

## **James Weldon Johnson**

### **"Lift Every Voice And Sing"**

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Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and  
Heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of  
Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise,  
High as  
The list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the  
Rolling sea  
Sing a song full of faith that the  
Dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of  
The hope that the present has brought  
Us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day  
Begun,  
Let us march on till victory is  
Won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the  
Chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the day that hope  
Unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady  
Beat,  
Have not our weary feet,  
Come to the  
Place on which our fathers sighed?  
We have  
Come over a way that with tears has been  
Watered,  
We have come, treading our path  
Through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from  
The gloomy past, till now we stand at  
Last  
Where the white gleam of our star is  
Cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of

Our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus  
Far on the way;  
Thou who has by thy  
Might,  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us  
Forever in the path, we pray  
Lest our feet  
Stray from the places, our God, where we met  
Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of  
The world, we forget thee,  
Shadowed beneath the  
Hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our  
God,  
True to our native land

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