O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Isaac Watts, 1719

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Psalm 90: 1, 2, 5

2. Under 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. O[ur] God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come,
   Be thou our guard while troubles last,
   And our eternal home.