Forward Be Our Watchword

Soprano Descant

1. Forward! be our watch-word, steps and voices joined;
2. Forward! flock of Jesus, salt of all the earth,
3. Glories upon glories hath our God prepared,
4. Far o'er yon horizon rise the city towers
5. To the Father's glory loudest anthems raise;

seek the things before us, not a look behind;
till each yearning purpose spring to glorious birth;
by the souls that love him one day to be shared;
where our God abideth; that fair home is ours:
to the Son and Spirit echo songs of praise;

burns the fiery pillar at our army's head;
sick, they ask for healing; blind, they grope for day;
eye hath not beheld them, ear hath never heard;
flash the streets with jasper, shine the gates with gold;
to the Lord Jehovah, blessed Three in One,

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who shall dream of shrink-ing, by our Cap-tain
pour up-on the na-tions wis-dom’s lov-ing
nor of these hath ut-tered thought or speech a
flows the glad-den-ing riv-er shed-ding joys un-
be by men and an-gels end-less hon-or

led? For-ward through the des-ert,
ray. For-ward, out of er-ror,
word; for-ward, march-ing east-ward,
told. Thith-er, on-ward, thith-er,
done. Weak are earth-ly prai-ses,

through the toil and fight;
leave be-hind the night;
where the heaven is bright,
in Je-ho-vah's might;
dull the songs of night: for-ward in-to

fore us; Zi-on beams with light.
dark-ness, for-ward in-to light!
lift-ed, till our faith be sight.
coun-try, for-ward in-to light!

tri-umph, for-ward in-to light!

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