

247. God Our Help and Hope

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of A major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains six verses of lyrics, and the second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the sha - dow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt 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 e - ver - rol - ling 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 stor - my blast, And our e - ter - nal home.
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From e - ver - las - ting Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ri - sing sun.
They fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the ope - ning day.
Be Thou our guard while trou - bles last, And our e - ter - nal home.