

# Lift Every Voice and Sing

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1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and Heav - en ring, Ring with the  
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - ening rod, Felt in the  
3. God of our wear - y years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou Who hast

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the  
days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y beat, have not our  
brought us thus far on the way; Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us in -

lis - tening skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a  
wear - y feet, Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed? We have  
- to the light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our

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

song full of the hope that the pre - sent has brought us; Fac - ing the  
 come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered; Out from the  
 hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get Thee. Sha - dowed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to -  
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last Where the white gleam of our bright  
 - neath Thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our

- ry is won.  
 star is cast.  
 na - tive land.