**O God our help in ages past - lyrics**

O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for [years](https://www.definitions.net/definition/years) to come,

Our [shelter](https://www.definitions.net/definition/shelter) from the [stormy](https://www.definitions.net/definition/stormy) blast,

And our [eternal](https://www.definitions.net/definition/eternal) home.

Under the [shadow](https://www.definitions.net/definition/shadow) of thy throne,

Still may we [dwell](https://www.definitions.net/definition/dwell) secure;

Sufficient is [thine](https://www.definitions.net/definition/thine) arm alone,

And our [defence](https://www.definitions.net/definition/defense) is sure.

Before the [hills](https://www.definitions.net/definition/hills) in [order](https://www.definitions.net/definition/order) stood,

Or [earth](https://www.definitions.net/definition/earth) received her frame,

From everlasting, thou art God,

To [endless](https://www.definitions.net/definition/endless) years the same.

A [thousand](https://www.definitions.net/definition/thousand) ages, in thy sight,

Are like an [evening](https://www.definitions.net/definition/evening) gone;

Short as the [watch](https://www.definitions.net/definition/watch) that ends the night,

Before the [rising](https://www.definitions.net/definition/rising) sun.

Time, like an ever [rolling](https://www.definitions.net/definition/rolling) stream,

Bears all who [breathe](https://www.definitions.net/definition/breathe) away;

They fly forgotten, as a [dream](https://www.definitions.net/definition/dream)

Dies at the [opening](https://www.definitions.net/definition/opening) day.

O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for [years](https://www.definitions.net/definition/years) to come;

Be thou our [guide](https://www.definitions.net/definition/guide) while life [shall](https://www.definitions.net/definition/shall) last,

And our [eternal](https://www.definitions.net/definition/eternal) home.