

A Mighty Fortress

Words and music (verses) by Martin Luther (adapted by Phil Laeger with Eric Himes)

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INTRO/INTERLUDE: C C Dm7 Dm7 Am7 Am7 F F (2x)

VERSE 1:

C F C Am F G C
A mighty fortress is our God, a stronghold never failing;

C F C Am F G C
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:

G/B D G C G Em7 Am7
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;

Am7 D G F E7
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,

Am7 G Dm7 Dm7 G C
On earth is not his equal.

VERSE 2:

Did 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:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
The Lord of hosts, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

CHORUS:

F G F/A G
If You were not on our side, If You had not bled and died for us

Dm7 Am7 F G C (1x to interlude)
Jesus, what hope would there be for a wretch like me, If You were not on our side

VERSE 3:

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

VERSE 4:

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

BRIDGE:

C F/A
And if God is for us, who can be against us?

C/G F
Who can stand against us with You on our side?