The Son of God Goes Forth to War

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1. The Son of God goes forth to war, A king - ly crown to gain;
His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far: Who fol - lows in His train?
Who best can drink his cup of woe, Tri - um - phant o - ver pain,
Who patient bears his cross be - low, He fol - lows in His train.

2. The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave;
Who saw his Mas - ter in the sky, And called on Him to save;
Like Him, with par - don on his tongue, In midst of mor - tal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong: Who fol - low - s in His train?

3. A glo - ri - ous band, the cho - sen few On whom the Spir - it came,
Twelve val - iant saints, their hope they knew, And mocked the cross and flame:
They met the tyr - ant's bran - dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane,
They bowed their necks the death to feel: Who fol - lows in their train?

4. A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,
A - round the Sav - ior's throne re - joice, In robes of light ar - rayed;
They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n Thru per - il, toil, and pain:
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low - in their train!