

Higher Ground

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J=95

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key of G major. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff an alto clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The tempo is marked J=95. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is:

1. I'm press-ing on the up-ward way, New heights I'm gain-ing ev-ery
2. My heart has no de-sire to stay Where doubts a-rise and fears dis-
3. I want to live a-bove the world, Though Sa-tan's darts at me are
4. I want to scale the ut-most height And catch a gleam of glo-ry

The second section of lyrics follows, continuing from the first:

- day; Still pray-ing as I'm on-ward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high-er
- may; Though some may dwell where those a-bound, My prayer, my aim, is high-er
- hurled; For faith has caught the joy-ful sound, The song of saints on high-er
bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, plant my feet on high-er

A *Refrain* section begins with the lyrics:

ground." ground. Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on Heav-en's ta-ble land, A high-er
ground. ground."

The final line of the score is:

plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on high-er ground.