

Let the Church New Anthems Raise

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1 Let the Church new an - thens raise; Wake the song of glad - ness;
2 Nev - er flinched they from the flame, From the tor - ture nev - er;
3 Up and fol - low, Chris - tian men! Press through toil and sor - row;

God Him - self to joy and praise Turns the mar - tyr's sad - ness:
Vain the foe - man's sharp - est aim, Sa - tan's best en - deav - or:
Spurn the night of fear, and then, Oh, the glo - rious mor - row!

Bright the day that won their crown, O - pened heav'n's bright por - tal,
For by faith they saw the land Decked in all its glo - ry,
Who will ven - ture on the strife? Blest who first be - gin it;

As they laid the mor - tal down To put on the im - mor - tal.
Where tri - um - phant now they stand With the vic - tor's sto - ry.
Who will grasp the Land of Life? War - riors, up and win it!