

The Future (Years Are Coming)

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(Pilgrim)

Tune and harm.: Anon.,
1876 or earlier

F C

1. Years are com - ing— speed them on - ward! When the sword shall
2. In the past, the age of i - ron, Those who slaugh-tered
3. Years are com - ing when for - ev - er War's dread ban - ner

4 F

gath - er rust, — And the hel - met, land, and fal - chion,
most their kind, Have too of - ten worn the chap - let
shall be furled, And the an - gel Peace be wel - comed,

7 Gm F C F C

Sleep at last in — si - lent dust! Earth has heard too
Hon - or's hand too oft en - twined. But the he - roes
Re - gent of — the hap - py world! Hail with song that

10 G C F C7 F C

long of bat - tle, Heard the trum - pet's voice too long!
of the fu - ture Shall be those whose hearts are strong:
glo - rious e - ra, When the sword shall gath - er rust, —

13 F

But an - oth - er age ad - vanc - es,
 Those whose words and acts shall on - ly
 And the hel - met, lance, and fal - chion,

15 Gm F C F

Seers fore - told in an - cient song.
 War a - gainst t what - e'er is wrong.
 Sleep at last in si - lent dust!

This text may also be sung to the tune “Hyfrodol.”

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Tune: R. H. Pritchard, 1844

C F G C



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 2. In the past, — the age of i - ron, Those who
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6 G C F



sword shall gath - er rust, And the hel - met, lance, and
 slaugh - tered most their kind Have too of - ten worn the
 ban - ner shall be furled, And the an - gel Peace be

12 G C G C



fal - chion, Sleep at last in si - lent dust!
 chap - let, Hon - or's hand too oft — en - twined.
 wel - comed, Re - gent of the hap - py world!

17 Em Dm C



Earth has heard too long of bat - tle, Heard the trum - pet's
 But the he - roes of the fu - ture Shall be those whose
 Hail with song that glo - rious e - ra, When the sword shall

23 Em G C Dm C



voice too long, But — an - oth - er age — ad -
 hearts are strong: Those whose words and acts — shall
 gath - er rust, And the hel - met, lance, and

28 G C F C G C



vanc - es, Seers fore - told — in an - cient song.
 on - ly War a - gainst what - e'er is wrong.
 fal - chion, Sleep at last — in si - lent dust!