

Dedicated to Dr. Willis Henson on his 25th Anniversary
as Pastor of Lone Oak First Baptist Church, Paducah, KY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

SATB, divisi

Martin Luther

Mary McDonald
Based on the hymn
by Martin Luther, 1529



Majestically, not too fast (♩ = 108)

The piano introduction is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic and features a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The music transitions to a fortissimo (f) dynamic and a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) for the final section, which includes a long, sustained chord in the right hand.

Measures 5-8. The vocal parts (SA and TB) enter with a fortissimo (f) dynamic. The lyrics are: "A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady harmonic accompaniment.

Measures 9-12. The vocal parts continue with the lyrics: "ing; Our help-er He, a-mid the". The piano accompaniment features a prominent sustained chord in the right hand during the first measure of this system.

13

flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: For
mf
mel.

17

still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His

mf

21

craft and pow'r are great, And, armed with cru - el hate,

mf

25

On earth is not His e qual.

4

29

mp legato

pedal harmonically

33

SA *mp legato*

Did we in our own

36

strength con - fide,

39

Our striv - ing would be los -

42

5

ing; Were not the

legato
TB *mp*

45

right Man on our side,

48

The Man of God's own

51

choos - ing;

54

Samp

Dost ask who - ev - er that may be?

57

TB *mf* *decresc.*

Christ Je - sus, it a - lone is

60 7

mf

mp *cresc.*

And He must

He; _____

63

win the bat - tle. _____

66

building gradually

69 8

poco rit. *a tempo f*

That word a -

poco rit. *f a tempo*

72

bove — all earth - ly pow'rs —

f

That word a bove — all earth - ly

75 9

No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

pow'rs, — No thanks to

78

The Spir - it and the gifts are
 them, a - bid - eth;

81

ours Thro' Him who
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours

84

with us sid - eth. Let
 who with us sid - eth. Let

mf

87 11

goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al -

90

so; The bod - y they may kill: God's

93 12

poco rit. **Broadly, slower** *f*

truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom

poco rit. **Broadly, slower** *f*