

Fortress of Faith

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Martial ♩ = 72

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It is marked 'Martial' with a tempo of ♩ = 72. The score is divided into three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) features a percussion intro in the right hand, marked *mf*, and a piano accompaniment in the left hand. The second system (measures 5-9) continues the piano accompaniment, with a *ff* dynamic in the right hand and a *p* dynamic in the left hand. The third system (measures 10-13) includes a vocal line in the right hand and piano accompaniment in the left hand. The lyrics are: 'Once in this place they built a for-tress of strength where the wea - ry tra-vel-er found peace.'

Percussion intro - omit for piano-only performance

mf 1.h.

ff r.h.

p

10 *mp* Once in this place they built a for-tress of strength where the wea - ry tra-vel-er found peace.

10 *mp*

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14

mp

Now I will build a migh - ty for - tress of faith for my - self and for my fa - mi -

17

mf

ly. I will pray _____ and I will read, _____ and God will make _____ a change in

21

f

me. Though the bat - tle may rage out - side this place, We will stand;

25

We will stand strong and safe in His Fort - ress _____ of Faith.

25

Detailed description: This system contains measures 25 through 28. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The key signature has three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab).

29

Detailed description: This system contains measures 29 through 32. It is a piano accompaniment system with a consistent eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The key signature remains three flats.

33

mp

Now in this place there stands a House of the Lord where the pure in heart can find His peace.

33

mp

Detailed description: This system contains measures 33 through 36. The vocal line (treble clef) starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) continues with the eighth-note bass line and chords. The key signature remains three flats.

37

mf

I'll keep the co-ve-nants I make in His House for my - self and for my fa-mi - ly. Armed with

37

mf

41

pow'r _____ and filled with light, we will de - fend _____ what's true and

41

44

f

right. Though the bat - tle may rage out - side this place, We will stand;

44

f

48

A single vocal staff in G minor, 4/4 time. It contains the melody for measures 48 through 51. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

We will stand strong and safe in His Fort - ress _____ of Faith.

48

Piano accompaniment for measures 48-51. The right hand features chords and moving lines, while the left hand provides a steady bass line. A dynamic marking of *mf* is present in measure 51.

52

Piano accompaniment for measures 52-54. The right hand has a series of chords, and the left hand continues with a rhythmic pattern of eighth and quarter notes.

55

Vocal staff for measures 55-58. It begins with a whole rest in measure 55, followed by a dynamic marking of *f* in measure 56. The melody starts in measure 57: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4-A4 (half), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

From His House _____ to ev - ery

55

Piano accompaniment for measures 55-58. It features a complex texture with chords and moving lines in both hands, including a prominent chromatic passage in the right hand starting in measure 56.

58

land, _____ We'll go in faith _____ to teach His plan. *ff* Though the

58

ff

61

bat - tle may rage out - side this place, We will stand; We will stand

61

65

strong and safe in His Fort - ress _____ of Faith. *molto rall.* *a bit slower* We will stand;

65

molto rall. *a bit slower*

69 *tempo I*

We will stand strong and safe in His Fort - ress _____ of Faith. _____

69 *tempo I*
mf

73 *molto rall.*

73 *molto rall.*