

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE (Irregular)

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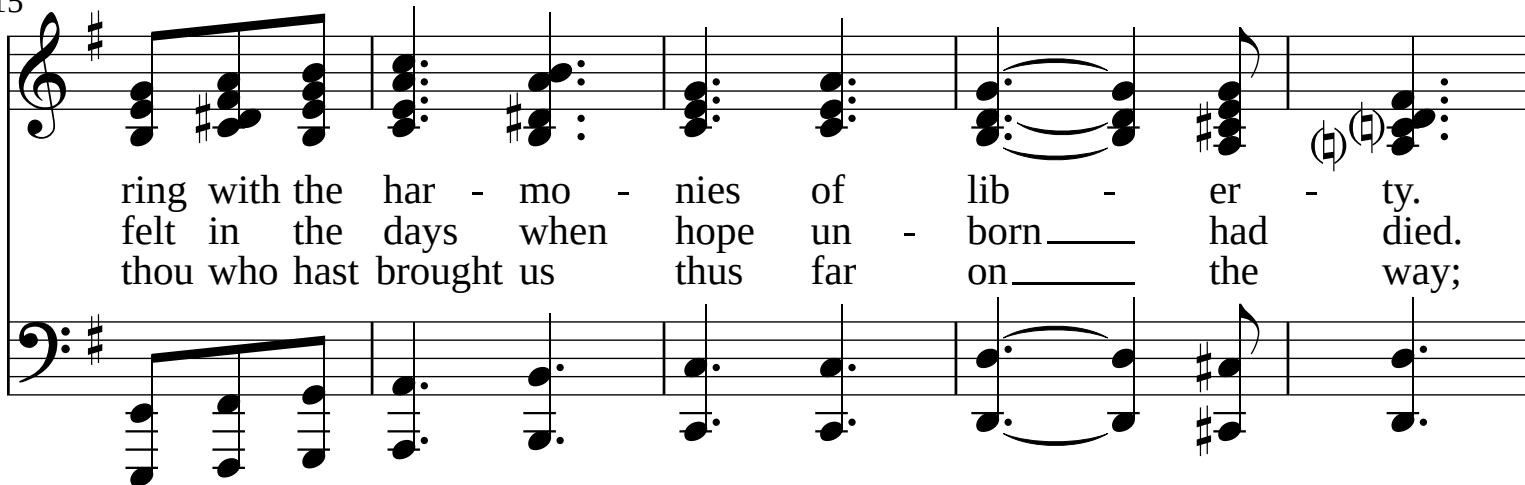
Verse

The first system of the verse consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and contains a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and contains a bass line with quarter and eighth notes, often playing chords.

The second system of the verse continues the musical notation from the first system, maintaining the same key signature and rhythmic patterns.

The third system of the verse includes lyrics and musical notation. The lyrics are: Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod, God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears.

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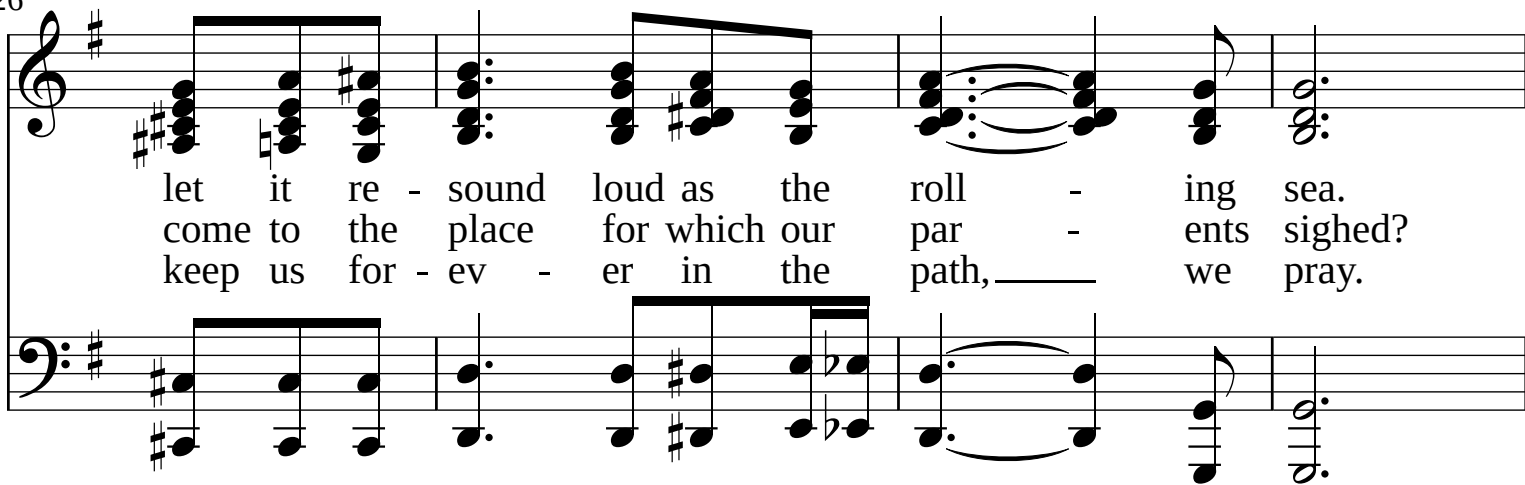
ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died.
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

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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,

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let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents 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
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we

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taught us; sing a song full of the
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the

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hope that the pres - ent has brought us.
 path through the blood of the slaugh - - tered,
 wine of the world, we for get thee;

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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,

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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.