

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST : OTEN Easy Music

by Isaac Watts – Most common hymnal verses & wording below.

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 4/4 time (pu = 0) using **OTEN** EASY Music Notation Method
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*JESUS: "If anyone loves Me, **he will keep My word**; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make **Our home with him**." - John 14:23*

VERSES		Osborne TExt-Based Notation (OTEN) -- see website tab for full explanation													
1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
C								C							
Pre-Verse 1															
melody V															
=====															
C		Am7				F		C				C			
1a	God,	our	Help	in	ag-	es	past,	our							
melody	vE	A	G	^C	C	B	C	vG							
Am				D		G									
1b	hope	for	years	to	come:			our							
melody	^C	G	A	F#	G			^B							
C		Dm		C		E [major]		C							
1c	Shel-	ter	from	the	storm-	y	blast,	and							
melody	^C	A	^D	B	C	A	B	vG							
Dm		G		C											
1d	our	e-	ter-	nal	Home!			<Verse>							
melody	A	^C	^D	B	^C										
=====															
C		Am7				F		C				C			
1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+

PSALM 90: INSPIRATION for Watt's hymn: The Eternity of God, and Man's Frailty

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God. 3 You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." 4 **For a thousand years in Your sight *Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night.*** 5 You carry them away *like* a flood; *They are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up: 6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers.

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Psalm 90, inspiration for this 1719 hymn, continued:

- 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified.
8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance. 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh.
10 The days of our lives *are* 70 years; And if by reason of strength *they are* 80 years, Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath.
12 So teach *us* to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

LYRICS

VERSE 1

O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come –
Our shelter from the stormy blast And our eternal home:

VERSE 2

Under the shadow of Thy throne Still may we dwell secure.
Sufficient is Thine arm alone And our defense is sure!

VERSE 3

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God – To endless years the same.

VERSE 4

Time like an ever rolling stream Bears all its sons away.
They fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

VERSE 5

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone:
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

VERSE 6

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come:
Be Thou our GUIDE while Life shall last, And our eternal home.