

# 139 LEAD ME IN THE WAY

**G** **D** **A**  
O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

**G** **D** **A**  
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,

**G** **D** **A**  
Thou understandest my thought afar off.

**G** **D** **A**  
Thou compassest my path and my lying down,

**D** **G** **A**  
And art acquainted with all my ways.

**D** **G** **A**  
For there is not a word in my tongue,

**D** **G** **A**  
But, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.

**Bm** **A** **Bm** **A**  
Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

**Bm** **A** **Bm** **A**  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

**G** **D/F#** **Em** **A** **G** **D/F#** **Em** **A**  
Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

**G** **D/F#** **Em** **A** **G** **D/F#** **Em** **A** **D**  
If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

**G** **D** **A** **G** **D** **A**  
If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

**G** **D** **A** **G** **D** **A**  
Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

**D** **G** **A** **D** **G** **A**  
If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

**D** **G** **A** **D** **G** **A**  
Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day:

**D/A** **A**  
The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

**D/A** **A**  
For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

**D/A** **A**  
I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:

**D/A** **A**  
Marvellous are thy works; And that my soul knoweth right well.

**G D/F# Em A G**  
My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret,  
**D/F# Em A G**  
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

**D/F# Em A G**  
Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect;  
**D/F# Em A G D/F# Em A**  
And in thy book all my members were written,

**G D A**  
Which in continuance were fashioned,  
**G D A**  
When as yet there was none of them.  
**G D A**  
How precious also are thy thoughts unto me,  
**G D A**  
O God! How great is the sum of them!

**D G A D G A**  
If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: When I awake, I am still with thee.  
**D G A D G A**  
Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

**Bm A Bm A**  
For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.  
**Bm A**  
Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee?  
**Bm A G**  
And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

**D/F# Em A G D/F# Em**  
I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.  
**A G D/F# Em A G D/F# Em A**  
Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:  
**D G A D G A D-G-D**  
And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.