

# God is Our Refuge and Defense

*Mendon, LM*

James Montgomery, (1771-1854)

German melody, arr. by Samuel Dyer, 1828

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system includes a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are as follows:

1. God is our re - fuge and de - fense; In trou - ble our un - fail - ing aid;  
2. Yea, though the earth's foun - da - tion rock, And moun - tains down the gulf be hurled,  
3. There is a riv - er pure and bright, Whose streams make glad the heav'n - ly plains;  
4. Built by the word of His com - mand, With His un - cloud - ed pres - ence blest,  
Se - cure in His om - ni - po - tence, What foe can make our souls a - fraid?  
His peo - ple smile a - mid the shock: They look be - yond this trans - ient world.  
Where, in e - ter - ni - ty of light, The cit - y of our God re - mains.  
Firm as His throne the bul - warks stand, There is our home, our hope, our rest.