

# For God Above Befriends Me

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Ich habe Gott zum Freunde

Dresden 1694, J. S. Bach

Deuteronomy 33:29, "Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord?

He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword.

Your enemies will cower before you, and you will tread on their heights."

$\text{♩} = 80$  Usual setting

B♭ Clarinet

Piano

While God is con - stant. on my side, then all is well what - e'er be-tide,

Cm Ab E♭ Fm Cm/E♭ G G/B

6

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

my foes\_ shall. fall be-fore me. Their craf - ty\_ plots to nought must come, in

B♭ E♭ G7 Cm B♭ E♭/G Ab E♭

11

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

shame they'll stand be - fore me dumb; for God a - bove be - friends\_ me, for God a -

B♭/D E♭ G/D G Cm G G/F Cm G

16

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

Cm G C

bove be - friends me. While God in heav'n looks down on me, I

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B♭ Cl.

Pno.

fear not pain nor mi - se-ry; my foes shall fall be - fore me. What -

25

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

ev - er mis-chief they may plan, I dare de-fy them, ev' - ry man; for God a -

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B♭ Cl.

Pno.

bove be - friends me, for God a - bove be - friends me. While

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B♭ Cl.

Pno.

God's my Shield and Hel - per true, there's nought can vex, come all or few,

Cm/E♭ Cm B♭/D E♭ Fm/E♭ E♭ Bdim/D G

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

my foes shall fall be - fore me. On their own heads the

Ddim/F E♭ Fm7 E♭ Ddim/F E♭/G

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

pains shall fall 'gainst me de-signed I dare them all. For God a -

B♭/D E♭ Edim/G G/F Bdim/D G Fm/A♭

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

bove be - friends me, for God a - bove be - friends me. If

Ddim7 G A♭ Fm7 Cm/E♭ G C

50

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

God is pre - sent\_ in my need, then sin and death are dead in - deed,

54

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

my foes\_ shall fall be - fore me. The world, the\_ de - vil, sin, and hell, up -

59

B♭ Cl.

Pno.

on their heads their darts re - coil. For God a - bove be - friends\_

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B♭ Cl.

Pno.

me, for God\_ a - bove be - friends\_ me.