

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

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1. The Son of God goes forth to war, a king - ly crown to gain;
2. The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye could pierce be - yond the grave,
3. A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few on whom the Spir - it came,
4. A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, the ma - tron and the maid,



his blood - red ban - ner streams a - far: who fol - lows in his train?
who saw his Mas - ter in the sky, and called on him to save:
twelve val - iant saints, their hope they knew, and mocked the cross and flame:
a - round the Sav - ior's throne re - joice, in robes of light ar - rayed:



Who best can drink his cup of woe, tri - um - phant o - ver pain,
like him, with par - don on his tongue in midst of mor - tal pain,
they met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, the li - on's gor - y mane;
they climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n through per - il, toil, and pain:



who pa - tient bears his cross be - low, he fol - lows in his train.
he prayed for them that did the wrong: who fol - lows in his train?
they bowed their necks the death to feel: who fol - lows in their train?
O God, to us may grace be giv'n to fol - low in their train.