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LORD, SET A WATCH TO GUARD MY SOUL

Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips! (Psalm 141:3)

1. Lord, set a watch to guard my soul, Teach me Your Word and make me wise,
 2. Lord, when my hours be - come con - sumed With the pur - suit of world - ly gain,
 3. Lord, let not sin de - stroy my soul, When dark - ness comes and clouds my mind,
 4. Lord, when I feel con - vic - tion less, When pray - ing wanes and love turns cold,
 5. Let me not un - der - es - ti - mate The strength of my re - main - ing sin.

And let no sin - ful thoughts take hold, Nor e - vil pas - sions sprout and rise.
 And when a - muse - ments lure my heart To love what's fleet - ing, false and vain,
 When fierce temp - ta - tions rise and rage, The way to flee help me to find.
 When preach - ing grows la - bor - i - ous, And truth seems dark and hard to hold,
 For who can know the heart of man? Or plumb the wick - ed - ness with - in?

The seeds for ev' - ry hein - ous sin With - in my car - nal na - ture lie;
 Sur round my heart with truth and grace, for I am prone to sin and weak;
 When all with - in my heart seems dark, When sin and guilt is all I see,
 Lord, hold me fast that I not fall, With - out Your grace I would not stand,
 Lord, keep me in the way of truth, Watch o'er my path lest I should stray;

But for God's grace I'd sure - ly fall, But for His mer - cy I would die.
 Guard my af - fect - ions, hopes, de - sires, That I Your truth may al - ways seek.
 Lord, lift my eyes to Christ who died, Whose right - eous - ness now cov - ers me.
 But plunge head - long down in - to sin, Were I not held firm by Your hand.
 Sub due each sin still in my heart, Help me with joy Your Word o - bey.