
 Em7 A Bm
To keep from sinning with my tongue
 Bm A Bm
With a muzzle I will guard my mouth
Em7 A Bm
While the wicked linger near

(Verse 1 Interlude)

Bm – A – Bm
Em7 – A – Bm

(Verse 1b)

Bm A Bm
I was mute and si-ilent
 Em7 A Bm
I held my peace to no avail
 Bm A Bm
And my distress grew worse and worse
 Em7 A Bm
My heart became so hot within

(Prechorus 1a)

 G A Bm
And as I mused, the fi-r-ire burned
 G F#7
And then I spoke with my tongue

(Chorus 1)

 G A Bm
O Lord, show me my life's end

D D/F# G
And the number of my days
G A Bm D D/F#
Show me how fleeting my existence is
 G A
You've made my life just inches long
Bm D
It's nothing before You
D/F# G A Bm – A – Bm Em7 – A – Bm
Oh, at best, man is just a breath

(Verse 2)

Bm A Bm
Surely man is nothing more
 Em7 A Bm
Than a shadow whose work disappears
Bm A Bm
He heaps up wealth and doesn't know
Em7 A Bm
Who will have it in the end

(Prechorus 2)

 G A Bm
And now, O Lord, for what am I living?
 G
All of my hope is in You
 F#7 (or A)
That you'll save me from all my sins
 G A Bm
Do not let me be mocked by the fool
 G F#7
I'm mute, I don't open my mouth
F#7
For You've done this to me

(Chorus 2)

 G A Bm
O Lord, show me my life's end
 D D/F# G
And the number of my days

G A Bm D D/F#
Show me how fleeting my existence is
 G A
You've made my life just inches long
Bm D
It's nothing before You
D/F# G A Bm D D/F#
Oh, at best, man is just a breath

(Bridge 1)

G A D/F# Bm
All my hope, all my hope
G A Bm D D/F#
All my hope is in You
G A D/F# Bm
All my hope, all my hope
G A Bm D D/F#
All my hope is in You

(Interlude)

G – A – Bm – D – D/F#

(Breakdown/Buildup)

(Bring down to quiet)

G A
Remove this punishment
Bm D D/F#
I'm consumed by the anger You pour out
G A
When You scourge a man for sin
Bm D D/F#
You remove like a moth what is dear to him
G A Bm D D/F#
Surely man is a breath
G A Bm D D/F#
All mankind is a breath
G A Bm
Hear my prayer, O Lord
 D D/F#
And listen to me

G F#7
Do not be silent as I weep and cry out

(Chorus 3)

G A Bm
O Lord, show me my life's end
D D/F# G
And the number of my days
G A Bm D D/F##
Show me how fleeting my existence is
G A
You've made my life just inches long
Bm D
It's nothing before You
D/F# G A Bm D D/F#
Oh, at best, I am just a breath

(Bridge 2)

G A D/F# Bm
All my hope, all my hope
G A Bm D D/F#
All my hope is in You
G A D/F# Bm
All my hope, all my hope
G A Bm D D/F# G (2 bars) F#7 (2 bars, fading out)
All my hope is in You

(Verse 3/Outro)

Bm A Bm
For I'm a sojourner with You
Em7 A Bm
Like my fathers, I'm just passing through
Bm A Bm
Look away from me so I can smile
Em7 A Bm
Before I leave and am no more
Bm A Bm
Look away so I can smile again
Em7 A Bm
Before I leave and am no more