

GOD, WHO CALLS US TO A JOURNEY

Austrian Hymn

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1. God, who calls us to a journey into unknown space and time,
2. Just as Abraham and Sarah journeyed to a land unknown,
3. We who build the living present out of hope and memory,
4. Make us, Lord, a pilgrim people, free to move at Thy command,



With the promise of Thy glory leading into light sublime.
In obedience to a summons from Thy vast eternal throne,
Now remember Jesus' journey on his way to victory.
Form the mystery of the future into a new promised land.



We stand here within the present, anxious, hopeful and afraid.
Setting forth with faith victorious, listening always to Thy voice,
He took on our sin and suffering; he endured the cross' shame.
Send the fire and cloud before us, be the guide along our way,



God, be with us, go before us, to the new world you have made.
They became a mighty nation in whom all of us rejoice.
He will reign as Lord triumphant; Christ, the victor, praise his name.
Till the new land lies before us, sparkling bright in the new day.



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