

‘FORWARD!’ be our watchword,  
     Steps and voices joined;  
 Seek the things before us,  
     Not a look behind:  
 See the fiery pillar  
     At our army’s head;  
 Who shall dream of shrinking  
     By our Saviour led?  
     Forward through the desert,  
         Through the toil and fight:  
 Jordan flows before us,  
     Zion beams with light.

- 2 Forward, flock of Jesus,  
     Salt of all the earth,  
 Till each yearning purpose  
     Springs to glorious birth:  
 Take the Word of mercy,  
     Work while it is day:  
 Spread through all the nations  
     Love’s redeeming ray;  
     Lead them out of error,  
         By the Spirit’s might;  
 Urge them from their darkness  
     Forward into light.

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- 3 Glory upon glory  
Has our God prepared,  
For the souls that love Him  
One day to be shared:  
Eye has not beheld them,  
Ear has never heard,  
Nor of them has uttered  
Thought or speech a word:  
But in future glory,  
Where the heavens are bright,  
Shall the veil be lifted  
And our faith be sight.
- 4 Over yon horizon,  
Rise the City's towers,  
Where our God abideth—  
That fair home is ours!  
Shining walls of jasper,  
Streets of crystal gold,  
And, of life, a river  
Shedding joys untold!  
Press, then, onward thither,  
In the Spirit's might,  
Pilgrims, to your country—  
Forward into light!

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