

# Prepare the Royal Highway

## Oh, Sing to God a New Song

Unison/Two-Part Voices and Keyboard

F. M. Franzén, 1772-1847;  
tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978  
Psalm 96: 1-4; para. H. H. H.

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN  
Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.  
Setting by Hal H. Hopson

With brightness (♩ = ca. 69)

Keyboard *mf*

3 Voice II *mf*

Pre - pare the roy - al  
Oh, sing to God a

6 high - way; The King of kings is near! Let  
new song, Oh, sing a joy - ful song. Come

9 ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap -  
bless God's name most ho - ly; Tell forth sal - va - tion's

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a keyboard part and a voice part. The keyboard part is marked *mf* and features a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes. The voice part is marked *mf* and includes lyrics in Swedish and English. The score is divided into three systems, with measures 3, 6, and 9 marked at the beginning of each system. The lyrics are: 'Pre - pare the roy - al Oh, sing to God a high - way; The King of kings is near! Let new song, Oh, sing a joy - ful song. Come ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - bless God's name most ho - ly; Tell forth sal - va - tion's'.

When sung by SA voices, Part I may be sung by a soloist or ensemble, Part II by all voices.

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12 *f*

pear! Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore -  
 might. De - clare God's deeds of mer - cy, God's

15

told in sa - cred sto - ry: Ho -  
 mar - v'lous works to ev - 'ry land; For

17

san - na to the Lord, For he ful - fills God's  
 great is God the Lord, For great is God the

20

Word!  
 Lord.

pare — the way. Sing al - le - lu - ia, he — is near. Pre -  
 joy - ful song. Sing al - le - lu - ia, praise — the Lord. Sing

val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear! — Then  
 ho - ly; Tell forth sal - va - tion's might. — De -

pare, — sing al - le - lu - ia.  
 praise, — sing praise to the Lord.

greet the King of glo - - - ry, Fore -  
 clare God's deeds of mer - - - cy, God's

Al - le - lu - ia, he is near.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord.

told in sa - cred sto - - - ry: Ho -  
 mar - v'lous works — to ev - - - 'ry land; For

*ff*

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*ff* *rit.*

Al - le - lu - ia, he is near. He is  
 Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord. Praise the

san - na to the Lord, For he ful - fills God's  
 great is God the Lord, For great is God the

*ff* *rit.*

59

*a tempo*

near.  
 Lord.

*a tempo*

Word!  
 Lord.

*a tempo* *f*

62

*rit.*