

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

Encouragement — For Running the Race

1207

(Guitar: Capo 3)

The musical score is written for guitar with a capo on the 3rd fret. It consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody starts on a whole note D4, followed by quarter notes E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics under the first staff are: "1. There's a way be - fore us and a race to run— Christ our way, Christ our". The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, and C6. The lyrics are: "way! Turn a - way from ev - erything dis - tract - ing us— Run the race, run the". The third staff is marked "Chorus" and begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody starts with a whole note D4, followed by quarter notes E4, F4, G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The lyrics are: "race! (C) From the al - tar through the Ho - ly Place, Through the veil in - to our". The fourth staff continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, Bb5, and C6. The lyrics are: "God, To the law of life with - in the ark; 'Tis the goal, our great re - ward." Chords are indicated above the notes: D, Em, A7, D, A, Bm, D, Em, A7, D, G, D, Bm, D, Em, A7, D, G, D.

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.