

Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

Not They Who Soar

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$\text{♩} = 90$

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top staff is for the voice (soprano) and the bottom three staves are for the piano. The piano part includes bass, treble, and middle staves. The vocal line begins with a short rest followed by a melodic line. The piano accompaniment features chords and rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the vocal line. Measure numbers 1 through 15 are indicated on the left side of the page.

Not they who soar, _____ but
they who plod their rug - ged way, _____ un - helped to God, _____
are he - roes; _____ they who high - er fare _____
and, fly - ing, fan the up - per air, _____ miss all the toil. _____

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20

that hugs the sod.

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Not they who soar... Tis' they whose backs have

30

felt the rod, whose feet have pressed the path

34

— un - shod... Tis' they... may smile up - on de -feat - ed

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39

care, not they who soar. Tis' they... Tis' they whose

43

backs have felt the rod. High up there are no thorns to

48

prod, no boul - ders lurk - ing 'neath the clod, _____ to turn the

52

keen-ness of the share, _____ for flight is e - ver free and rare; _____

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— but he - roes they _____ the soil who've trod,

60

— not they who soar.

Not they who

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soar, _____ but they who plod their rug - ged way, _____ un -

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ritardando al fine

helped to God, _____ are he - - - roes.

circa 3' 15'