

# The Lord is our defence and aid

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621), Psalme 46

Thomas MORLEY (ca. 1557-1602)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR  
or *Playnsong*

BASSVS

The Lord is our de - fence and aid, the strength where-by we stand:

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3. No though the waves do rage so sore,  
that all the banks it spils:

And though it overflow the shore,  
and beat down mighty hills.

4. For one fair flood doth send abroad,  
his pleasant streams aspace:  
To fresh the City of our God,  
and wash his holy place.

5. In midst of her the Lord doth dwell,  
she can no whit decay:

All things against it that rebel,  
the Lord will truely slay.

6. The heathen folk the kingdom fear  
the people make a noice.  
The earth doth melt and not appear,  
when God puts forth his voice.

7. The Lord of hosts doth take our part,  
to us he hath an eye:

Our hope of health with all our heart  
on Jacobs God doth lie.

8. Come hear, and see with mind and thought  
the working of our God:  
What wonders he himself hath wrought  
throughout the earth abroad.

9. By him all wars are hushed and gone,  
which countries did conspire:

Their bows he break and spears each one,  
their Chariots burnt with fire.

10. Leave off therefor said he and know,  
I am a God most stout:  
Among the Heathen high and low,  
and all the earth throughout.

1. The Lord of hosts doth us defend,  
he is our strength and tower:  
On Jacobs God we do depend,  
and on his mighty power.

Critical notes:

Bar 1, note 4: Medius has an E in the original, and the Bassus a C;

Cantus bar 4, note 1 is a D in the original;

Text somewhat modernised.