

O Strength and Stay

St. Ambrose (c. 340-97)
tr. J. Ellerton (1826-93) &
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(1823-76)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff an alto clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The key signature is one sharp. The vocal line follows the lyrics:

1. O strength and stay up - hold-ing all cre - a- tion,
2. Grant to life's day a calm un - cloud-ed end_ ing,
3. Hear us, O Fa - ther, grac-ious and for - giv- ing,
Who ev - er An eve un - Through Je - sus

dost thy - self un - moved a - bide, Yet day by day the
touched by sha-dows of de - cay, The bright-ness of a
Christ thy co - e - ter - nal Word, Who with the Ho - ly

light in due gra - da- tion From hour to hour through all its chang-es guide;
ho - ly death - bed blend- ing With dawn-ing glo - ries of th'e - ter - nal day.
Ghost by all things liv- ing Now and to end - less a-ges art a - dored.