

Lift Every Voice and Sing

(Known as the Black National Anthem)

lyrics: James Weldon Johnson 1871-1938

music: John Rosemond Johnson 1873-1954

Harp in C: Play alternate tune notes to avoid any lever flips. Or tune first E and B above middle C flat, and use levers for accidentals.

All Harps: Chords in parentheses () are optional. For chords marked "omit3" leave out the third of the chord to avoid accidentals.

♩ = 60

(D7) G (B7 omit3) Em G (B7 omit3)

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, 'til earth and Heav - en
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
3. God of our wear - y years, God of our si - lent

5 Em Am (B7 omit3) C (Am) G

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er
rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
tears, Thou Who has brought us thus far on the

9 D7 G E7 omit3 Am (B7 omit3)

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - ten - ing
died; Yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
way; Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us in - to the

13 C G D7 G

skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet, Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

17 G Em (Em) D7

Sing a song, full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
We have come, ov - er a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we met Thee.

21 G C omit3 (C omit3) G

Sing a song, full of the hope that the pre - sent has brought
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

25 D7 G E7 omit3 Am (B7 omit3)

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered. Out from the gloom - y past 'til now we stand at
Thee. Sha - dowed be - neath Thy hand, may we for - ev - er

29 C G D7 G

gun, Let us march on 'til vic - to - ry is won.
last, Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.