

LORD, THOU HAST BEEN OUR REFUGE



Text from
THE 90TH PSALM

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for mixed voices
(with optional bass solo)

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Moderato (♩ = 80)

ORGAN
or
PIANO

BASSES (or Solo)

mf

Lord, _____ Thou hast been our ref - uge _____ from one gen - er -

a - tion _____ to an - oth - er. _____

Be - fore the moun - tains were brought forth, or ev - er the earth and the world were

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poco cresc.

made, Thou art God from ev-er - last - ing and world with-out

poco cresc.

end. _____ Thou turn-est man to de- struc-tion;

A - gain Thou say - est, "Come a -

gain, ye chil - dren of men." _____

cresc.
f

mf
For a thou - sand years — in Thy
mp

dim.
sight are but as yes-ter-day see-ing it is past, as a
dim.

poco rit. *a tempo*
watch in the night. —
poco rit. *a tempo*

SOPRANO *mp*

So teach us to number our days — that we may ap-

ALTO *mp*

So — teach us to num-ber our days —

TENOR *mp*

So — teach us to number our days —

BASS *mp*

So

The piano accompaniment for the first system consists of a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines, including some triplet figures. The music is in a major key with two sharps (F# and C#).

ply our hearts un - to wis- dom. — — — — —

— that we may ap - ply — our hearts un - to

— that we may ap - ply — our hearts, our —

teach us to num - ber our days — that we may ap-

The piano accompaniment for the second system continues the musical themes from the first system. It features similar melodic and harmonic patterns, with the right hand playing a more active role in the upper register and the left hand providing a steady accompaniment. The piece concludes with a final chord in the right hand.

Turn Thee a - gain, O Lord, — at the
 wis - dom. Turn Thee a - gain, O Lord, — at the
 hearts un - to wis - dom. Turn Thee, O Lord, at the
 ply our hearts un - to wis - dom. Turn Thee, O Lord, at the

last, — and be
 last, — and be gra - cious un - to Thy
 last, — and be gra - cious
 last, — and be

gra - cious un - to Thy ser - vants. — 0

ser - vants, — un - to Thy ser - vants. 0 sat - is - fy us —

gra - cious un - to Thy ser - vants. 0 sat is - fy

gra - cious un - to Thy ser - vants. 0 sat - is - fy

sat - is - fy us — with Thy mer - cy — and that

with - Thy mer - cy, and that right soon, —

us — with — Thy mer - cy and — that — right

us — with Thy mer - cy, and that right —

soon, so shall we re - jice

so shall we re -

soon, so so shall we re -

soon, so shall we re -

p

and be glad,

joice and be glad,

joice and be glad,

joice and be glad,

mf
all the days of our life,

mf
all the days, the

mf
all the days, the

mp

rall. e dim.
of our life.

rall. e dim.
days of our life.

rall. e dim.
days of our life.

mf rall. e dim.
all the days of our life.

rall. e dim.

p