

# There's a way before us and a race to run

Encouragement — For Running the Race

1207

Musical score for the hymn "There's a way before us and a race to run". The score is written in G major, 4/4 time, and consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff (measures 1-3) begins with the lyrics "1. There's a way be - fore us and a race to run— Christ our way, Christ our". The second staff (measures 4-6) continues with "way! Turn a - way from ev - erything dis - tract - ing us— Run the race, run the". The third staff (measures 7-9) is marked "Chorus" and begins with "race! (C) From the al - tar through the Ho - ly Place, Through the veil in - to our". The fourth staff (measures 10-12) concludes with "God, To the law of life with - in the ark; 'Tis the goal, our great re - ward." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, Gm, C7, C/E, Dm, F/C, Gm/Bb, C7, Bb/F, F, Dm, Gm, C7, C/E, Dm, F/C, Gm/Bb, C7, F, Bb/F, F.

2. There's a cloud of witnesses surrounding us,  
Urging us, forward come!  
There is Abel, Enoch, Jacob, Abraham,  
Moses, David, Solomon.  
John the Baptist greater than them all,  
Even he bids forward come!  
These all died in faith, receiving not  
Promises that were to come.

3. The Old Testament believers give the call,  
"Forward come, forward come!"  
For complete perfection they depend on us  
Going on! Going on!  
We are at the consummation now  
Of our God's economy;  
Better things we are experiencing.  
Praise the Lord—reality!

4. E'en the least of us is greater than their great.  
We're not small, we're not small!  
They are waiting, watching, and expecting us.  
"Forward come!" hear their call!  
They have run the race and for their sakes  
We'll obey the law of life.  
Till the day we'll all be joined in one  
To express God's glorious Christ.