

O God, Our Help

Isaac Watts (1719)

SATB

William Croft (1708)

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Still may we dwell 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. O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come;

The first system of musical notation for 'O God, Our Help' features a treble and bass staff in common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with five numbered lines of text corresponding to the musical phrases.

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!
Suff - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night, Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home!

The second system of musical notation continues the piece, with the same treble and bass staff arrangement. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with five lines of text corresponding to the musical phrases. The piece concludes with a double bar line.