

Be Merciful, O Lord

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Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, _____ for we have _____ sinned, _____ for we have _____ sinned.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. A large, diagonal watermark reading 'SAMPLE' is overlaid across the center of the page.

1. Have mercy on me, O Lord, in your goodness;
and the greatness of your compassion wipe away all my offenses.
Thoroughly was my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

2. For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
"Against you only have I sinned,
and against you only
what is evil in your sight."

3. A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

4. Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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