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yet I shall again look upon
your holy temple.'
With the voice of thanksgiving I will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation belongs to the Lord!"

I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.
For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me.

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The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land whose bars closed on me forever.

Yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God.
When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the Lord,
and my prayer came to you, in your holy temple.
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