

PROGRAM NOTES

This arrangement is a re-imagining of Martin Luther's iconic melody. New harmonies and ambient electric guitar accompaniment create an ancient/modern feel giving new life to this classic hymn.

PERFORMANCE NOTES FOR THE GUITARIST

The player is encouraged to use the warm-sounding neck pickup and a bit of reverb. The player can experiment with some mild distortion beginning in measure 99 for a "wall/wash of sound" effect, and then step-down the distortion until playing "cleanly" on the harmonic chord in measure 108 through to the end of the piece. Of course, the player may opt to play the entire last page "cleanly," and not play with any distortion.

TEXT

A Mighty Fortress is our God,
a refuge never failing.
Our helper He amid the flood
of mortal winds prevailing.
For still our spirit's foes
doth seek to work us woe;
They lure with pow'r so great,
with judgment and with hate;
Shield us e'er, guard us as Thy own.

If we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who this may be?
Christ Jesus it is He.
Emmanuel His name,
from age to age the same;
Who was, Who is, Who e'er shall be.

Thy Word above all earthly pow'r;
Thy Love above all earthly pow'r;
Thy Hope above all earthly pow'r;
My God above all earthly pow'r.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
The body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still.
The Kingdom is forever.

—Martin Luther (1483–1546)
Adapted by Kyle Pederson

AVAILABLE EDITIONS

SATB Chorus, Electric Guitar, and Piano	1.3573
Electric Guitar Part	1.3573A
Optional Piano Solo Accompaniment	1.3573B

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

for SATB Chorus, Electric Guitar, and Piano

Martin Luther
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Ein feste Burg
Martin Luther (1483–1546)
Arranged by Kyle Pederson (ASCAP)

Atmospheric, ethereal
♩ = 60

Electric Guitar

E. Gtr.

S
A

unis. mp legato

A Might - y For - tress is our God,

Pno.

9

a re - fuge nev - er fail - ing.

13

E. Gtr. *mp* legato

T B

Our help - er He a - mid the flood

Pno.

17

of mor - tal winds pre - vail - ing.

S^{va}

21

E. Gtr. *mp* *mf*

S A

T B

For still our spir - it's foes

hmm

Pno. *p* S^{va}

F#m E/G# A/C# D2

25 $F\sharp m$ $E/G\sharp$ $A/C\sharp$ $D2$ $Bm7$ $C\sharp m11$

doth seek to work us — woe; ————— They lure with pow'r so

hmm

S^{va}

30 $F\sharp m$ D $A2/C\sharp$ $Bm7$ $A\text{maj}9/C\sharp$

great, with judge - ment and with hate, ————— Shield us e'er,

hmm

loca *S^{va}* *loco*

34 $D\text{maj}7$ $E\text{sus}4$ p

guard us as thy own. —————

mp

38

E. Gtr.

S. *mp* If we in

A. *mp* If we in

Pno.

41

div.

our own strength con - fide,

our own strength con - fide,

44

our striv - ing would be los - ing.

our striv - ing would be los - ing.

48

E. Gtr. *mp*

T *mp* *div.*
Were not the right Man on our side,

B *mp*
Were not the right Man on our side,

Pno.

52

T *unis.*
The Man of God's own choos - ing.

B
The Man of God's own choos - ing.

Pno.

56

S A *mf*
You ask who this may be?
You ask who

T B *mf*
this may be?

Pno. *mf*

60

Christ Je - sus it is He. Em - man - u - el His

Christ Je - sus it is He. Em - man - u - el His

65

name, from age to age the same; Who was, Who _

name, from age to age the same; Who was, Who _

69

is, Who e'er shall be.

is, Who e'er shall be.

73

E. Gtr. *mf* *mp* *mp*

S Thy Word a -

A *mp* Thy

Pno. *p*

D F#m Esus4 D F#m Esus4

76

E. Gtr. D F#m Esus4

S
bove_ all earth - ly pow'r; Thy Love a - bove_ all

A
Word a - bove_ all earth - ly pow'r; Thy

T
mp Thy Word a - bove_ all pow'r; Thy Love a - bove,

B
mp Thy Word a - bove_ all earth - ly pow'r;

Pno.

79

D F#m Esus4 D F#m Esus4

mf earth - ly pow'r; Thy Hope a - bove_ all

mf Love a - bove_ all earth - ly pow'r; Thy

mf Thy love, Thy

mf Thy Love a - bove. Thy hope a - bove,

mp

82

D F#m Esus4

earth - ly pow'r;

My

Hope a - bove_ all earth - ly pow'r;

hope a - bove;

My

My God a - bove_

84

D F#m Esus4

mf

God a - bove_ all earth - ly pow'r.

all earth - ly pow'r.

God, all earth - ly pow'r.

all earth - ly pow'r.

87

S
A

f

Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; —

T
B

f

Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; —

Pno.

f

91

mf

The bod - y they may kill, God's

mp

The bod - y they may kill, God's

mp

94

mp *f*

truth a - bid - eth still. *div.*

truth a - bid - eth still.

mp

97

ff *f*

The King-dom is for - ev - er. *unis.*

The King-dom is for - ev - er.

ff

D F#m Esus4

101

f *mf*

D F#m Esus4 D F#m Esus4

104

D F#m Esus4

mp

107

p

111

p *pp* *rit.*