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:

2. The mat - tyr first, whose eagle eye  
   Could pierce bey - ond the grave:

3. A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few,  
   On whom the Spir - it came:

4. A no - ble ar - my, men and boys,  
   The ma - tron and the maid,

   His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far,  
   Who fol - lows in His train?

   Who saw His Mas - ter in the sky,  
   And called on Him to save:

   Twelve val - iant saints, their hope they knew,  
   And mock'd the cross and flame:

   A - round the Sav - ior's throne re - joice,  
   In robes of light ar - ray'd:

   Who best can drink his cup of woe,  
   Tri - um - phant o - ver pain;

   Like Him, with par - don on His tongue,  
   In midst of mor - tal pain,

   They met the ty - rant's bran - dish'd steel,  
   The li - on's go - ry mane;

   They climb'd the steep as - cent of heav'n  
   Thru per - il, toil, and pain:

   Who pa - tient bears His cross be - low,  
   He fol - lows in His train!

   He prayed for them that did the wrong;  
   Who fol - lows in His train?

   They bowed their necks the death to feel:  
   Who fol - lows in their train?

   O God! to us may grace be giv'n  
   To fol - low in their train! A - men.

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