

# Unless Our House Is Built by GOD

From Psalm 127

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G minor, 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the final two verses. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the start of each verse. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

1. <sup>1</sup>Un - less our house is built by GOD, The work we do will bring no gain.  
 2. <sup>2</sup>How false it is to work all day, From dawn in - to the dark of night.  
 3. <sup>3</sup>Our chil-dren are a gift from GOD, <sup>4</sup>A source of com - fort and in-crease.

<sup>3</sup>Un - less GOD keeps the cit - y safe, The sen-tries keep a - lert in vain.  
 Lord, You pro-vide for those You love, And give them rest as Your de - light.  
<sup>5</sup>They shall de-fend a-against our foes, To bring us strength and days of peace.

Music: Heinrich Schütz, 1661

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