

Psalm 90 (89)
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts / SAINT ANNE

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the hymn 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has five measures, and the second system has five measures. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and some melodic lines in the treble clef.

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.
2. Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Inspiration: Psalm 90 (89): 1-5.

Lyrics: 86.86; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, in "The Psalms of David", 1719.

Music: SAINT ANNE; attributed to William Croft, 1678-1727, in "A Supplement to the New Version", 6th ed., 1708.