

# 351 - Lift Every Voice and Sing

JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Key: G major  
Meter: 6/8

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INTRO **D | G B7 | E | Am B | C C#dim7 | G/D | D7 | G | G**

VERSE 1 **D G B7 Em G/D D#dim7 Em**  
Lift every | voice and | sing, till earth and | heav- en | ring,

**Am B C G/D D7**  
Ring with the | har- mo- | nies of | liber- | ty;

**D G B7 E Am B C**  
Let our re- | joic- ing | rise, high as the | list'- ning | skies,

**C#dim7 G/D D7 G G**  
Let it re- | sound loud as the | roll- ing | sea.

**G Em Em D**  
| Sing a | song full of the | faith that the dark past has | taught us,

**G Cm Cm G G#dim7 D7**  
| Sing a | song full of the | hope that the present has | brought | us;

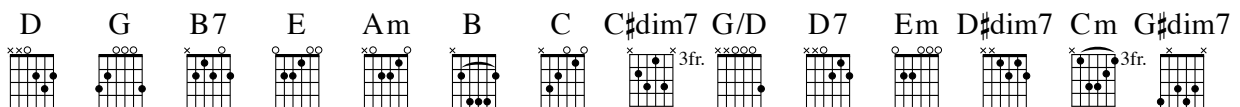
**D G B7 E Am B C**  
Facing the | ris- ing | sun of our new | day be- | gun,

**C#dim7 G/D D7 G G G**  
Let us march | on till victo- | ry is | won. |

TURN-  
AROUND **G/D | D7 | G | G**

VERSE 2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet Come to the place for 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 bright star is cast.

VERSE 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;  
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