

# AMNS 285 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

Melody: St. Matthew

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1. Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;  
2. And lo, thy touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight;  
3. Be thou our great de - liv - 'rer still, thou Lord of life and death;

it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death, o'er dark-ness and the grave:  
and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed owned thee, the Lord of light:  
re - store and quick-en, soothe and bless, with thine al - might - y breath:

to thee they went, the blind, the dumb, the pal - sied and the lame,  
and now, O Lord, be near to bless, al - might - y as of yore,  
to hands that work, and eyes that see, give wis - dom's heav'n - ly lore,

the lep - er with his taint - ed life, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
in crowd - ed street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - ne - sa - reth's shore.  
that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes three numbered verses. The subsequent systems continue the lyrics, with some lines being common to all verses.