Psalm 71.1-14

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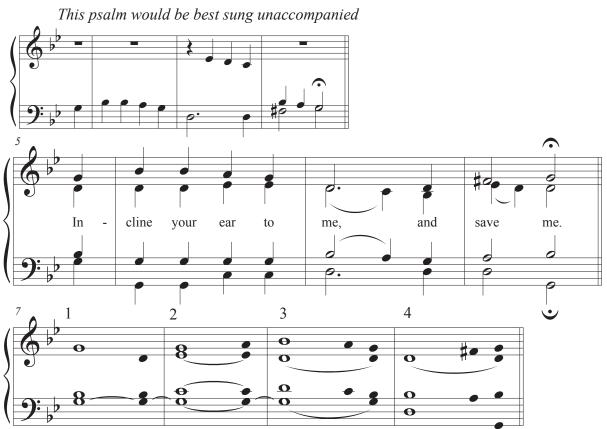*Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.*

This psalm would be best sung unaccompanied

In - cline your ear to me, and save me.

(1) In you, O God, have I taken refuge;
      let me never be a<u>shamed</u>.
(2) In your righteousness deliver me and set me free;
      incline your ear to me and <u>save</u> me.
(3) Be my strong rock, a castle to keep <u>me</u> safe;
(4) you are my crag and my <u>strong</u>hold. ***R.***

(1) Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
      from the clutches of the evildoer and the op<u>press</u>or.
(2) For you are my hope, O God,
      my confidence since I was <u>young</u>.
(3) I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
      from my mother's womb you have been <u>my</u> strength;
(4) my praise shall be always <u>of</u> you. ***R.***

(1) I have become a portent to many;
      but you are my refuge and my <u>strength</u>.
(2) Let my mouth be full of your praise
      and your glory all the day <u>long</u>.
(1) Do not cast me off in my old age;
      forsake me not when my strength <u>fails</u>.
(2) For my enemies are talking against me,
      and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel to<u>geth</u>er.
(3) They say that God has fors<u>ak</u>en me,
(4) they can come and seize me for none <u>can</u> save. ***R.***

(1) O God, be not far from me;
      come quickly to help me, O my <u>God</u>.
(2) Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be dis<u>gaced</u>;
(2) let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and re<u>proach</u>.
(3) But I shall always wait <u>in</u> patience,
(4) and shall praise you more <u>and</u> more. ***R.***