

# Lord, Thou hast been our refuge.

MOTET FOR CHORUS, SEMI-CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA (OR ORGAN).

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**Lento moderato.**  
D minor. *p*\*

SOPRANO.  
ALTO.  
TENOR.  
BASS.

SEMI-CHORUS. Lord, — Thou hast been our re-fuge from one gen-er - a-tion to an -

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SOPRANO.  
ALTO.  
TENOR.  
BASS.

FULL CHORUS.

**Lento moderato.**  
*p* (For rehearsal only).

ORGAN.

D major.  
♩ = ♩

- o - ther. Be-fore the moun-tains were brought

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*ppp* O God our help in a - ges past

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♩ = ♩

\*For small choirs this should be sung by a baritone solo.

N.B. The organ does not enter till **H** (bar 4).

Duration 8  $\frac{3}{4}$  mins.

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**A**

forth, or ev - er the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from ev - er-last-ing

Our hope for

**A**

Our hope for

**D minor.**

and world with-out end. Thou turn-est man to des-truc-tion; a-gain Thou

years to come Our shel - ter

**D major.**

years to come Our shel - ter

say - est      Come a - gain   ye chil - dren of men —      For a thou - sand years in Thy sight

say - est      Come a - gain   ye chil - dren of men —      For a thou - sand years in Thy sight

from the      storm - y      blast —      And

from the      storm - y      blast —      And

[B]

are but as yes - ter - day,      see - ing that is past as a watch in the night.

are but as yes - ter - day,      see - ing that is past as a watch in the night.

our e - ter - nal home. —

our e - ter - nal home. —

D minor.      [B]

## Poco meno lento. (Andante.)

C

*pp*

**FULL CHORUS.** As soon as Thou scat-ter-est them They are ev-en as a sleep and fade a-way

As soon as Thou scat-ter-est them They are ev-en as a sleep and fade a-way

Poco meno lento. (Andante.)

C

sud-den-ly like the grass. In the morn-ing it is green and grow-eth

sud-den-ly like the grass, ——— like the grass, it grow-eth

up, but in the eve-ning it is cut down, dried up and with-ered. ———

up, but in the eve-ning it is cut down, dried up and with-ered. ———

## Poco più mosso.

\* G minor.

*p* For we con - sume a - way in Thy dis - plea - sure,  
SEMI-CHORUS.

*p* For we con - sume a - way in Thy dis -

## FULL CHORUS.

*ppp* We con - sume a - way in

*ppp* We con - sume a - way in

## Poco più mosso.

*p*

and are a - fraid at Thy wrath - ful in - dig - na - tion.

plea - sure, and are a - fraid at Thy wrath - ful in - dig - na - tion.

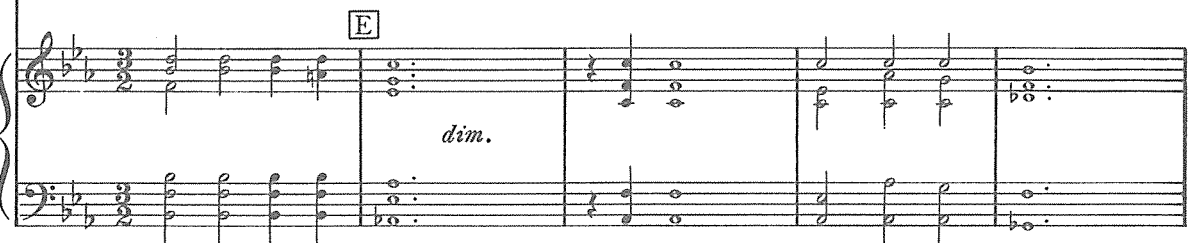
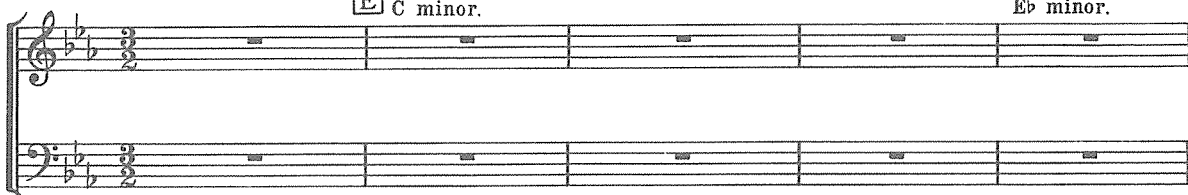
Thy dis - plea - - - - sure. *f sost.* For when Thou art

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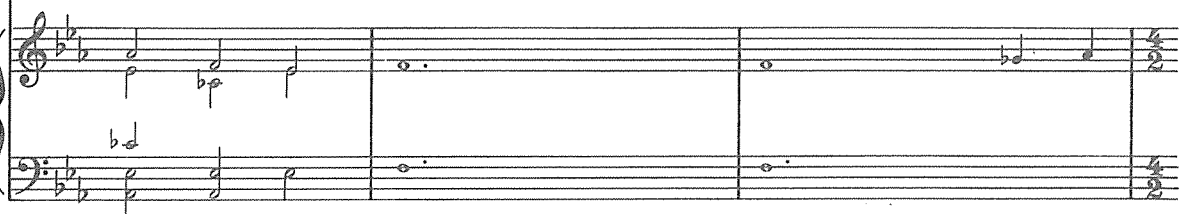
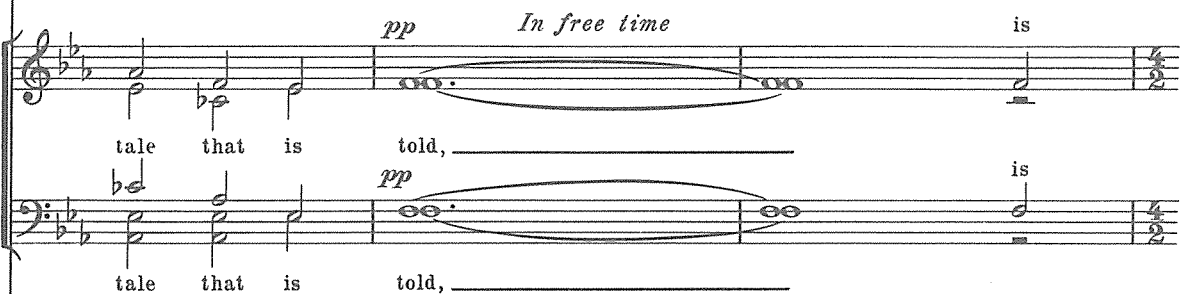
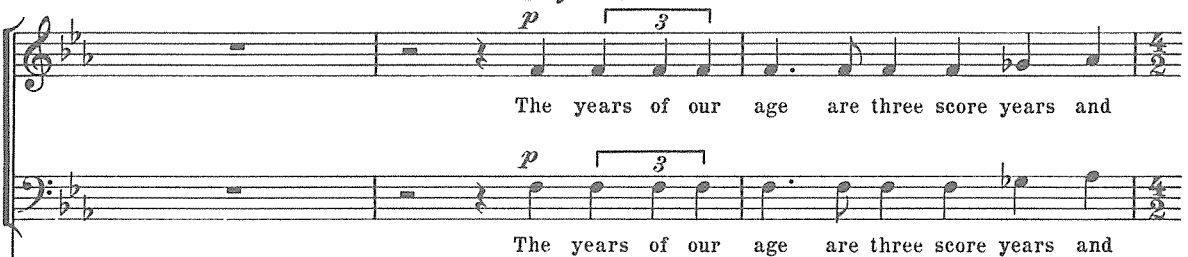
*f*

\* In small choirs this should be sung by a quartet of 2 sopranos tenor and baritone.

[E] C minor.

E $\flat$  minor.

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*In free time*

\* In small choirs this should be sung by a solo baritone.

ten, and though men be so strong that they come to four-score years,  
 ten, and though men be so strong that they come to four-score years,  
 told, \_\_\_\_\_  
*pp* a tale that is told, \_\_\_\_\_ is told:—  
 told, \_\_\_\_\_  
*pp* a tale that is told, \_\_\_\_\_ is told:—

**[F]** **Poco più lento.**

yet is their strength but labour and sorrow.  
 yet is their strength but labour and sorrow.  
*pp* so pass-eth it a -  
*pp* so pass-eth it a -  
**[F]** **Poco più lento.**

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$  *pp*

Turn Thee a - gain O Lord at the

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- way and we are gone. *pp*

- way and we are gone. Turn Thee O

- way and we are gone. *pp*

- way and we are gone. Turn Thee O

$\text{♩} = \text{♩}$

**G**

last. Be gra - cious un - to Thy ser - vants.

last. Be gra - cious un - to Thy ser - vants.

Lord at the last. Be gra - cious un - to Thy

Lord at the last. Be gra - cious un - to Thy

**G**

\* In small choirs this should be sung by a solo quartet.



*p*  
O sa-tis-fy us — with Thy mer-cy and that soon.  
*p*  
O sa-tis-fy us — with Thy mer-cy and that soon.

ser - vants. *p* So shall we re -  
ser - vants. *p* So shall we re -

*p*

*E $\flat$  major.* [H]

*dim.* *ppp*  
joice and be glad — all the days of our life.  
glad — all the days of our life.  
*dim.* *ppp*  
joice and be glad all the days — of our life.

[H] *dim.*

## Poco animato.

Swell.

ORGAN.  
*p*

Gt.

Ped.

K

Gt.

Gt.

(più f) Gt. to Ped.

L

cresc.

molto rall.

Tempo primo (lento.)

In free time.  
D minor.

M

BOTH CHORUSES *ff* Lord, Thou hast been our re-fuge from one gen-er-a-tion to an-

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TRUMPET. (ad lib)

Tempo primo (lento.)

M

D major. B minor.

o - ther. Be - fore the moun-tains were brought

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3

forth, or ev-er the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from ev-er-last-ing

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forth, or ev-er the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from ev-er-last-ing

□ BOTH CHORUSES.  
SOPRANO.

Con moto.  
D major.

and world with-out end. \_\_\_\_\_ And the glo - rious Ma - jes-ty

ALTO.  
and world with-out end. \_\_\_\_\_

TENOR.  
and world with-out end. \_\_\_\_\_ And the glo - rious

BASS.  
and world with-out end. \_\_\_\_\_

TRUMPET.

□ Con moto.

— of the Lord be up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us, be up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us, and the glo - rious

And the glo - rious Ma - jes-ty \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, the glo - rious Ma - jes -

Ma - jes-ty of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ be up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us, \_\_\_\_\_ and the

And the glo - rious Ma - jes-ty \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord be up -

Ma - jes-ty — of the Lord be up - on us.

- ty — of the Lord be up - on us.

glo - rious Ma - jes-ty — be up - on us. Pros - per Thou, O pros-per Thou the

- on — us, be up - on — us.

Pros - per Thou, O pros-per Thou the work —

O pros-per Thou, O pros - per Thou the work of our hands, O pros-per Thou the work —

work — of our hands, — pros - per Thou, O pros-per Thou the work —

Pros - per Thou — the — work of — our hands, pros-per

[R]

of our hands, O pros - per Thou our  
of our hands, O pros - per Thou our han -  
of our hands, O pros - per Thou our han - dy - work,  
Thou the work of our hands, O pros - per Thou, O

[R]

rall. al fine

han - dy - work, pros - per Thou our han - dy - work.  
- dy - work, pros - per Thou our han - dy - work.  
pro - per, pros - per Thou our han - dy - work.  
pros - per Thou our han - dy - work, our han - dy - work.

rall. al fine