

Macht hoch die Tür
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last two lines. Each line of music is accompanied by four staves of lyrics, numbered 1 through 4. Chord symbols are written above the notes in purple. The lyrics are color-coded to match the notes: green for Soprano, red for Alto, blue for Tenor, and brown for Bass.

System 1:

Chords: C, C, F G C G Am G F Dm Dm C G

1. Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be - hold, the King of glo - ry waits!
2. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the rul - er is con - fessed!
3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple, set a - part
4. So come, my Sov - 'reign; en - ter in! Let new and no - bler life be - gin;

System 2:

Chords: G G D G C G G G C Dm C C G C

1. The King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav - iour of the world is here.
2. O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
3. from earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4. thy Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown is won.

Inspiration: Psalm 24 (23): 7-10; "Macht hoch die Tür", George Weissel, 1590-1635, in "Preussische Fest-Lieder", 1642.
Lyrics: 88.88; Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, in her "Lyra Germanica", 1855, revised in her "Chorale Book for England", 1863.
Music: TRURO; Thomas Williams' "Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II", 1789; arranged by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.