

We are going forth

Albert B. Simpson, 1897

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff shows a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The middle staff shows a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The bottom staff shows a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The music includes various note values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Measure numbers 5, 10, and 15 are visible above the staves.

We are going forth from the school of Jesus,
We have sat at His blessed feet,
We have drunk from truth's celestial fountain,
We have tasted its honey sweet.
We are witnesses for our blessed Master
In a world where friends are few;
And He sends us forth with the watchword holy,
Whatsoever it costs, Be true.

Refrain

*Be true! (We'll be true,) be true! (we'll be true,)
Let the holy watchword ring; (we'll be true,)
Be true! (We'll be true,) to your trust, (to our trust,
Be true to your glorious King;
(We'll be true, yes, we'll be true.)
Be true! (We'll be true,) be true!
(we'll be true, we'll be true,)
Whether friends be false or few; (we'll be true,)
Whatsoe'er betide, ever at His side,
Let Him always find you true.*

We are going forth from the upper chamber,
From the days of our Pentecost,
We have giv'n ourselves in a full surrender,
And been filled with the Holy Ghost.
We are going forth as epistles holy,
And to live as Christ would do;
Let us always represent our Master,
Let our life be always true.

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We are going forth with a glorious mission,
As ambassadors for God,
We are sent with heaven's last word of mercy,
Over all the world abroad.
We are sent to save from the blight of sorrow,
And the curse of sin undo;
With a work so grand and a trust so holy,
Oh, what heart would not be true?

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The top staff is treble clef, the middle staff is bass clef, and the bottom staff is bass clef. The first staff begins with a 'Refrain' section. Measure 20 starts with a dotted half note followed by eighth-note pairs. Measures 25 and 30 show similar patterns of eighth-note pairs and sixteenth-note chords. The music features various dynamics and rests throughout.