

Lift every voice and sing

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Introduction

The introduction is written for piano in 6/8 time, featuring a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the right hand, consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

This system continues the piano accompaniment from the introduction, spanning measures 4 through 7. It maintains the same 6/8 time signature and key signature, with the right hand playing chords and moving lines, and the left hand providing a consistent rhythmic foundation.

This system contains the vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the first three lines of the hymn, starting at measure 8. The vocal line is written in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned under the vocal notes.

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod, felt in the
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

This system continues the piano accompaniment for the second line of the hymn, spanning measures 12 through 15. It follows the same musical notation as the previous systems, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

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har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
 days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
 brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

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high as the lis - t'ning skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing
 have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our par - ents
 led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the path, we

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sea. sighed? pray. Sing We Lest a have our song come feet full of the o - ver a faith that the dark past has way that with tears has been stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

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taught us; wa - tered; met thee; sing a we have lest, our song full of the come, tread - ing our hearts drunk with the hope that the pres - ent has path through the blood of the wine of the world, we for -

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brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

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day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.