There Where the Judges Gather

1 There where the judges gather, a greater takes his seat;
   "How long," he asks the judges, "will you pronounce deceit?
   Deliver the afflicted from those who would oppress.

2 "Deal justly with the needy, protect the fatherless,
   but you shall die as mortals and perish by my rod."

3 God speaks: "I named you rulers, to serve the Most High God;
   How long show special favor to those of ill repute?
   But you are wholly blinded, you do not understand;

4 Arise, O God, in judgment, your sovereignty make known;
   How long neglect the orphaned, the poor and destitute?
   Therefore foundations totter, injustice rocks the land."

5 For yours are all the nations, the peoples are your own.

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