

656 - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Key: C major
Meter: 4/4

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*Last stanza setting and choral ending
by David Winkler*

INTRO **Am | Em C | Dm G C**

VERSE 1

C G Am G Em C Dm G C
A | mighty fortress | is our God, A | bulwark never | fail- ing;

C G Am G Em C Dm G C
Our | helper He, a- | mid the flood Of | mortal ills pre- | vail- ing;

C G D G C G F Am
For | still our an- cient | foe Doth | seek to work us | woe;

E Am D G F F A E
His | craft and power are | great, And, | armed with cruel | hate,

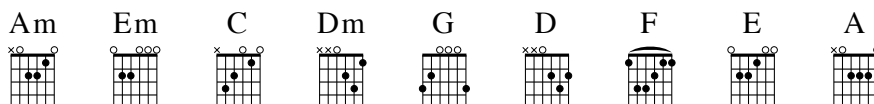
Am Em C Dm G C
On | earth is not his | e- qual.

TURN-
AROUND **Am | Em C | Dm G C**

VERSE 2 Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

VERSE 3 And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure: One little word shall fell him.

VERSE 4 That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.



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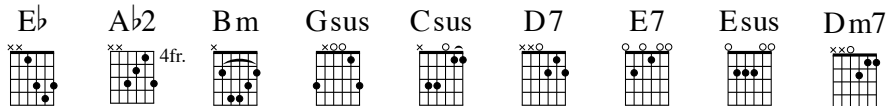
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VERSE 4

C **C** **G** **C** **D** **G**
 That | word above all | earthly | powers,
C **G** **F** **C** **A** **Dm** **Gsus** **Csus** **C**
 No | thanks to them, a- | bid- | eth;
C **D7** **G** **C** **D** **Gsus** **G**
 The | Spir- it and the | gifts are | ours
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C **G** **D** **Gsus** **G**
 Let | goods and kin- dred | go,
C **C** **F** **E7** **Am**
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E **Am** **D** **G** **Gsus** **G**
 The | body they may | kill;
F **F** **Esus** **E**
 God's | truth abideth | still:
Am **G** **F** **C** **Dm** **G** **C**
 His | king- dom is for- | ev- er.

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F **Csus** **F** **Dm7** **G** **C**
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