

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Piano Solo (vocals optional)

Words by JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Music by J. ROSAMOND JOHNSON

Arranged by David Winkler

With strength (♩ = 54)

The first system of music is in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and triplets. The system concludes with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and the lyrics "Lift ev-'ry".

The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth notes, and the left hand has a bass line with quarter notes. The lyrics "voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the" are written below the staff.

The third system continues the piano accompaniment. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth notes, and the left hand has a bass line with quarter notes. The lyrics "har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re -" are written below the staff.

The fourth system continues the piano accompaniment. The right hand has a melodic line with eighth notes, and the left hand has a bass line with quarter notes. The lyrics "joic - ing rise, high as the li - st'ning— skies, Let it re -" are written below the staff.

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sound loud as the roll - ing sea.

21 *mp*

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

25

mf Sing a song full of the *cresc. e rit.* hope that the pres - ent has *f ritard.* brought

29 *grandly*

us; *ff* Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -

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33

gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.

37

opt. Fine

mf

ritard.

41

(optional - stop on downbeat and omit the arpeggios)

mp

rapido e facile

8va

Red.

Author and poet James Weldon Johnson wrote the lyrics to "Lift Every Voice and Sing" in 1900, on the occasion of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. His brother, Rosamond, wrote the music. The song became immensely popular in the black community, and became known as the "Negro National Anthem." For additional verses, please consult a hymnal.