

Not in Vain the Distance Beacons

♩ = 69 E E B7 E B7 E B E

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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E B E E B7 E B7

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

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E D#dim E B7 E

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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B E B E

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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B7 G#7 C#m F#7 B E E A E7

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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Asus F#m Asus F#m E B7 E B7 E

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.