

## 651 I Waited Patiently for God

(Psalm 40)

1 I wait - ed pa - tient - ly for God, for  
 2 God raised me from a mir - y pit, from  
 3 And on my lips a song was put, a  
 4 Great won - ders you have done, O Lord, all

God to hear my prayer; and God bent down to  
 mud and sink - ing sand, and set my feet up -  
 new song to the Lord. Man - y will mar - vel  
 pur - posed for our good. Un - a - ble ev - ery

where I sank and lis - tened to me there.  
 on a rock where I can firm - ly stand.  
 o - pen-eyed and put their trust in God.  
 one to name, I bow in grat - i - tude.

Psalm 40 is generally understood to be in two parts, an opening section of thanksgiving and a concluding section of lament. This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the earlier portion, and the third stanza is a significant testimony to the importance of singing God's praise.