

God is our refuge in distress

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New Version of Tate and Brady (1696)

Psalm 46

Fairfield, by Joseph Stephenson (c1723-1810)

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[♩=80]

Soprano [Air]

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 2. A gen - tler stream with glad - ness still The ci - ty
 3. In tu - mults when the hea - then raged, And king - doms
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Alto

Tenor

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Bass

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help when dan - gers press. In him un - daunt - ed we'll con - fide
 of our Lord shall fill, The roy - al seat of God most high:
 war a - gainst us waged, He thun - dered, and dis - persed their pow'rs.
 de - so - la - tion brought; How he has calmed the jar - ring world:

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15 [♩=100]

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 The Lord of hosts con - ducts our arms, Our tow'r of re - fuge in a - larms,
 He broke the war - like spear and bow; With them the thund' - ring cha - riots too

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Torn piece - meal by the roar - ing tide, Torn
While his al - migh - ty aid is nigh, While
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In - to de - vour - ing flames were hurled, In -

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roar - ing, roar - ing tide. tide.
aid is nigh, is nigh. nigh.
God and ours, and ours. ours.
flames were hurled, were hurled. hurled.

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to de - vour - ing flames were hurled. hurled.

5. Submit to God's almighty sway,
For him the heathen shall obey,
And earth her sov'reign Lord confess:
The God of hosts conducts our arms,
Our tow'r of refuge in alarms,
As to our fathers in distress.

Notes and emendation:
Edited from Stephenson's *Church Harmony Sacred to Devotion* (London 1760)
Circled numbers correspond with lines of text
Bar 15: The change of time signature indicates a faster tempo
Bar 25 soprano: repeat the underlined word
Bar 25 alto note 1: ♩ in score, making a five-crotchet bar