

191. Abiding Confidence and Hope

The musical score is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in 3/4 time and consists of two systems. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains a concluding stanza. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines.

1. Though trou - bles great o'er - sha - dow me, Thou art my re - fuge strong;
2. Cast me not off when hoa - ry age Be - comes my wea - ry lot,
3. My foes are strong and con - fi - dent, For I to them ap - pear
4. My God, be Thou not far from me, Make haste to hear my call;
5. But I will e - ver hope in Thee, My cease - less praise is Thine;

My mouth shall praise Thee all the day, Thy ho - nor be my song.
And in the days of fail - ing strength Do Thou for - sake me not.
As one for - sa - ken by his God, With none to help me near.
A shamed, con - sumed be all my foes, Dis ho - nored let them fall.
I will de - clare Thy count - less deeds Of truth and grace di - vine.

6. Yea, I will tell the mighty acts
Performed by God the Lord;
Thy righteousness, and Thine alone,
With praise I will record.

7. For from my early youth, O God,
By Thee have I been taught,
And faithfully have I declared
The wonders Thou hast wrought.