

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Key of G

James Weldon Johnson(poem, 1900), J. Rosamond Johnson (music 1905)

Verse 1:

G7 C E7 Am
Lift ev'ry voice and sing
C G7 Am
'Til earth and hea-ven ring
Dm F C G7
Ring with the harmon-ies of Liber-ty
C E7 A7
Let our re-joi-cing rise
Dm E7 F
High as the list 'ning skies
C G7 C
Let it re-sound loud as the rolling sea
C Am G7
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
C Ab C Gdim7 G7
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
C E7 A7 Dm E7 F
Facing the ri- sing sun of our new day be- gun
C G7 F C
Let us march on 'til victo- ry is won

Verse 2:

G7 C E7 Am
Stony the road we trod
C G7 Am
Bitter the chast' ning rod
Dm F C G7
Felt in the days when hope un- born had died
C E7 A7
Yet with a stead- y beat
Dm E7 F
Have not our wear- y feet
C G7 C
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
C Am G7
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
C Ab C Gdim7 G7
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaugh- -tered

C E7 A7
 Out from the gloom- y past
 Dm E7 F
 'Til now we stand at last
 C G7 C
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

Verse 3:

G7 C
 God of our weary years
 C G7 Am
 God of our si- lent tears
 Dm F C G7
 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
 C E7 A7
 Thou who has by Thy might
 Dm E7 F
 Led us in to the light
 C G7 C
 Keep us for- ever in the path, we pray
 C Am G7
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
 C Ab C Gdim7 G7
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for- get Thee
 C E7 A7
 Shadowed be- neath Thy hand
 Dm E7 F
 May we for- ev- er stand
 C
 True to our God
 G7 C
 True to our native land