

# Prepare the Royal Highway

MESSIAH

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Swedish melody, 17th cent.



1. Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2. God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3. Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom-ised king!
4. His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too should bring,  
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions, now a - dore him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's Word!