# Prepare the Royal Highway 344

1. Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the king of glory
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord

for he fulfills God's word!

1. God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal King!
Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you!
2. Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised King!
Your King, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too should bring.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices join in singing:
3. His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:

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