

# If the Lord himself had not been on our side

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Book of Common Prayer

Psalm 124 verses 1-3, 7

William Knapp (c1698-1768)

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The musical score is written for Soprano, Alto, Tenor [Air], Bass, and Keyboard. It is in 3/2 time with a tempo marking of quarter note = 112. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-5) features the vocalists with lyrics: 'If the Lord him - self, the Lord him - self, the Lord him - self, the Lord him - self'. The second system (measures 6-10) features the vocalists with lyrics: 'had not been on our side now may Is - rael say,'. The third system (measures 11-15) features the vocalists with lyrics: 'If the Lord him - self had not been on our side when men rose up a - gainst us'. The keyboard part provides harmonic accompaniment throughout.

## If the Lord himself had not been on our side

18 **B** (Bass)

B they had swal - low-ed, swal - low-ed us up quick,

Kbd.

22 **C** (Alto)

S Yea, the wa - ters had drowned us and the streams had gone o - ver our souls,

Kbd.

28 **D**

S Yea, the wa-ters had drowned us and the streams had gone o-ver our souls. 1. 2. souls.

A Yea, the wa-ters had drowned us and the streams had gone o-ver our souls souls.

T Yea, the wa-ters had drowned us and the streams had gone o-ver our souls souls.

B Yea, the wa-ters had drowned us and the streams had gone o-ver our souls souls.

Kbd. D.C.

36 **E** (Tenor)

T But prais - ed be the Lord, (Bass)

B But prais - ed be the Lord, our

Kbd.

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B soul is es - caped e - ven as a bird out of the snare of the fow - ler.

Kbd.

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46 **F** (Soprano)

S The snare is bro - ken and we are de - li - ver - ed.

Kbd.

52 **G** [Faster]

S Our help stan - deth in the name, Our help stan - deth in the,

A Our help stan - deth in the name, Our help

T Our help stan - deth in the name, Our help stan - deth in the,

B Our help stan - deth in the name, Our help

Kbd.

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S stan - deth in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

A stan - deth in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

T name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

B stan - deth in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Kbd.

"A FORM of PRAYER with THANKSGIVING to be used yearly upon the Fifth Day of November; for the happy deliverance of King James I and the three estates of England, from the most traitorous and bloody intended Massacre by Gunpowder; And also for the happy Arrival of His Majesty King WILLIAM on this Day, for the Deliverance of our Church and Nation." This rubrick introduced a service which appeared in the BCP until the mid 19th Century. Also included were services for the death of King Charles the Martyr, the restoration of Charles II, and for the accession of the reigning monarch. Ps 124 is the Proper Psalm for 5th November. This version of the anthem appears in the 8th (1770) and final edition of Knapp's *A Sett of New Psalm Tunes*.