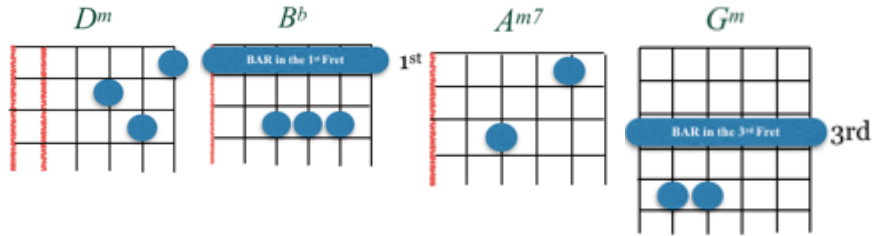


The Cry of the Poor

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CHORUS

Intro { *A^{m7} D^m C A^m D^m*
 The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
B^b C D^m
 Blessed be the Lord.



D^m B^b C D^m
 I will bless the Lord at all times,
B^b F G^m A^m
 With praise ever in my mouth.
A^{m7} C D^m
 Let my soul glory in the Lord,
B^b A^m D^m
 Who will hear the cry of the poor.

D^m B^b C D^m
 Every spirit crushed, God will save;
B^b F G^m A^m
 Will be ransom for their lives;
A^{m7} C D^m
 Will be safe shelter for their fears,
B^b A^m D^m
 Who will hear the cry of the poor.

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D^m B^b C D^m
 Let the lowly hear and be glad:
B^b F G^m A^m
 The Lord listens to their pleas;
A^{m7} C D^m
 And to hearts broken, God is near,
B^b A^m D^m
 Who will hear the cry of the poor.

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D^m B^b C D^m
 We proclaim your greatness, o God,
B^b F G^m A^m
 Your praise ever in our mouth;
A^{m7} C D^m
 Every face brightened in your light,
B^b A^m D^m
 Who will hear the cry of the poor.

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Scripture and History

Psalms 12:5 “Because they rob the weak, and the needy groan, I will now arise,” says the LORD; “I will grant safety to whoever longs for it.”

Job 34:28 . . . And made the cry of the poor reach him, so that he heard the cry of the afflicted . . .

Proverbs 21:13 Those who shut their ears to the cry of the poor will themselves call out and not be answered.

Psalm 34:17 The righteous cry out, the LORD hears and he rescues them from all their afflictions.

Deuteronomy 15:9 Be careful not to entertain the mean thought, “The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,” so that you would begrudge your kin who is in need and give nothing, and your kin would cry to the LORD against you and you would be held guilty.

Matthew 5:3-6 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

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St Louis Jesuits
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