

# Defender of my rightful cause

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Text: James Merrick, on Ps. 4

An Incitement to private Meditation.

De - fen - der of my right - ful cause, While an - guish from my bo - som draws The  
How long, ye sons of pride, how long Shall false - hood arm your im - pious tongue? How  
To God my heart shall vent its woe, Who, prompt his bles - sings to be - stow On  
In se - cret on thy couch re - clin'd Search to its depth thy rest - less mind, Till

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deep - felt sigh, the cease - less pray'r, O make thy ser - vant still thy care; That  
long shall se - cret love of ill To wretch - ed ma - lice prompt your will, And  
each whose breast has learn'd his fear, Bows to my plaint the wil - ling ear: Him  
hush'd to peace the tu - mult lie, And wrath and strife with - in thee die: With

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aid, which oft my griefs has heal'd, That aid, a - gain in - trea - ted, yield.  
er - ring rage your breast in - flame, My pow'r to thwart, my acts de - fame?  
wouldst thou please? With rev - 'rent awe Ob - serve the dic - tates of his law.  
pur - est gifts ap - proach his shrine, And safe to him thy care re - sign.

Notes: The first verse only of the text is underlaid in the source, with the other verses given here printed after the music.