Lift Every Voice and Sing

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Intro:

Voice 1: Lift every voice. Everyone has a choice. I will lift up my voice and let it ring.

Voice 2: Lift every voice and sing. Lift every voice and sing. Lift every voice and sing. Lift every voice and sing.

Voice 3: Sing a song. Sing a song, rejoice and sing a song.

Chorus:

Lift every voice and sing.

Lift every voice and sing.

Lift every voice and sing.

Lift every voice and sing. (Repeat 2x)

Verse 1a:

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring Ring with the harmonies of liberty Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies Let it resound loud as the rolling sea. (Everybody say)

Chorus:

Lift every voice and sing.
Lift every voice and sing.
Lift every voice and sing.
Lift every voice and sing. (1x)

Verse 1b:

Sing a song
Full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the faith that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won. Is won

Chorus:

Lift every voice and sing.

Lift every voice and sing.

Lift every voice and sing.

Lift every voice and sing. (2x)

Coda:

Voice 1: Lift every voice. Everyone has a choice. I will lift up my voice and let it ring. Lift every voice. Everyone has a choice. I will lift up my voice and (Lift Your Voice) Lift every voice. Everyone has a choice. I will lift up my voice and let it ring. Lift every voice. Everyone has a choice. I will lift up my voice and let it ring!

Voice 2: Lift every voice and sing. Lift every voice and sing. Lift every voice and sing. Lift every (Lift Your Voice). Lift every voice and sing. Lift every voice and sing. Lift every voice and sing. Let it ring!

Voice 3: Sing a song. Sing a song, rejoice and sing a song. Sing a song. (Lift Your Voice) Sing a song. Sing a song, rejoice and sing a song. Let it ring!