

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

REFORMATION

Words: Martin Luther, 1541. Translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1863.
Music: 'Erhalt Uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort' from Klug's "Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert", 1543.
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♩ = 120

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 120. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final two lines. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

1. Lord, keep us stead-fast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword
2. Lord Je-sus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, For Thou art Lord of lords a--lone;
3. O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and u-ni-ty on earth.

Would wrest the king-dom from Thy Son And set at naught all He hath done.
De--fend Thy Christ-en-dom that we May ev-er-more sing praise to Thee.
Sup--port us in our fi-nal strife And lead us out of death to life.