

Go forward, Christian soldier

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The first system of musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody in the treble clef begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass clef accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern. A measure rest of 5 is indicated above the final measure of this system.

The second system continues the piano accompaniment from measure 6 to 9. The treble clef melody continues with quarter notes D5, E5, and F5. The bass clef accompaniment maintains its rhythmic pattern. A measure rest of 1 is indicated above the final measure of this system.

The third system covers measures 10 to 14. The treble clef melody includes quarter notes G5, F5, and E5. The bass clef accompaniment continues with eighth notes. A measure rest of 1 is indicated above the final measure of this system.

The fourth system covers measures 15 to 18. The treble clef melody features quarter notes D5, C5, and B-flat4. The bass clef accompaniment concludes with a final chord. A measure rest of 1 is indicated above the final measure of this system.

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Beneath His banner true:
The Lord Himself, thy leader,
Shall all thy foes subdue.
His love foretells thy trials;
He knows thine hourly need;
He can with bread of Heaven
Thy fainting spirit feed.

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Fear not the secret foe;
Far more o'er thee are watching
Than human eyes can know:
Trust only Christ, thy captain;
Cease not to watch and pray;
Heed not the treacherous voices
That lure thy soul astray.

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Nor dream of peaceful rest,
Till Satan's host is vanquished
And Heav'n is all possessed;
Till Christ Himself shall call thee
To lay thine armor by,
And wear in endless glory
The crown of victory.

Go forward, Christian soldier,
Fear not the gath'ring night:
The Lord has been thy shelter;
The Lord will be thy Light.
When morn His face revealeth,
Thy dangers are all past:
O pray that faith and virtue
May keep thee to the last!

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