

# Not in Vain the Distance Beacons

♩ = 69 C C G7 C G7 C G C

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 C G C C G7 C G7

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 C Bdim C G7 C

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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9 G C G C

through and hear the shadow we doubt the war drum of through the throb globe we a - ges long - er,

11 G7 E7 Am D7 G C C F C7

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 F#sus Dm F#sus Dm C G7 C G7 C

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.