

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What makes this a poem? Can you find examples of poetic devices such as rhyme?
What kind of themes come across? How does the poem get those ideas across?
What kind of words or emotions could be used to describe the tone of the poem?

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