

# God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

TEXT: Daniel C. Roberts, 1876, *for the Centennial Fourth of July;*  
*served as hymn for the Centennial of the Constitution.*

MUSIC: National Hymn, George W. Warren, 1888, *for the Centennial of the*  
*Constitution.*

*This hymn has become a staple of U.S. Presidential Inaugurations.*

God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast,  
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.