

7. Battle Hymn of the Republic

These words, sung to the tune known and generally used by the soldiers in Civil War times as "John Brown's Body," were written in December, 1861, in the course of a visit the author made to Washington. Impelled by the grim reality and significance of the war as it appeared in its nearer aspects, she wrote the verses under the inspiration of intense patriotic feeling, and a great Battle Hymn was born, never to die.

Julia Ward Howe

Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord; He is
tramp - ling out the vint - age where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath
loosed the fate - ful lightn - ing of His ter - ri - ble swift sword; His truth is march - ing on.

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9 CHORUS. 1. 2.

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal le - lu - jah! His truth is march ing on.

2. I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps,
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.
3. I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with My contemnners, so with you My grace shall deal:
"Let the Hero born of woman crush the serpent with His heel,
Since God is marching on.
4. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.
5. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.



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