

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Firmly ♩ = 88-100

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The music is characterized by a steady, firm rhythm, reflecting the tempo marking.

1. Oh God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. With - in the shad - ow of thy throne, Still may we dwell se - cure.
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shel - ter from the stor - my blast, And our e - ter - nal home.
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Be thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Anonymous

Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621; altered

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