

### WISDOM'S AGED SONG<sup>i</sup>

1. In my old age, my God, I take my final stand, for my last refuge is in you.
2. You are for me a mountain fortress set high upon a rock, your presence my surrounding walls, your transcendence all the safety that I need.
3. With this around me let me never be ashamed, as you correct the balances of life that restore and save the world.
4. In this way, God, you deliver me from every evil and its oppressive force and those who use its power to enslave or cripple me.
5. For in you alone there's hope in life, which since my youth I've known.
6. And from the moment of my birth that hope has been my strength, and made it possible in the midst of all that is, to offer praise.

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<sup>i</sup> NOTE:

1. There is no denial of the realities of life in light of human limitation, but neither is there a loss of faith in spite of great tragedy.
2. There is an awareness that in all God does, the focus is to restore the balance which save the world. This theme is stated in verse 3. This idea of balanced relationship translates the traditional word "righteousness" which, again, means right-relatedness: things in right relationship to one another.

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