

Psalm 124

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Introduction. Cantor sings refrain. All repeat refrain. Cantor sings verses. All sing refrain after each group of verses. In the psalm-tone the singer leaves the reciting note on the underlined word or syllable.

Introduction

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with an introduction in G minor, 4/4 time. The first system shows the introduction. The second system contains the first verse: "Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth." The words "Our", "help", "name", "of", "God", "heaven", and "earth" are underlined. The second system ends with a double bar line. The third system contains the second verse: "1 If God had not been on our side, 2 let Israel now say; 3 If God had not been on our side, 4 when enemies rose up against us; R." The words "on", "now", "our", and "against" are underlined. The third system ends with a double bar line. The fourth system contains the third verse: "1 Blessed be God! 2 who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. 3 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; 4 the snare is broken, and we have escaped. 3 Our help is in the name of God, 4 the maker of heaven and earth. R." The words "be", "their", "of", "escaped", "of", and "and" are underlined. The fourth system ends with a double bar line.

- (1) If God had not been on our side,
- (2) let Israel now say;
- (3) If God had not been on our side,
- (4) when enemies rose up against us; **R.**

- (1) Then would they have swallowed us up alive
- (2) in their fierce anger toward us;
- (3) Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;
- (4) Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. **R.**

- (1) Blessed be God!
- (2) who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- (1) We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
- (2) the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- (3) Our help is in the name of God,
- (4) the maker of heaven and earth. **R.**