

# Lighten Our Darkness

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Ligh-ten our dark-ness Lord we pray, (we pray,) and in your mer-cy de-fend — us from all pe-rils and dan-gers of this night, for the love of your on-ly Son, our savi-our Je-sus Christ, A — men, A — men, A — men, A — men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some performance markings like slurs and accents in the piano part.

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