

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lyrics

Verse 1

Lift every voice and sing 'til earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmony of liberty
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Verse 2

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past, 'til now we stand at last
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

Verse 3

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who hast by Thy might led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand
True to our God, true to our native land.