

God Is Our Refuge and Defense  
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God is our refuge and defense;  
In trouble our unfailling aid;  
Secure in His omnipotence,  
What foe can make our souls afraid?

Yea, though the earth's foundations rock,  
And mountains down the gulf be hurled,  
His people smile amid the shock:  
They look beyond this transient world.

There is a river pure and bright,  
Whose streams make glad the heavenly plains;  
Where, in eternity of light,  
The city of our God remains.

Built by the Word of His command,  
With His unclouded presence blest,  
Firm as His throne the bulwarks stand,  
There is our home, our hope, our rest.