Lead On, O King Eternal

words: Ernest Shurtleff (1888) | music: Henry Smart (1836)

C F C F G
Lead on, O King eternal, The day of march has come;
C F C G D G
Henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents will be our home.
C F D G
Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong;
C/E F Am C G C
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.

C F C F G
Lead on, O King eternal, Till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
C F C G D G
And holiness shall whisper The sweet “amen” of peace.
C F D G
For not with swords’ loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;
C/E F Am C G C
With deeds of love and mercy The heavenly kingdom comes.

C F C F G
Lead on, O King eternal, We follow, not with fears,
C F C G D G
For gladness breaks like morning Where’er your face appears.
C F D G
Your cross is lifted over us, We journey in its light;
C/E F Am C G C
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.