

# Not in Vain the Distance Beacons

♩ = 69 D $\flat$  D $\flat$  A $\flat$ 7 D $\flat$  A $\flat$ 7 D $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$

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

4 D $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$  D $\flat$  A $\flat$ 7 D $\flat$  A $\flat$ 7

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 D $\flat$  Cdim D $\flat$  A $\flat$ 7 D $\flat$

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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9 A  $\flat$  D  $\flat$  A  $\flat$  D  $\flat$

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

11 A  $\flat$  7 F7 B  $\flat$  m E  $\flat$  7 A  $\flat$  D  $\flat$  D  $\flat$  G  $\flat$  D  $\flat$  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 -

14 G  $\flat$  sus E  $\flat$  m G  $\flat$  sus E  $\flat$  m D  $\flat$  A  $\flat$  7 D  $\flat$  A  $\flat$  7 D  $\flat$

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.