

686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Psalm 90:1

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains six verses of lyrics. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The music is written in a traditional hymn style, with a clear melody and harmonic accompaniment.

1. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,
2. Un - der 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. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its sons a - way;
6. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,

Our Shel - ter from the storm - y 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.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
They fly, for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - p'ning day.
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal Home.