**18. I WILL LOVE THEE, O LORD**

**A E D A**

**I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.**

**A E D A**

**The Lord is my rock, and my fortress,**

**A E D A**

**and my deliverer; my God, my strength,**

**A E D A**

**in whom I will trust; my buckler,**

**D E A D**

**And the horn of my salvation,**

**A E D A**

**And my high tower.**

**A E D A**

**I will call upon the Lord,**

**A E D A**

**Who is worthy to be praised:**

**A E D A**

**So shall I be saved from mine enemies.**

**A E D A**

**The sorrows of death compassed me,**

**D E A D**

**And the floods of ungodly men**

**A E D A**

**Made me afraid.**

**A E D A**

**He made darkness his secret place;**

**A E D A**

**His pavilion round about him**

**A E D A**

**Were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.**

**A E D A**

**At the brightness that was before him**

**A E D A**

**He brought me forth also into a large place;**

**A E D A**

**He delivered me, because he delighted in me.**

**A E D A**

**The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness;**

**A E D A**

**According to the cleanness of my hands**

**D E A**

**Hath he recompensed me.**

**D E A D**

**For thou wilt save the afflicted people;**

**D E A**

**But wilt bring down high looks.**

**D E A D**

**For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God**

**E D**

**Will enlighten my darkness.**

**A E D A**

**For by thee I have run through a troop;**

**A E D A**

**And by my God have I leaped over a wall.**

**A E D A**

**As for God, his way is perfect:**

**A E D A**

**The word of the Lord is tried:**

**D E A D**

**He is a buckler to all those that**

**D E A**

**Trust in him.**

**D E A D**

**For who is God save the Lord?**

**A E D E**

**Or who is a rock save our God?**

**A E D A**

**It is God that girdeth me with strength,**

**A E D A**

**And maketh my way perfect.**