

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod,  
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty;  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

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Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o-ver a way that with tears has been wa-tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac-es, our God, where we met thee;

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

fac-ing the ris-ing sun of our new day be-gun,  
out from the gloom-y past, till now we stand at last  
shad-owed be-neath thy hand, may we for-ev-er stand,

let us march on till vic-to-ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na-tive land.