# Let the song be begun

George William Warren (1828 - 1902)



*Allegro (Unison or parts)*

1. Let the song be be-gun, For the bat - tle is done, And the vic - to - ry won:

And the foe is scat - tered, And the pris-on shat - ter'd: Sing of joy, joy, joy,

*rall. molto*　　　　　　　*tempo*

And to-day Raise the lay, Glo-ria in ex-cel - sis, A - men.

2. They that follow'd in pain,
   Shall now follow to reign,
   And the crown shall obtain:
   They were sore assaulted,
   They shall be exalted,
   Sing of rest, rest, rest;
     And again,
     Pour the strain,
   Gloria in excelsis.–Amen!

3. For the foe never more
   Can approach to the shore,
   Where the conflict is o'er;
   There is joy supernal;
   There is life eternal;
   Sing of peace, peace, peace;
     Earth and skies
     Bid it rise,
   Gloria in excelsis.–Amen!

4. Then be brave, then be true,
   Ye despised and ye few,
   For the crown is for you;
   Christ, that went before you,
   Spreads His buckler o'er you;
   Sing of hope, hope, hope;
     And today
     Raise the lay.
   Gloria in excelsis.–Amen!

(Source: Carols old and carols new, Boston, 1916)