

15. Lift Every Voice and Sing

Words by James Weldon Johnson, 1899

Music by John Rosamond Johnson, 1900

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D G B7 Em G/D D#dim Em

Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring. Ring with the

Am B7 C Am/C D7 G B7 E7

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the

Am B C C#dim G/D D7 G

list - 'ning _____ skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.

N.C.

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

G G#dim

Sing a song full of the hope that the pre - sent has brought

D7 G B7 E7 Am B

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

C C#dim G/D D7 G

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

"Known by many as the Negro National Anthem, 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' has stirred souls for over a century. One of the lines that resonates with me the most is, 'Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us...' What has the dark past taught you in your fight for equity and justice?" - Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, co-editor

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