

# 44A O God, We Have Heard

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1. O God, we have heard and our fa - thers have told  
 2. They gained not the land by the edge of the sword,  
 3. Com - mand, and Thy word shall de - liv - er - ance bring,  
 4. No trust will I place in my strength to de - fend,  
 5. Thou, Lord, hast for - sak - en, to shame brought our boasts;

What won - ders Thou didst in the great days of old;  
 Their own arm to them could no safe - ty af - ford,  
 O God, to Thy cho - sen, for Thou art our King;  
 Nor yet on my sword as a safe - gaurd de - pend;  
 No more to the field dost Thou go with our hosts;

2 The na - tions were crushed and ex - pelled by Thy hand,  
 But Thy right hand saved, and the light of Thy face,  
 5 Thro' Thee we will sure - ly de - feat all our foes,  
 7 In Thee, Who hast saved us and put them to shame,  
 10 Thou turn - est us back from the foe in dis - may,

Cast out that Thy peo - ple might dwell in their land.  
 Be - cause of Thy fa - vor and won - der - ful grace.  
 Thro' Thy Name will tri - umph o'er those that op - pose.  
 8 We boast all the day, ev - er prais - ing Thy Name.  
 And spoil - ers who hate us have made us their prey.

6. <sup>11</sup>Like sheep to the slaughter Thy people are giv'n,  
Dispersed through the nations afar we are driv'n;  
<sup>12</sup>Thou sellest Thy people to strangers for naught,  
Their price to Thy treasure no increase has brought.
7. <sup>13</sup>Thou makest our neighbors reproach us in pride,  
And those that are near us to scoff and deride;  
<sup>14</sup>A byword the nations have made of our name,  
With scorn and derision they put us to shame.
8. <sup>15</sup>Yea, all the day long I behold my disgrace,  
And covered am I with confusion of face;  
<sup>16</sup>The voice of blasphemers and scoffers I hear,  
The foe and avenger against me appear.
9. <sup>17</sup>All this have we suffered, and never forgot  
To serve Thee, Jehovah, nor falsely have wrought;  
<sup>18</sup>Our heart is not turned and our steps have not strayed,  
<sup>19</sup>Tho' crushed amid ruins and under death's shade.
10. <sup>20</sup>If we have forgotten the Name of our God,  
Or unto an idol our hands spread abroad,  
<sup>21</sup>Shall not the Almighty uncover this sin?  
He knows all our hearts and the secrets within.
11. <sup>22</sup>We all the day long for Thy sake are consumed,  
Defeated and helpless, to death we are doomed;  
<sup>23</sup>Then why dost Thou tarry? Jehovah, awake,  
Nor spurn us forever; arise for our sake.
12. <sup>24</sup>O why art Thou hiding the light of Thy face,  
Forgetting our burden of grief and disgrace?  
<sup>25</sup>Our soul is bowed down, yea, we cleave to the dust;  
<sup>26</sup>Rise, help, and redeem us, Thy mercy we trust.