

Not in Vain the Distance Beacons

♩ = 69 B♭

B♭ F7 B♭ F7 B♭ F B♭

1. Not in vain the dis - tance bea - cons. For - ward, for - ward
 2. Oh, we see the cres - cent prom - ise of that spir - it
 3. Yea, we dip in - to the fut - ure, far as hu - man

4 B♭ F B♭ B♭ F7 B♭ F7

let us range. Let the great world spin for - ev - er
 has not set; an - cient founts of in - spi - ra - tion
 eye can see, see the vi - sion of the world, and

7 B♭ Adim B♭ F7 B♭

down the ring - ing grooves of change;
 well through all our fan - cies yet;
 all the won - der that shall be,

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 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827
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9 F B♭ F B♭

through the shad - ow of the globe we
and we doubt not through the a - ges
hear the war - drum throb no long - er,

11 F7 D7 Gm C7 F B♭ B♭ E♭ B♭7

sweep a - head to heights sub - lime, we, the heirs of
one in - creas - ing pur - pose runs, and the thoughts of
see the bat - tle flags all furled, in the par - lia -

14 E♭ sus Cm E♭ sus Cm B♭ F7 B♭ F7 B♭

all the a - ges, in the fore - most files of time.
all are wid - ened with the pro - cess of the suns.
-ment of free - dom, fed - er - a - tion of the world.