

Take Up the Flame

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With strong rhythm, as a folk/protest song.

Intro:

D Dsus4 D Dsus4 D Dsus4 D
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C C7 C C7 C C7 C
G G7 (*pick*)

Verse 1:

Am Asus4 Am Asus4 Am Asus4 Am
Behold the crown.

Am Asus4 Am Asus4 Am Asus4 Am
Beware the boot.

G Gadd4 G Gadd4 G Gadd4 G
Beneath its tread,

F F (*pick*) E (*pick*)
Bad seed takes root.

With noble words
And bastard lies,
Their empire grows,
While freedom cries.

F (*pick*) E (*pick*)

F (*pick, with Fadd9 accents*)

D7 (*pick*)

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Chorus:

 D Dsus4 D Dsus4 D Dsus4 D
Take up the flame!

 D Dsus4 D Dsus4 D Dsus4 D
Join in the fight!

 C C7 C C7 C C7 C
March with the dawn!

 G G7 (*pick*)
Drive back the night!

Take up the flame!
Join in the fight!
Inspire the world
With freedom's light!

Verse 2:

From ancient shores,
To the new frontier,
The flame has passed
From year to year.

From sage to sage
The flame burned true,
And now it comes
To burn for you.

Chorus (play as above)

Bridge (play first four stanzas of verse as instrumental)

Verse 3 (play as last four stanzas of verse 1 or 2):

Though we may lose,
The flame lives on.
It burns in word:
In deed, and song.

Chorus (play as before, adding third verse below)

Take up the flame!
Join in the fight!
Let liberty
Ring loud and bright!

Coda (repeat three-part chorus to fade, if recording, else repeat and end thus):

D (let ring)

Fin.

Chord Guide (in order of appearance):

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