

# Hymn Tune Arrangement: O God Our Help (St. Ann)

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## **SASB 13:**

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

Under the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone  
And our defense is sure.

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

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

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bear all its cargo away,

Moderato  $\text{♩} = 72$

Musical score for a brass and percussion ensemble, measures 2-14. The score is in 4/4 time and marked Moderato with a tempo of 72 beats per minute. The instruments and their parts are:

- Soprano Eb (Optional): Measures 7-9, marked *mp*.
- 1st Cornet Bb: Measures 6-7, 11-14, marked *mp*.
- 2nd Cornet Bb: Measures 6-7, 9-10, marked *mp*.
- 1st Horn Eb: Measures 6-7, 9-10, marked *mp*.
- 2nd Horn Eb: Measures 2-14, marked *mp*.
- Baritone/Trombone Bb: Measures 2-14, marked *mp*.
- Bass Trombone (Optional): Measures 2-14, marked *mp*.
- Euphonium Bb: Measures 2-14, marked *mp*.
- Bass Eb: Measures 2-14, marked *mp*.
- Bass Bb: Measures 2-14, marked *mp*.
- Percussion: Measures 2-14, marked *mp*. Includes snare drum (x) and cymbals (c).
- Glockenspiel: Measures 6-7, marked *mp*.
- Timpani: Measures 2-14, marked *mp*.
- Tam-tam: Measures 2-14.

Musical score for measures 16 through 26. The score includes parts for the following instruments: Sop. Cnt., 1st Cnt., 2nd Cnt., 1st Hn., 2nd Hn., Bar/Trb., Bs. Trb., Euph., Bass Eb, Bass Bb, Drm., Glk., Timp., and Tam-tam. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The score features various dynamics including *mp* (mezzo-piano) and *mf* (mezzo-forte). A performance instruction "One (Cup Mute)" is present above the 1st Cnt. staff at measure 20. The Drm. part includes triplet markings (3) in measures 16-18. The Timp. part has a *mf* dynamic marking at measure 23. The Tam-tam part is marked with a vertical bar line at measure 20.

Musical score for orchestra and vocal soloists, measures 27-32. The score includes parts for Soprano, 1st and 2nd Contraltos, 1st and 2nd Horns, Baritone/Trombone, Bass Trombone, Euphonium, Bass Eb, Bass Bb, Drums, Glockenspiel, Timpani, and Tam-tam. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The score is marked with dynamics such as *mp* and *mf*. Measure numbers 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 are indicated at the top of the vocal staves.

This musical score page covers measures 34, 35, and 36. The instruments and parts are arranged as follows from top to bottom:

- Sop. Cnt.**: Soprano vocal line with lyrics. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- 1st Cnt.**: First Contralto vocal line. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- 2nd Cnt.**: Second Contralto vocal line. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- 1st Hn.**: First Horn line. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- 2nd Hn.**: Second Horn line. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- Bar/Trb.**: Baritone and Trumpet line. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- Bs. Trb.**: Bass Trumpet line. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- Euph.**: Euphonium line. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- Bass Eb**: Bass Eb instrument line. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- Bass Bb**: Bass Bb instrument line. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- Drm.**: Drum line with triplets. Dynamics: *mf*, *f*, *ff*, *f*.
- Glk.**: Glockenspiel line. Dynamics: *ff*, *f*.
- Timp.**: Timpani line. Dynamics: *ff*.
- Tam-tam**: Tam-tam line. Dynamics: *ff*.

Measure 34 contains vocal lyrics. Measure 35 continues the vocal lines. Measure 36 features a dramatic increase in dynamics, with *ff* (fortissimo) markings for the vocalists and brass, and *f* (forte) for the woodwinds and strings. The drum and glockenspiel parts also reach *ff* in this measure.

37  
 Sop. Cnt.  
 1st Cnt.  
 2nd Cnt.  
 1st Hn.  
 2nd Hn.  
 Bar./Trb.  
 Bs. Trb.  
 Euph.  
 Bass Eb  
 Bass Bb  
 Drm.  
 Glk.  
 Timp.  
 Tam-tam  
 38 39 40 41 42  
*f*

44 45 46 47 48

Sop. Cnt.  
1st Cnt.  
2nd Cnt.  
1st Hn.  
2nd Hn.  
Bar./Trb.  
Bs. Trb.  
Euph.  
Bass Eb  
Bass Bb  
Drm.  
Glk.  
Timp.  
Tam-tam

50 rit 51

Sop. Cnt. *ff*

1st Cnt. *ff*

2nd Cnt. *ff*

1st Hn. *ff*

2nd Hn. *ff*

Bar/Trb. *ff*

Bs. Trb. *ff*

Euph. *ff*

Bass Eb *ff*

Bass Bb *ff*

Drm. *ff*

Glk. *ff*

Timp. *ff*

Tam-tam *mf* *f* *ff*