

Forward Through the Ages

Arthur Somervell, 1925

Blencathra

The image shows a piano accompaniment for the hymn 'Forward Through the Ages'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system starts at measure 1. The second system starts at measure 7. The third system starts at measure 13. The fourth system starts at measure 19. The music features a mix of chords and moving lines in both hands, with some measures containing triplets or longer note values.

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits, at the call divine;
Gifts in different measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified.
Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.

Refrain

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
Move we on together to the shining goal.

Refrain

Fredrick Hosmer