

# Not in Vain the Distance Beacons

$\text{♩} = 69$   $\text{C}^\flat$   $\text{C}^\flat$   $\text{G}^\flat 7$   $\text{C}^\flat$   $\text{G}^\flat 7$   $\text{C}^\flat$   $\text{G}^\flat$   $\text{C}^\flat$

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

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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

$\text{C}^\flat$   $\text{B}^\flat \text{dim}$   $\text{C}^\flat$   $\text{G}^\flat 7$   $\text{C}^\flat$

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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G $\flat$  C $\flat$  G $\flat$  C $\flat$

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

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G $\flat$  7 E $\flat$  7 A $\flat$  m D $\flat$  7 G $\flat$  C $\flat$  C $\flat$  F $\flat$  C $\flat$  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 -

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F $\flat$  sus D $\flat$  m F $\flat$  sus D $\flat$  m C $\flat$  G $\flat$  7 C $\flat$  G $\flat$  7 C $\flat$

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.