

# A Shelter in the Time of Storm

Vernon John Charlesworth, 1839–1915  
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## VERSE 1 *Deliberate* (♩ = ca. 78)

**Soloist** *p* **All**

1. The Lord's our rock and in him we abide: a shelter in the time of storm.

4 **Soloist**

1. He bids us come and with him abide: a shelter in the time of storm.

## REFRAIN: All

*mp* 9

Oh, my Je - sus is a ref - uge in a wea - ry land, a

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wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, Oh, my Je - sus is a ref - uge in a

14

wea - ry land, a ref - uge in the time of storm.

## VERSE 2

**Soloist** *p* 17 **All**

2. A shade by day, a de - fense by night: a shel - ter in the

**Soprano** *p*

a shel - ter in the

**Alto**

a shel - ter, Hm,

**Tenor**

a shel - ter in the

**Bass** *p*

a shel - ter, a shel - ter,

20 **Soloist**

2. time of storm. \_\_\_\_\_ No fears a - larm, and no  
 time of storm. \_\_\_\_\_  
 shel - ter in the time of storm. Hm,  
 time of, the time  
 shel - ter in the time of storm.

22 **All**

2. foes af - fright: \_\_\_\_\_ a shel - ter in the time of storm. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ ter in the time of storm. \_\_\_\_\_

**REFRAIN: All**  
**S/A unison**  
*mp*

25  
 Oh, my Je - sus is a ref - uge in a wea - ry land, \_\_\_\_\_ a  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*mp*  
**T/B unison**

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wea - ry land, \_\_\_\_\_ a wea - ry land; \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, my Je - sus is a

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ref-uge in a wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm. \_\_\_\_\_

VERSE 3

Soloist *mf* 33 All

3. The rag - ing storms may a - round us beat: \_\_\_\_\_ a shel - ter in the

*mp* a shel - ter in the

Oo, \_\_\_\_\_ a shel - ter,

*mp* a shel - ter in the

a shel - ter,

36 Soloist

3. time of storm. \_\_\_\_\_ We'll nev - er leave our \_\_\_\_\_

time of storm. \_\_\_\_\_

shel - ter in the time of storm. Oo, \_\_\_\_\_

time of, the time of storm \_\_\_\_\_

shel - ter in the time of storm. \_\_\_\_\_

38 **All**

3. safe re - treat: \_\_\_ a shel - ter in the time of storm. \_\_\_

\_\_\_ a shel - ter the time of storm. \_\_\_

**REFRAIN: All**

*mf* 41

Oh, my Je - sus, \_\_\_ ref - uge, wea - ry land,

**T/B unison (Melody)**

*mf*

Oh, my Je - sus is a \_\_\_ uge in a wea - ry land, \_\_\_ a

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wea - ry \_\_\_ land, \_\_\_ a wea - ry land; \_\_\_ Oh, my Je - sus, \_\_\_

wea - ry land, \_\_\_ a wea - ry land; \_\_\_ Oh, my Je - sus is a

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ref - uge, wea - ry land, shel - ter in the storm.

ref-uge in a wea - ry land, shel - ter in the time of storm.

VERSE 4

Soloist *mf* 49 All

4. O rock di - vine, and ref - uge dear: a shel - ter in the

*mp* a shel - ter in the

Ah, a shel - ter,

*mp* a shel - ter in the

a shel - ter,

52 Soloist

4. time of storm. Come, be our Help - er who's

time of storm.

shel - ter in the time of storm.

Ah,

time of, the time of storm.

shel - ter in the time of storm.

54 **All**

4. ev - er near: \_\_\_ a shel - ter in the time of storm. \_\_\_

a shel - ter the time of storm. \_\_\_

**REFRAIN: All**

*f* 57

Oh, my Je - sus is ref - uge in a wea - ry land, \_\_\_ a

*f*

59

wea - ry land, \_\_\_ a wea - ry land. Oh, my Je - sus is a ref - uge in a

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*ff*

wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm. \_\_\_

*sub. p* *rall.*

*ff* *sub. p* *rall.*

## Assembly Edition

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Verses

Soloist All

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 2. A shade by day a - fense night: a shel-ter in the  
 3. The rag - ing storms may - round beat: a shel-ter in the  
 4. O rock di - vine and our ref - uge dear: a shel-ter in the

Soloist All

1. time of storm. He bids us come and with him a - bide: a  
 2. time of storm. No fears a - larm and no foes af - fright: a  
 3. time of storm. We'll nev - er leave our safe re - treat: a  
 4. time of storm. Come, be our Help - er who's ev - er near: a

1-3 to Refrain 4

1-3. shel-ter in the time of storm. Oh, my  
 4. shel-ter in the time of storm. Oh, my

Refrain: All

Je - sus is a ref - uge in a wea - ry land, a  
 wea - ry land, a wea - ry land; Oh, my Je - sus is a  
 ref - uge in a wea - ry land; a shel - ter in the time of storm.

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## Composer Notes

“A Shelter in the Time of Storm” would be most appropriately sung in celebrations emphasizing the trustworthiness, mercy and compassion of God in Christ. It could serve in various celebrations of the Rite of Christian Initiation (Adults): when inquirers are accepted as catechumens, at individual catechumenal sessions, when catechumens are designated as the elect, and in the various rites directly preparing the elect for full initiation (perhaps especially at the three Scrutinies). It could serve as an anthem during the Preparation of the Gifts or in the time after Communion at Mass. Its strongest use might be in celebrations of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, at wake services, during funerals, or at graveside.

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