

191. Abiding Confidence and Hope

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Tenor parts, with the Alto and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in two systems, with the first system containing five verses and the second system containing the concluding lines of the hymn. The music features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding vocal staves.

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.