

O God Our Help In Ages Past

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The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes five numbered verses of lyrics. The first system (measures 1-4) contains the first three verses. The second system (measures 5-11) contains the fourth and fifth verses. The third system (measures 12-17) contains the sixth and seventh verses. The fourth system (measures 18-24) contains the eighth and ninth verses. The score features various musical notations including treble and bass clefs, a key signature change to D major (two sharps) at measure 12, and dynamic markings such as 'mel.' and 'A - - - men!'.

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3
4

mel. 1.) O, God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2.) Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - cieved her frame,
3.) A thou - sand a - ges, in Thy sight, Are like an eve - ning gone;

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9 1. 10 2. 11 3. #

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal Home!
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.

12 mel. 13 14 15 16 17

4.) Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its sons a - way; They fly, for -
5.) O, God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

got - ten, as a dream Dies at the op - 'ning day.
Guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal Home! A - - - men!