

# EMANCIPATION HYMN

Music by Carl Thomas Gladstone and the Abolitionist Hymnal Project

Words adapted from *The Anti-Slavery Harp*

C F  
Praise we the Lord! let songs resound  
F G C  
To earth's remotest shore!  
C F  
Songs of thanksgiving, songs of praise—  
G C  
For we are slaves no more.

F C  
And cease we not the fight of faith  
F G Am  
Till everyone be free;  
F C  
Till mercy o'er the earth shall flow,  
Am G F  
As waters o'er the sea.

Praise we the Lord! Whose power hath rent  
The chains that held us long!  
God's voice is mighty, as of old,  
And still God's arm is strong.

Praise we the Lord! Whose wrath arose,  
Whose arm our fetters broke;  
The tyrant dropped the lash, and we  
To liberty awoke!

Then shall indeed Messiah's reign  
Through all the world extend;  
Then swords to ploughshares shall be turned,  
And Heaven with earth shall blend.