Lead on, O King eternal Hymnal 1982 no. 555 Melody: Lancashire 7 6. 7 6. D.



Lead on, O King eternal,

the day of march has come;

henceforth in fields of conquest

thy tents shall be our home:

through days of preparation

thy grace has made us strong,

and now, O King eternal,

we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,

till sin’s fierce war shall cease,

and holiness shall whisper

the sweet amen of peace;

for not with swords loud clashing,

nor roll of stirring drums,

but deeds of love and mercy,

the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal:

we follow, not with fears;

for gladness breaks like morning

where-e’er thy face appears.

Thy cross is lifted o’er us;

we journey in its light:

the crown awaits the conquest;

lead on, O God of might!

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