

THE ROYAL BANNERS FORWARD GO

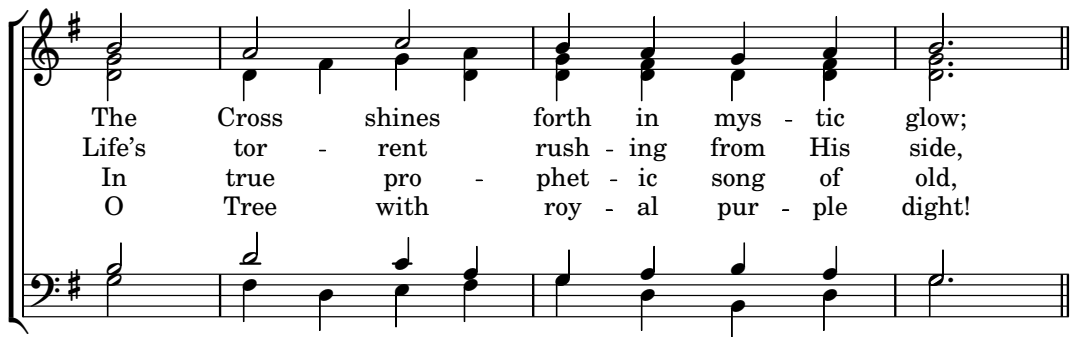
Music: ANDERNACH, L.M.; *Andernach Gesangbuch, 1608; The English Hymnal, 1906*

Text: 1-5 *Vexilla Regis prodeunt*, V. Fortunatus; tr. J.M. Neale

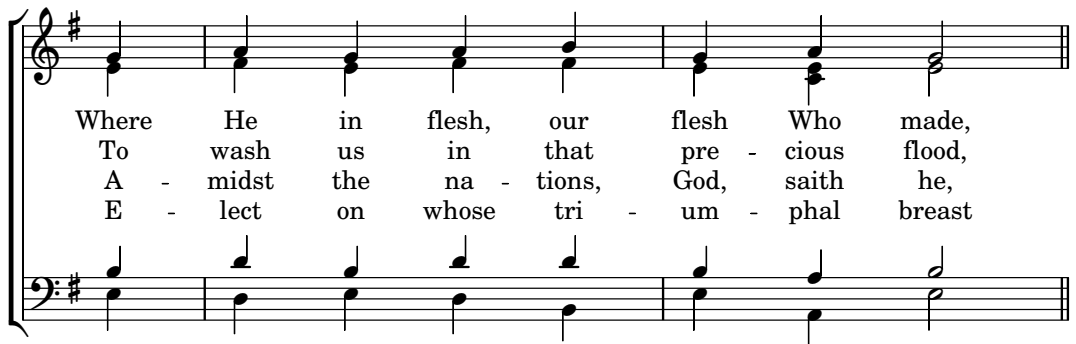
To be sung in unison.



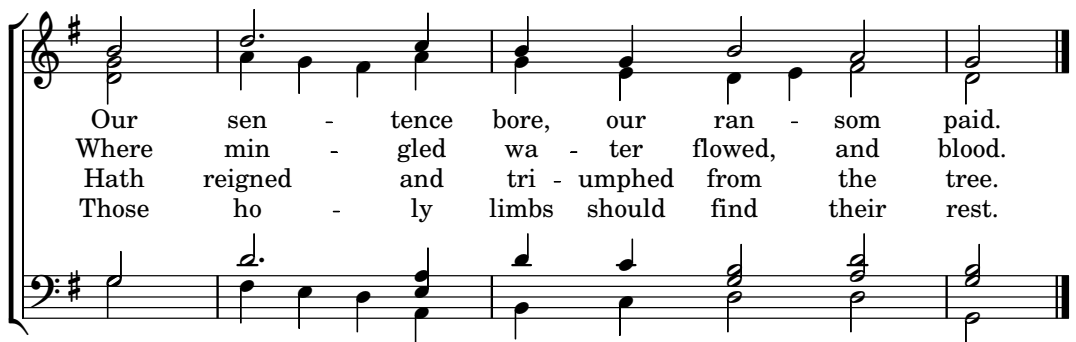
1. The Roy - al Ban - ners for - ward go,
2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
3. Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told
4. O Tree of Beau - ty, Tree of light!



The Cross shines forth in mys - tic glow;
Life's tor - rent rush - ing from His side,
In true pro - phet - ic song of old,
O Tree with roy - al pur - ple dight!



Where He in flesh, our flesh Who made,
To wash us in that pre - cious flood,
A - midst the na - tions, God, saith he,
E - lect on whose tri - um - phal breast



Our sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid.
Where min - gled wa - ter flowed, and blood.
Hath reigned and tri - umphed from the tree.
Those ho - ly limbs should find their rest.

5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung:
The price of humankind to pay,
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.
6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
This holy Passiontide, avail
To give fresh merit to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.
7. To Thee, Eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
As by the Cross Thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore.