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Tremble, O Tremble

(Psalm 99)

1 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! The God whose throne is  
 2 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! The jus - tice done by  
 3 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! When Mo - ses, Aar - on,  
 4 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! A tow - er made of  
 5 Trem - ble, O trem - ble! Our God for - gives, and

near to us is rul - er of the world. The Ho - ly One!  
 God for us will shake and mend the world. O Ho - ly One!  
 Sam - u - el cried out, our God re - plied. The Ho - ly One!  
 cloud, a voice that spoke a last - ing law. The Ho - ly One!  
 yet our sin must be set right at last. O Ho - ly One!

The German theologian Rudolph Otto described holiness as *mysterium tremendum et fascinans*, a terrifying and fascinating mystery. The awareness of such a divine encounter lies behind Psalm 99, and this 21st-century paraphrase conveys how God remains both personal and unfathomable.