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(Psalm 41)



1 O blest are they who in their love com - pas - sion
 2 When all the e - vils earth can dream are cast on
 3 The hands which shared my bro - ken bread, my love with
 4 To me, O Lord, in mer - cy turn; your fa - vor,



hold for those in need; for they shall find, when
 me, my faith to break, their rage I tem - per
 their de - ceit re - paid; and friends whose trust I
 my most trea - sured prize; my mouth shall sing re -



faced by foes, the Lord is their de - fense in - deed.
 through God's grace, and bear them bold - ly for God's sake.
 count - ed mine have left me wound - ed and be - trayed.
 demp - tion's song, and tears of love wash clean my eyes.

This 20th-century paraphrase follows the structure of Psalm 41 by devoting the first stanza to a general statement about God's favor bestowed on those who are merciful to the poor. The remaining stanzas provide the details of a first-person testimony to this general principle.