

The Birthright.

MARCHING SONG FOR BOYS.

FOR UNISON SINGING WITH ACCOMPANIMENT FOR BUGLES AND DRUMS.

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In march time (with spirit).

* Bugles.

Drum. *sf*

f

1. Brit - ish born, thy sto - ried Past Bids thee hold thy trea - sure fast,
 2. Prize not thou the tin - sel shine, But let ev - 'ry deed of thine

Doh = B♭.

{ | m : d | r :- m | d : t₁ | d :- . | m : d | l₁ :- . l₁ : d | t₁ :- . }

Bugles.

Faint not, and what - e'er be-tide, Con-science be thy fear - less guide.
 Spring from pure and hon - est heart, See thou play the man - ly part.

{ | r : t₁ | d : r | m :- r | r :- . | r : t₁ | d : r | f :- m | m :- . }

ff

If this ray from heav'n di - rect thee, God shall in thy ways protect thee. . .
 Should it bring thee good or e - vil, Speak the truth, and shame the de - vil. . .

{ | m : d | r : d | s : f | f : m | f : r | d : l₁ | t₁ :- . t₁ | t₁ : d }

staccato.

* May be sung in a tone lower if performed without Bugles.

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Stanzas 3, 4 & 5.

ACCOMPANIMENT AS BEFORE.

p 3. Sim - ple, cour - teous be thy word, Straight and true as knight - ly sword.

f 4. Shun the haunts of sloth - ful men; Shun the lurk - ing cow - ard's den;

f 5. Serve thy God, thy king, thy land; By thy com - rade firm - ly stand;

{ | m : d | r :- . m | d : t, | d :- . | m : d | l, - :- . l, | l, : d | t, :- . } }

Be for wo - man's hon - our bold, Gen - tle to the weak and old—

Stand thou in the light of day Trained, and keen to join the fray.

Grim - ly fight, if Du - ty call, All for each, and each for all—

{ | r : t, | d : r | m :- . r | r :- . | r : t, | d : r | f :- . m | m :- . } }

Bro - ther un - to bro - ther lend - ing Help, un - til the jour - ney's end - ing...

When thou lay - est down thy bur - den, Hon - our's self shall be thy guer - don...

Free - dom's joy in life pos - sess - ing, And, in death, thy Coun - try's bless - ing...

{ | m : d | r : m | s : f | f : m | f : r | d : l, | t, :- . t, | t, : d } }