


Lift Every Voice and Sing

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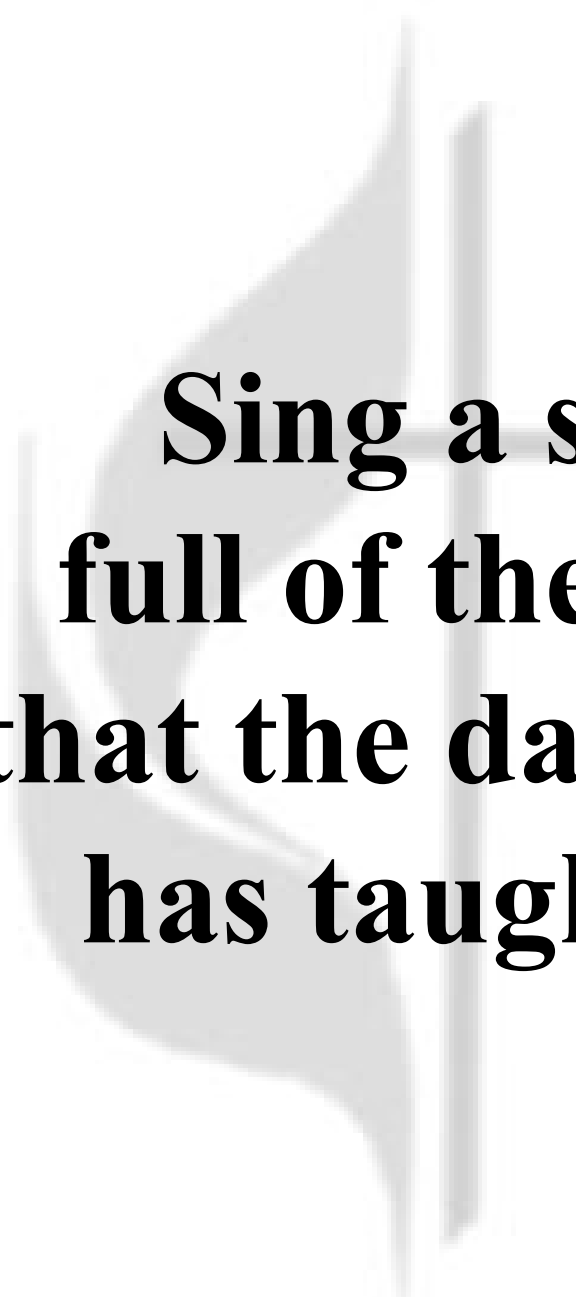
WORDS: James Weldon Johnson, 1921

**1. Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies
of liberty;**

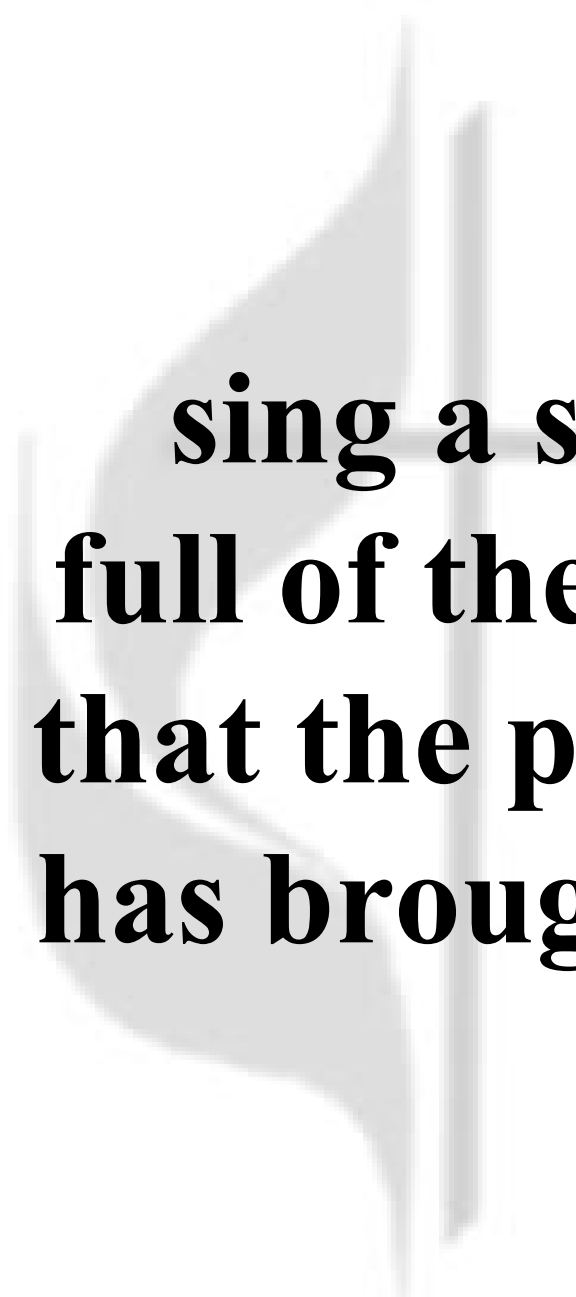
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**let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies,
let it resound
loud as the rolling sea.**



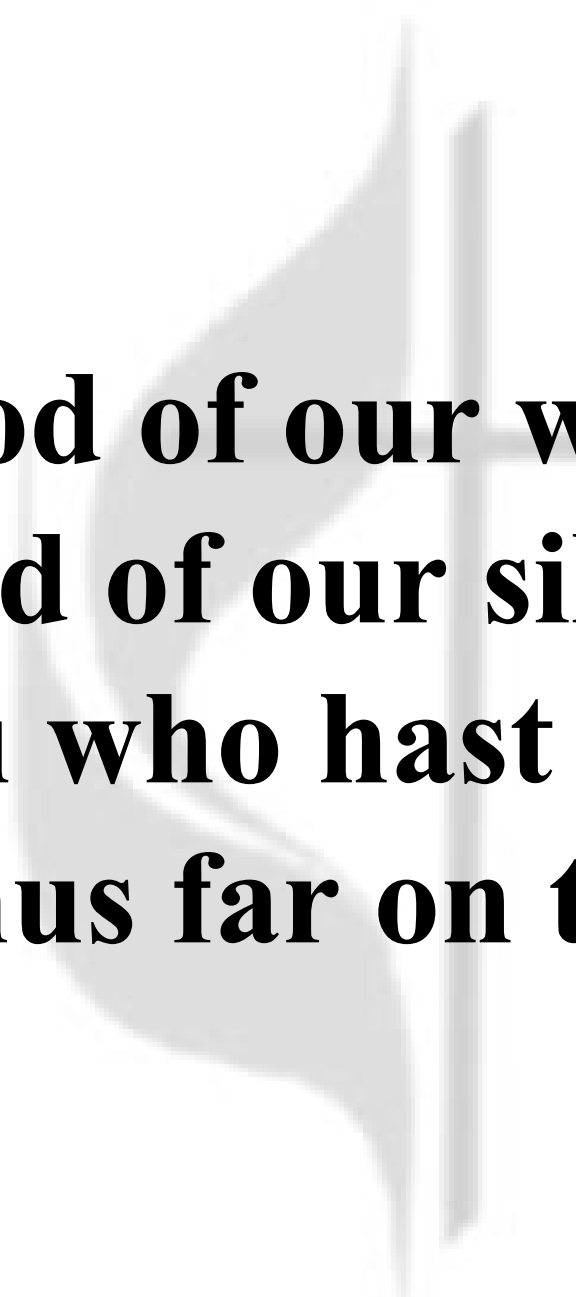
**Sing a song
full of the faith
that the dark past
has taught us;**



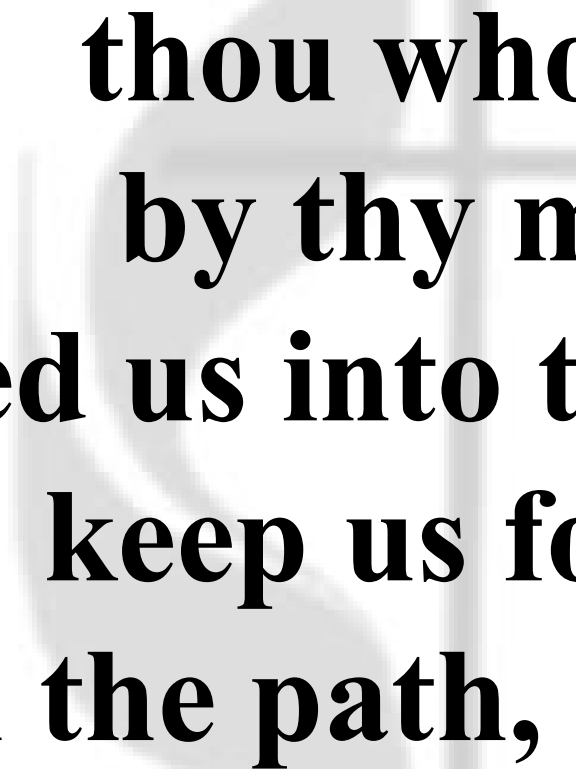
**sing a song
full of the hope
that the present
has brought us;**




**facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on
till victory is won.**



**3. God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us
thus far on the way;**



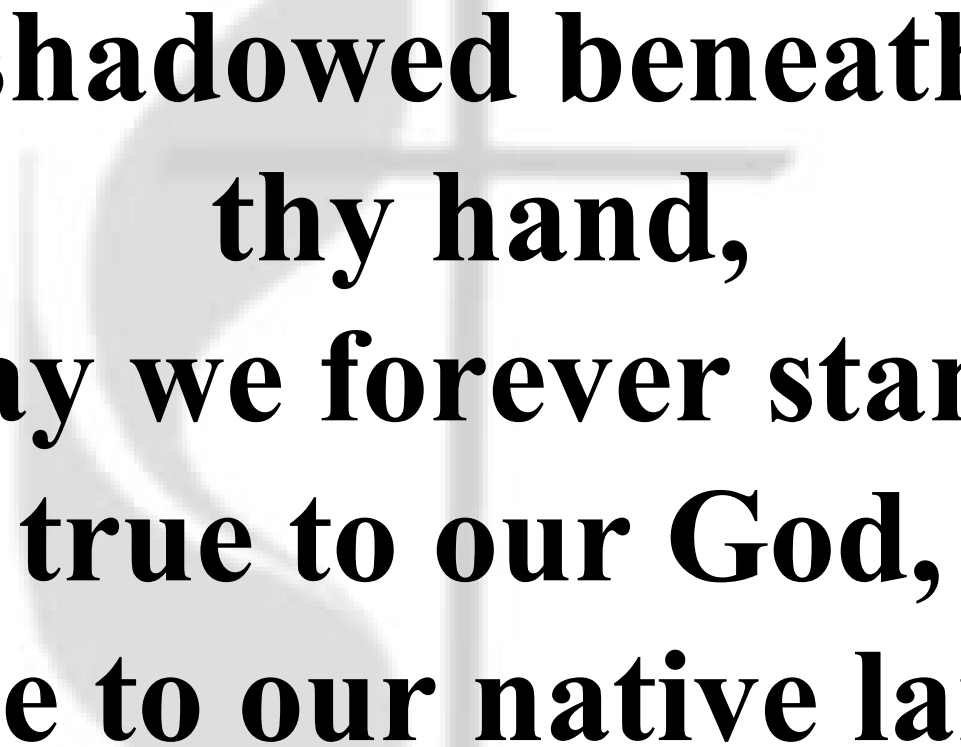
**thou who hast
by thy might
led us into the light,
keep us forever
in the path, we pray.**



**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
thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God,
true to our native land.**