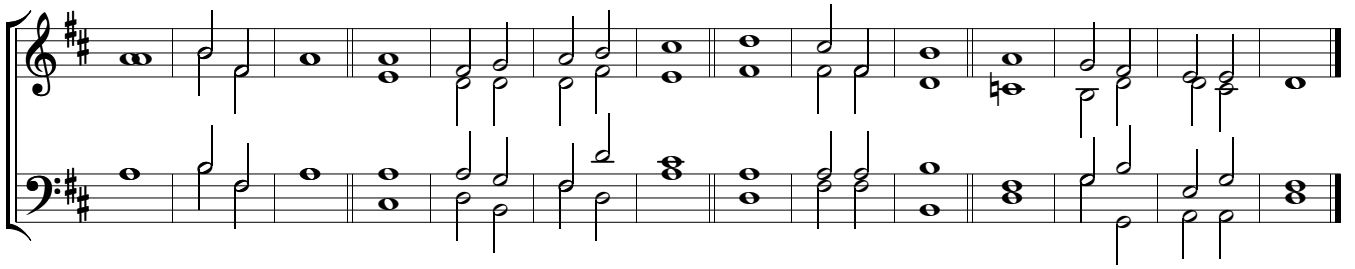


The foe behind, the deep before (I)

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1. The foe behind, the | deep be-fore, || Our hosts have | dared and | past the | sea: ||
And Pharaoh's warriors | strew the | shore, || And Israel's | ransomed | tribes are | free.

2. Lift up, lift up your | voices | now! || The whole wide | world re-joices | now! ||
The Lord hath triumphed | glorious-ly: || The Lord shall | reign vic-torious-ly!

3. Happy morrow, turning sorrow into | peace and | mirth! ||
Bondage ending, Love de-scending | o'er the | earth! ||
Seals assuring, guards securing, watch His | earthly | prison: ||
Seals are shattered, guards are | scattered, | Christ hath | risen!

4. No longer must the | mourners | weep, || Nor call de-parted | Christians | dead, ||
For death is hallowed | into | sleep, || And every | grave be-comes a | bed.

5. Now, once more, Eden's door open stands to | mortal | eyes: ||
For Christ hath | risen, and | man shall | rise. ||
Now at last, old things past, Hope and joy and | peace be-gin: ||
For Christ hath | won, and | man shall | win.

6. It is not exile, | rest on | high: || It is not | sadness, | peace from | strife: ||
To fall asleep is | not to | die: || To dwell with | Christ is | better | life.

7. Where our banner leads us, we may | safely | go. ||
Where our Chief precedes us, | we may | face the | foe. ||
His right arm is o'er us, He our | guide will | be. ||
Christ hath gone before us: | Christians, | follow | ye!

8. He shall soon deliver from | every | woe; || Alleluia, | if His | paths ye | tread.||
Pleasures, as a river, shall | round you | flow, || Alleluia, | when ye | see your | Head.

9. With loins upgirt, and | staff in | hand, || And hasty | mein and | sandalled | feet, ||
Around the Paschal | feast we | stand, || And of the | Paschal | Lamb we | eat.

10. So shall He collect us, direct us, protect us, from | Egypt's | strand: ||
So shall He precede us, and feed us, and | lead us to | Canaan's| land. ||
Toils and foes assailing, friends quailing, hearts failing, shall | threat in | vain: ||
If He be providing, presiding, and | guiding to | Him a-gain.

11. Christ our Leader, Monarch, Pleader, Interceder, praise we and a - dore:

Exultation, veneration, gratulation, bring - ing e - ver - more.

12. Once de - spis'd, and once re - jected, was this Stone: that now e - le-cted, To a

Cor-ner-stone per - fe-cted As a glo-rious tro-phy stands e - re-cted. A - men.