

For the Strength of the Hills

1. For the strength of the hills we bless Thee, Our God, our fa - ther's God;
2. At the hands of the foul op - press - ors, We've borne and suf - fered long;
3. Thou hast led us here in safe - ty, Where the moun - tain bul - wark stands,
4. For the shad - ow of Thy pres - ence, Our camp of rock o'er - spread;

Thou hast made Thy chil - dren might - y, By the touch of the moun-tain sod;
Thou hast been our help in weak - ness, And Thy pow'r hath made us strong;
As the guar - dian of the loved ones Thou hast brought from ma - ny lands;
For the can - yon's rug - ged de - files, And the beet - ling crags o'er-head;

Thou hast led Thy cho - sen Is - ra - el To free-dom's last a - bode—
'Mid ruth - less foes, out - num - ered, In wear - i - ness we trod;
For the rock and for the riv - er, The val - ley's fer - tile sod;
For the snows and for the tor - rents, And for our bur - ial sod;

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