

The Oath

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Brothers and sisters who've starved and bled,
Harried and scattered over all the world,
Come, gather together: our flag is unfurled.
The flag of wrath, our blood has dyed the banner of red.
Come, swear we'll bear it onward, living and dead!

Heav'n and earth will bear witness for us;
Stars hear our fervent chorus.
The pledge of blood and tears we share.
We swear; we swear; we swear.

We swear we will battle for freedom and right,
Assail the oppressor and trample his tools;
We swear we will conquer the darkness that rules
And storm the gate of tyranny or fall in the fight.
Come, swear we'll bear it onward, living and dead!

Heav'n and earth will bear witness for us;
Stars hear our fervent chorus.
The pledge of blood and tears we share.
We swear; we swear; we swear.

We swear we'll not flinch in our holy crusade
As long as oppression and hunger endure.
No more slave and master; no more rich and poor:
A fellowship of free men in a world we've remade.
We swear we'll bear it onward, living and dead!

Heav'n and earth will bear witness for us;
Stars hear our fervent chorus.
The pledge of blood and tears we share.
We swear; we swear; we swear.