

# **Elohai N'tzor**

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*For SATB Choir and Piano*

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***Lyrics: Traditional Jewish liturgy***

The lyrics in this composition come from a prayer that appears as a closing meditation in the *Amidah* - a prayer traditionally recited daily, standing, and in silence.

***Verses:***

*My God, keep my tongue from speaking evil,  
and my lips from telling lies.*

*May I turn away from evil  
and do what is good in your sight.  
Let me be counted among those who seek peace.*

*To those who curse me, let my soul be silent,  
For my soul will be as dust whatever may come.  
Open my heart to your Torah, that my soul may pursue your commandments.*

*Do so for your sake,  
Do so for the sake of your righteousness,  
Do so for the sake of your holiness;  
Do so for the sake of your Torah.  
Do so to release your loved ones.  
Reach out your hand to me.  
Answer me.*

***Chorus:***

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart  
be pleasing to you, God, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

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**Tranquillo** ♩ = 116

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

**Tranquillo** ♩ = 116

Piano

*pp*

Verse 1

*pp dolce* My God,

keep my tongue from speaking evil,

S  
A  
T  
B

E-lo-hai E-lo - hai n' - tzor l'-sho - ni mei - ra, E-lo-hai n' -

Verse 1

Pno.

S  
A  
T  
B

tzor l'-sho-ni mei - ra, l'-sho-ni mei - ra, mei - ra, mei - ra, mei - ra, mei - ra, mei - ra, mei - ra,.

Pno.

*and my lips from telling lies.*

15

S  
Us'-fa - tai m'-da - beir mir - mah, Us'-fa - tai m'-da - beir mir

A  
Us'-fa - tai m'-da-beir mir - mah, Us'-fa - tai m'-da-beir mir -

T  
8

B

Pno.

20

S  
mah, Us'-fa - tai us'-fa-tai us'-fa - tai m'-da-beir mir - mah.

A  
mah, Us'-fa - tai - mir - mah.

T  
8  
Us' - fa - tai mir - mah.

B  
Us' - fa - tai mir - mah.

Pno.

Verse 2

May I turn away from evil

25 *p*

S Y' - hi ra - tzon mei - ra. Y' - hi ra -

A mei - ra.

T *p* sh' - a - sur mei - ra, Y' - hi ra -

B

Verse 2

25 *pp*

Pno.

30 *mp*

S tzon sh' - a - sur mei - ra, sh' - a - sur mei - ra. V' - ha -

A sh' - a - sur mei - ra, sh' - a - sur mei - ra. V' - ha -

T *mp* tzon sh' - a - sur mei - ra, mei - ra. V' - ha -

B *mp* sh' - a - sur mei - ra, mei - ra. V' - ha -

30 *mp*

Pno.

*and do what is good in your sight.*

35

S  
 tov b' - ei - ne - cha eh - eh - seh \_\_\_\_\_ V' - ha - tov b' - ei - ne - cha eh - eh - seh \_\_\_\_\_ Y' -

A  
 tov b' - ei - ne - cha eh - eh - seh \_\_\_\_\_ V' - ha - tov b' - ei - ne - cha eh - eh - seh \_\_\_\_\_ Y' -

T  
 8  
 tov b' - ei - ne - cha eh - eh - seh V' - ha - tov b' - ei - ne - cha eh - eh - seh Y' -

B  
 tov b' - ei - ne - cha eh - eh - seh V' - ha - tov b' - ei - ne - cha eh - eh - seh Y' -

Pno.

*Let me be counted among those who seek peace.*

39

S  
 hi chel - ki im m' - vak - shei sha - lom v' - rod - fav.

A  
 hi chel - ki im m' - vak - shei sha - lom v' - rod - fav.

T  
 8  
 hi m' - vak - shei sha - lom v' - rod - fav.

B  
 hi m' - vak - shei v' - rod - fav.

Pno.

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you,*

**Chorus 1**

43

S  
Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

A  
Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

T  
8  
Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

B  
Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

Pno.

**Chorus 1**

43

S  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai E - lo - hai. *pp*

A  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai E - lo - hai. *pp*

T  
8  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai. *pp*

B  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai. *pp*

Pno.

47

S  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai E - lo - hai. *pp*

A  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai E - lo - hai. *pp*

T  
8  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai. *pp*

B  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai. *pp*

Pno.



Verse 3

To those who curse me, let my soul be silent,

52 *p*

S V' - li-meh-ka-l' - lai naf - shi ti - dom, ti - dom, V'-naf-shi ke'-a -

A V' - li-meh-ka-l' - lai naf - shi ti - dom, ti - dom, V'-naf-shi ke'-a -

T 8 ti - dom, V'-naf-shi ke'-a -

B *p* Naf - shi ti - dom, ti - dom ti - dom,

Verse 3

52 *p*

Pno.

for my soul will be as dust whatever may come.

57

S far la - kol tih' - yeh, la - kol tih' - yeh, Pe-

A far la - kol tih' - yeh, la - kol tih' - yeh, Pe-

T 8 far la - kol tih' - yeh, tih - yeh, Pe-

B la - kol tih' - yeh, tih - yeh, Pe-

57 *mp*

Pno.

*Open my heart to your Torah,*

62

S tach li - bi b' - to - rah - te - cha, pe - tach li - bi b' - to - rah - te - cha, u' - ve' -

A tach li - bi b' - to - rah - te - cha, pe - tach li - bi b' - to - rah - te - cha, u' - ve' -

T tach li - bi b' - to - rah - te - cha, p'tach li - bi pe - tach li - bi, pe -

B tach li - bi b' - to - rah - te - cha, p'tach li - bi pe - tach li - bi, pe -

Pno.

*that my soul may pursue your commandments.*

66

S mitz - vo - te - cha tir - dof naf - shi.

A mitz - vo - te - cha tir - dof naf - shi.

T tach li - bi, naf - shi.

B tach li - bi, naf - shi.

Pno.

Chorus 2

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you,*

70

S Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

A Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

T 8 Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

B Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

Chorus 2

70

Pno.

*God, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

74

S A-do-nai tzu - ri v'-go-a - li. *pp* E-lo - hai E-lo-hai.

A A-do-nai tzu - ri v'-go-a - li. *pp* E-lo - hai E-lo-hai.

T 8 A-do-nai tzu - ri v'-go-a - li. *pp* E-lo-hai.

B A-do-nai tzu - ri v'-go-a - li. *pp* E-lo-hai.

74

Pno.

Verse 4

*Do so for your sake,*

*Do so for the sake of your righteousness,*

79

S *mf* A-sei l'-ma' - an sh' - me - cha, A-sei l'-ma'-an y'-mi - ne - cha, A-sei l'-ma' - an

A *mf* A-sei l'-ma' - an sh' - me - cha, A-sei l'-ma'-an y'-mi - ne - cha, A-sei l'-ma' - an

T 8 A-sei l'-ma'-an y'-mi - ne - cha, A - sei l'-ma - 'an

B *mf* Sh' - me - cha, Y' - mi - ne - cha,

Verse 4

79

Pno. *mf*

*Do so for the sake of your holiness;*

84

S ke - du - sha - te - cha, ke - du - sha - te - cha, A -

A ke - du - sha - te - cha, ke - du - sha - te - cha, A -

T 8 ke - du - sha - te - cha, sha - te - cha, A -

B ke - du - sha - te - cha, sha - te - cha, A -

84

Pno. *mp*

89 *Do so for the sake of your Torah. Do so to release your loved ones.*

S sei l' - ma' - an - to - rah - te - cha. L' - ma' - an yei - chal' - tzun y' - di - de - cha, Ho -

A sei l' - ma' - an - to - rah - te - cha. L' - ma' - an yei - chal' - tzun y' - di - de - cha, Ho -

T 8 sei l' - ma' - an to - rah - te - cha. A - sei l' - ma' - an Ho -

B sei l' - ma' - an to - rah - te - cha. A - sei l' - ma' - an Ho -

Pno.

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93 *Reach out your hand to me. Answer me.*

S *f* shi - ah, Ho - shi - ah *poco rit.* *p a tempo* y' - min' - cha va' - a - nei - ni.

A *f* shi - ah, Ho - shi - ah *poco rit.* *p* va' - a - nei - ni.

T 8 *f* shi - ah, Ho - shi - ah *p a tempo* y' - min' - cha va' - a - nei - ni.

B *f* shi - ah, Ho - shi - ah *poco rit.* *p* va' - a - nei - ni.

Pno. *f* *poco rit.* *a tempo* *p*

*May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you,*

**Chorus 3&4**

99

S  
Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

A  
Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

T  
8  
Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

B  
Yih' - yu l' - ra - tzon im - rei fi v' - heg - yon li - bi l' - fa - ne - cha,

Pno.

*God, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

103

S  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai E - lo - hai. *pp*

A  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai E - lo - hai. *pp*

T  
8  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai. *pp*

B  
A - do - nai tzu - ri v' - go - a - li. E - lo - hai. *pp*

Pno.

108 2. *poco rit.* *a tempo*

S  
hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai

A  
hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai

T  
*pp* E-lo-hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai

B  
*pp* E-lo-hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai E-lo-hai

Pno.

*rit.*

113

S

A

T

B

Pno.