

If the Lord himself had not been on our side

A 117

Anthem IV taken out of the CXXIV Psalm, for the Fifth of November.

Book of Common Prayer
Psalm 124, vv. 1-3, & 7.William Knapp
from Abraham Adam's Ed. 11 of
'The Psalmist's New Companion' 1778

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4

Treble

Alto

Tenor [Air]

Bass

If the Lord him - self, the Lord him - self, the Lord him - self, the

5

6

8

Tr.

A.

Ten.

B.

-self had not been on our side now may Is - rael

Lord had not been on our side now may Is rael

Lord had not been on our side now may Is rael

Lord had not been on our side now may Is rael

10

12

14

Tr.

A.

Ten.

B.

say, If the Lord him - self had not been on our

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Emendations:

Alto line octave lower than Adam's original. Knapp's 1738 original had the four parts as Cantus, Medius, Tenor, Bassus, and with Medius in Alto clef. Bars 17 & 18: amended to concur with Knapp's revision - Alto was AAAAA; Tenor was CCCDD.

Bar 27: Treble was F#GF#E; this bar appears to have been interpreted in many ways over the years! Bar 38: Tenor F was F# Bar 42: Minim rest introduced to help Basses breathe! Bar 53: Treble final C was D. Bar 47: Solo allotted to Altos editorially, originally Trebles in all other sources consulted.

The nature of the repeat at Bar 34 differs from source to source. The written instruction in Abraham Adams is "Repeat if the Lord himself then from the Repeat", leaving open which phrase is meant. The Taylor MS from Ambroseden simply has a first, second, and third time bar at the end of the section, suggesting that this section was a favourite to sing.

15 16 18

Tr. side when men rose up a - gainst us

A. side when men rose up a - gainst us

Ten. side when men rose up a - gainst us [Bass]

B. side when men rose up a - gainst us they had

19 20 22 [Treble]

Tr. Yea, the

B. swal - low-ed, swal - low-ed us up quick,

23 24 26

Tr. wa - ters had drowned us and the streams had gone o - ver our

28 30

Tr. souls, Yea, the wa - ters had drowned us and the streams

A. Yea, the wa - ters had drowned us and the streams

Ten. Yea, the wa - ters had drowned us and the streams

B. Yea, the wa - ters had drowned us and the streams

32 1. 2. DC.

Tr. (streams) had gone o - ver our souls. souls.

A. (streams) had gone o - ver our souls. souls.

Ten. (streams) had gone o - ver our souls. souls.

B. (streams) had gone o - ver our souls. souls.

36 [Tenor] 38 40

Ten. But prais - ed be the Lord, [Bass]

B. But prais - ed be the Lord, our

41 42 44

B. soul is es - caped e - ven as a bird out of the snare of the

46 [Alto] 48 50

A. The snare - is bro - ken and we are de - li - ver - ed.

B. fow - ler.

52 54 56

Tr. Our help stan-deth in the Name, Our help stan-deth in the,

A. Our help stan-deth in the Name, Our help

Ten. Our help stan-deth in the Name, Our help

B. Our help stan-deth in the Name, Our help

57 58 60 62

Tr. stan-deth in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. §

A. stan-deth in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. §

Ten. Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. §

B. stan-deth in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.