

Gene Wolfe (1931-2019)

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Robert Pirkola — 16 Apr 2019, 20:56

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Ab de Vos — 16 Apr 2019, 23:05 · in reply to Robert Pirkola

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John Barach — 16 Apr 2019, 23:12 · follows Ab de Vos

These lines are from Isaac Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 90, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," sometimes "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (depending on your hymnal):

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,

From everlasting Thou art God,

To endless years the same. A thousand ages in Thy sight
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watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
Time, like an ever rolling stream, Bears all its
sons away; They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day. Our God, our help in ages
past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

John

-----Original Message-----

From: Ab de Vos <foxyab at casema.nl>
To: urth <urth at lists.urth.net>
Sent: Tue, Apr 16, 2019 6:06 pm
Subject: Re: (urth) Gene Wolfe (1931-2019)

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Fernando Gouvea — 16 Apr 2019, 23:22 · in reply to Ab de Vos

And, of course, a stanza of a famous hymn.

Fernando

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