

Psalm 42

English translation by Shoshana Brown

(Sing to the tune of *East Virginia*)

2. Like a hart that **panteth** *after* the water-brooks
So my soul panteth after You-
3. You are my God—oh, how my soul thirsteth—
after the living God: when shall I see You?

4. O my tears have **been all** my food to me
—all the day, and all the night.
When people say—“Where is your God?”
[Where are You, God? I need Your light.]

5. And when I **think** on *how* it used to be—
When I walked with the crowd, led the festive throng—
up to Your House, to Your House, oh God—
With shouts of praise, with joyous song.

6. Why art thou so down**cast**, **O** my soul,
so confounded within me?
Hope yet in God—yes I will still praise Yah,
Surely God’s face is not far from me.

7. O God my **soul**, my *soul* it is downcast,
Whereupon I remember You—
From the land of Jordan —unto the hills of Hermon—
From the mountain of Mitzar.

8. Deep unto **deep—deep** unto deep:
Your waterspouts they loudly roar;
All Your waves and Your breakers they wash over me—
They wash over me til I can stand no more.

9. O Lord **protect** me with *loving*-kindness—
with loving-kindness all the day.
By night Your song, Your song be with me
To the God of my life, to my God I pray.

10. I say to my **God**—You have *been* my rock—
Why have You now forgotten me?
Why should I walk, should I walk in mourning—
I walk oppressed by my enemies.

11. They crush my **bones**—my *tormentors* revile me—
When they say all the day—“Where is your God?”

12. Why art thou cast down, O my soul—
and why so confounded within me?

Hope yet in **God** —still **I** will thank Yah;
Your sure salvation is before me—

Hope yet in God —still I will thank Yah:
My Lord, my God—You are all my life to me.