

# God is our hope and strength

Book of Common Prayer

Psalm 46 verses 1-4, 7

Francis Roads (b. 1943)

*♩=112 Symphony*

Soprano [Air]

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Keyboard

5 **A**

S God is our hope and strength:

A God is our hope and strength:

T God is our hope and strength: a ve - ry pre-sent help in

B God is our hope and strength: a ve - ry pre-sent help in trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in

Kbd.

9

S a ve - ry pre-sent help in trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in

A a ve - ry pre-sent help in trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in

T trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in

B trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in trou-ble, ve - ry pre-sent help in

Kbd.

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12 **B**

S  
trou-ble. There - fore will we not fear, though the earth be moved:

A  
trou-ble. There - fore will we not fear, though the earth be moved:

T  
trou-ble. There - fore will we not fear, though the

B  
trou-ble. There - fore will we not fear, though the

Kbd.

16

S  
and though the hills be car-ried in - to the midst of the sea, and though the hills be car-ried in - to the

A  
and though the hills be car-ried in - to the midst of the sea, and though the hills be car-ried in - to the

T  
earth be moved: and though the hills be car-ried in - to the midst of the sea, be car-ried in - to the

B  
earth be moved: and though the hills be car-ried in - to the midst of the sea, be car-ried in - to the

Kbd.

20 **C**

S  
midst of thesea, we will not fear we will not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the

A  
midst of thesea, we will not fear, we will not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the

T  
midst of thesea, we will not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the

B  
midst of thesea, we will not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the

Kbd.

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S hills be car-ried in - to the midst of the sea.

A hills be car-ried in - to the midst of the sea.

T hills be car-ried in - to the midst of the sea.

B hills be car-ried in - to the midst of the sea.

Kbd.

30

S

A

T

B

Though the wa-ters there-of rage and

Kbd.

**D**

35

S and though the moun-tains shake at the tem-pest of the same.

A and though the moun-tains shake at the tem-pest of the same.

T and though the moun-tains shake at the tem-pest of the same. Though the

B swell:

Kbd.

40 **E**

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S  
A  
T  
B  
Kbd.

wa - ters there-of rage and

44

S  
A  
T  
B  
Kbd.

and though the moun- tains shake at the tem-pest of the same. The

swell: The

49 **F**

S  
A  
T  
B  
Kbd.

ri - vers of the flood there - of shall make glad the ci - ty of God: the ho - ly place of the

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54 **G**

S ta-ber-na-cle of the most high - est.

A ta-ber-na-cle of the most high - est.

T ta-ber-na-cle of the most high - est.

B ta-ber-na-cle of the most high - est.

Kbd.

60 **H**

S The Lord of hosts is with us:

A The Lord of hosts is with us:

T The Lord of hosts is with us:

B The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Ja - cob is our

Kbd.

64

S the God of Ja - cob is our

A the God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge, God of Ja - cob is our

T the God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge, God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge, God of Ja - cob is our

B re - fuge, God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge, God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge, God of Ja - cob is our

Kbd.

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S re-fuge, God of Ja - cob is our re-fuge, the God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge.

A re-fuge, God of Ja - cob is our re-fuge, the God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge.

T re-fuge, God of Ja - cob is our re-fuge, the God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge. Hal - le

B re-fuge, God of Ja - cob is our re-fuge, the God of Ja - cob is our re - fuge.

Kbd.

71 I

(Alto)

(Tenor)

A Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

T lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah

Kbd.

74

S Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le lu- - -jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le -

A lu-jah, Hal -le -lu-jah Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah,

T Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah,

B Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah,

Kbd.

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S  
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -

A  
Hal - le - lu -

T  
Hal - le - lu -

B  
Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

Kbd.

81

S  
- jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men.

A  
- jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men.

T  
- jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men.

B  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, A - men.

Kbd.

The musical score is written for SATB choir and keyboard. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system (measures 78-80) features a Soprano line with a long note, an Alto line with a melodic line, a Tenor line with a similar melodic line, and a Bass line with a rhythmic accompaniment. The keyboard part provides harmonic support. The second system (measures 81-83) concludes the piece with the lyrics 'A - men.' for all voices. The keyboard part continues with a steady accompaniment.

This anthem (or most of it) was composed on Easter Sunday 2005 whilst walking eastwards along the north bank of the Thames from North Woolwich and looking at the flood defences.