

PSALM 120 L. M.

RETREAT

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

1 I cried to God in my dis-tress, And by the Lord my prayer was heard ;
 O save me, Lord, from ly - ing lips And from the false, de - ceit - ful word.

- 2 What woe for falsehood can atone,
 Or punish the deceitful tongue,
 The tongue whose speech consumes like fire,
 Whose words like deadly shafts are flung?
- 3 Alas for me, whose lot is cast
 With those who find their joy in strife!
 With those who hate the paths of peace
 I long have dwelt and spent my life.
- 4 In thought and act I am for peace,
 Peace I pursue and ever seek;
 But those about me are for strife,
 Though I in love and kindness speak.