## Lead, Kindly Light

John Henry Newman

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## **Narration**

On July 20, 1846, 549 enlisted men left Winter Quarters in Iowa bound for San Diego. Their mission was to secure the southwestern borders of our country. As part of the United States Army, they would become known as the Mormon Batallion.

**Thomas S. Williams**: "A more gloomy day nor time never surrounded me than when we took our line of march.... My wife and children I left with only about five days provision, and not having the least idea where they would get the next."

**Robert S. Bliss:** "Our men have suffered much for water, but our way continues to open as we go, for which we are hankful to our Father who led us until now." (verse 1 begins. "Lead, kindly light.....one step enough for me.")

(as piano continues...)

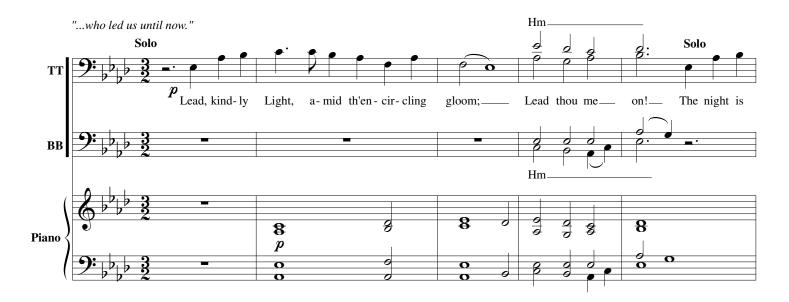
**James A. Scott:** "March, march, march is the daily task....all day over the sand, through dust, over hills and across valleys, sometimes 12, 15 or 18 miles."

**James S. Brown** "My thirst was intense, and it did not seem possible that I could live till morning....My companions went by me, looking like death, their mouths black, their eyes sunken till it was difficult to recognize them. Some eyes had a stary glare, which looked as if the monster death were close at hand. Yet the men staggered on, their feet hitting each other, tit for tat, as one was dragged past the other." (*music ends*)

**William Hyde:** "This is a rather strange Christmas to me. My life with my family in days gone by was called to mind and contrasted with my present situation on the sandy deserts....Suffering much at times for the want of water, but still pressing forward with parched lips, scalded shoulders, weary limbs, blistered feet, worn out shoes and ragged clothes; (*music starts*) but with me the prospect of the result of my present toils, cheers me on." (*verse 2 begins. "I was not ever....Remember not past years."*)

The men felt very blessed that they were able to enter Tucson without a battle.

**Henry Standage:** "Surely the Lord is on our side for when we see the advantages the Spaniards had in this town, their numbers being far greater than ours....(*music starts*), I am led to exclaim that the Lord God of Israel will save his people inasmuch as He knoweth the cause of our being here in the United States Service." (*verse 3 begins. So Long thy pow'r....Lead thou me on!*)



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"James A. Scott: March, march, march..."



..worn out shoes and ragged clothes;..." (music starts)

