

O King of kings, O Lord of hosts

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is in a common time signature. The first staff contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the second staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. A measure number '5' is placed above the fifth measure of the first staff.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features the same two-staff format. The melody in the first staff includes some chromaticism with a sharp sign appearing. The accompaniment in the second staff continues with chords and moving lines. A measure number '10' is placed above the tenth measure of the first staff.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It maintains the two-staff format. The melody in the first staff ends with a quarter note. The accompaniment in the second staff provides a final harmonic support. A measure number '15' is placed above the fifteenth measure of the first staff.

O King of kings, O Lord of hosts, whose throne is lifted high
Above the nations of the earth, the armies of the sky,
The spirits of perfected saints may give their nobler songs
And we, Thy children, worship Thee, to Whom all praise belongs.

Thy hand has hid within our fields treasures of countless worth;
The light, the suns of other years, shine from the depths of earth;
The very dust, inbreathed by Thee, the clods all cold and dead,
Wake into beauty and to life, to give Thy children bread.

Thou Who hast sown the sky with stars, and set Thy thoughts in gold,
Hast crowned our nation's life, and ours, with blessings manifold;
Thy mercies have been numberless; Thy love, Thy grace, Thy care,
Were wider than our utmost need, and higher than our prayer.

O King of kings, O Lord of hosts, our fathers' God and ours!
Be with us in the future years; and if the tempest lowers,
Look through the cloud with light of love, and smile our tears away
And lead us through the brightening years to Heaven's eternal day.

Henry Burton