

O God, When We Face Trouble

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Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. O God, when we face trou - ble, when we need help and care,
2. *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the occasion)*
3. You teach us to be neigh - bors; you teach us what is true—

you reach to us through oth - ers who lis - ten, love and share.
that when we're help - ing oth - ers, we're al - so serv - ing you.

You send us now to neigh - bors with trou - bles of their own.
God, as we share with oth - ers, use all these gifts, we pray,

May they know, through our la - bors, that they are not a - lone.
to help our hurt - ing neigh - bors look toward a bet - ter day.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system includes three numbered stanzas. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

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Hygiene Kits

We give these kits for hygiene
with basic things like soap.
We put in combs and band-aids
for health care and for hope.
At borders and in shelters,
God, may these items be
a sign of love and friendship,
and shared humanity.

Emergency Cleanup Buckets

We give these kits for cleaning—
these buckets and supplies,
for more and more, we're seeing
storms rage and waters rise.
When flooding has receded,
God, may these buckets bear
supplies to use and also,
the promise: Neighbors care!

School Kits

We give these gifts of School Kits;
they're filled with simple things
like pencils, crayons, notebooks.
What joy a school bag brings!
The gift of education
begins with basic tools.
May these help youth and children
succeed and thrive in schools.

Welcome Backpacks

We give these Welcome Backpacks
for those who've fled in fear,
for neighbors just arriving
have few possessions here.
May snacks and pens and blankets
and water bottles, too,
give struggling people courage
as they begin anew.

Period Packs (Menstrual Hygiene Kits)

We give these gifts for hygiene—
these Period Pack supplies.
When things like Pads are lacking,
it complicates young lives.
When women have no money,
when girls are forced to flee,
may these gifts be a blessing
for health and dignity.