

# Forward Through the Ages

1. For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,  
 2. Wi - der grows the king - dom, reign of love and light;  
 3. Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spi - rit at the call di - vine;  
 for it we must la - bor, till our faith is sight.  
 in each loss or tri - umph lose or tri - umph all.

gifts in dif - fering mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,  
 Pro - phets have pro - claimed it, mar - tyrs tes - ti - fied,  
 Bound by God's far pur - pose in one li - ving whole,

ma - ni - fold the ser - vice, one the sure re - ward.  
 po - ets sung its glo - ry, he - roes for it died.  
 move we on to - ge - ther to the shin - ing goal.

Text: Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1908  
 Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1871



65 65D Refrain  
 ST. GERTRUDE  
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*Refrain*

Musical score for the first part of the refrain. The music is in common time, key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The vocal line consists of eighth-note chords and sixteenth-note patterns. The bass line provides harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords. The lyrics are:

or - ward through the a - ges,\_\_\_\_ in un - bro - ken\_\_\_\_ line,

The score includes a measure with a bass clef, two flats, and a common time signature, followed by a measure with a bass clef, one flat, and a common time signature.

Musical score for the second part of the refrain. The music continues in common time, key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The vocal line features sustained notes and eighth-note chords. The bass line provides harmonic support with eighth-note chords. The lyrics are:

move the faith - ful spi - rits at the call di - vine.

The score includes a measure with a bass clef, two flats, and a common time signature, followed by a measure with a bass clef, one flat, and a common time signature.