

# The Royal Banners Forward Go

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1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go, The cross shines forth in mys - tic glow  
2 Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told In true pro - phet - tic song of old;  
3 O tree of beau - ty, tree most fair; Or - dained those ho - ly limbs to bear;  
4 Blest tree, whose cho - sen bran - ches bore\_ The wealth that did the world re - store,  
5 O cross, our one re - li - ance, hail! Still may thy pow'r with us a - vail  
6 To thee, e - ter - nal Three in One, Let ho - mage meet by all be done:

1 Where he, as man, who gave man breath, Now bows\_\_\_\_\_ be - neath the yoke of death.  
2 How God the na - tions' King should be, For God\_\_\_\_\_ is reign - ing from the tree.  
3 Gone is thy shame, each crim - son'd bough Pro - claims\_\_\_\_\_ the King of glo - ry now.  
4 The price of hu - man kind to pay, And spoil\_\_\_\_\_ the spoi - ler of his prey.  
5 More good for right - eous souls to win, And save\_\_\_\_\_ the sin - ner from his sin.  
6 As by the cross thou dost re - store, So rule\_\_\_\_\_ and guide us e - ver - more.