

I Said That I Would Closely Guard My Ways

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Major

D G A D

1. I _____ said that I would close - ly _____ guard my ways
 2. My _____ heart grew hot, with - in me _____ set a - blaze.
 3. "Sure - ly a man is noth - ing _____ but a breath;
 4. "What is it that I now shall _____ wait for, Lord?

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and _____ keep from sin - ning with my tongue,
 I _____ cried, "Lord, let me know my end.
 he _____ as a shad - ow goes his way.
 In _____ you I place my hope and trust.

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that _____ on my mouth a muz - zle I would place
 Re - veal to me the meas - ure of my days.
 Sure - ly in vain he strug - gles till his death;
 From _____ all my sins de - liv - er - ance af - ford,

D A E A

while _____ e - vil - do - ers round me throng.
 As _____ just a hand - breadth you ex - tend
 he _____ piles up rich - es while he may,
 and _____ let me not by scorn be crushed.

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When, dumb and si - lent, I then _____ held my peace,
 my _____ span of fleet - ing days, so _____ frail and light.
 not _____ know - ing who will lat - er _____ gath - er them.
 My _____ mouth I do not o - pen, _____ for I see

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my _____ grief and
It _____ is as
His _____ striv - ing
that _____ it was

woe did but in - crease.
noth - ing in your sight.
will not prof - it him.
you who chas - tened me.

5. "Remove from me the chastisement I fear,
lest I should perish through your wrath.
At your rebukes, that which a man holds dear
will fade and shrivel like a moth.
For man is merely breath and vanity;
yes, like a puff of wind is he.

6. "Lord, hear my cry, give ear to my request;
do not my bitter tears ignore.
For I with you am but a passing guest,
as all my fathers were before.
O turn away from me your watchful eye
and give me joy before I die."