

The Iron Rod

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mf = 86 *Resolutely*

SA **mf** To Ne - phi, seer of old-en time, A vi - sion came from God, Where -

SA in the ho - ly word sub - lime Was shown an i - ron rod.

SA **mf** Hold to the rod, the i - ron rod; 'Tis strong, and bright, and true. The

TB **mf** Hold to the rod, the i - ron rod is strong, and bright, and true. The i - ron

The score consists of four systems. The first system is a piano introduction in 3/4 time, marked *mf* and *Resolutely* with a tempo of 86. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The second system introduces the Soprano Alto (SA) vocal line, with lyrics: "To Ne - phi, seer of old-en time, A vi - sion came from God, Where -". The piano accompaniment continues. The third system continues the SA vocal line with lyrics: "in the ho - ly word sub - lime Was shown an i - ron rod." The piano accompaniment includes triplet markings. The fourth system introduces the Tenor Bass (TB) vocal line with lyrics: "Hold to the rod, the i - ron rod; 'Tis strong, and bright, and true. The". The piano accompaniment continues with *mf* dynamics.

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SA 20 21 22 23 24
 i - ron rod is the word of God; *mp* 'Twill safe - ly guide us through.

TB
 rod is the word of God; *mp* 'Twill safe - ly guide us, safe - ly guide us through.

20 21 22 23 24
mp

25 26 27 28

SA 29 30 31 32 33
 While on our jour-ney here be - low, Be - neath temp-ta - tion's pow'r, Through

29 30 31 32 33

SA 34 35 36 37 38
 mists of dark-ness we must go, In per-il ev - 'ry hour.

34 35 36 37 38
 3 3 3 3 3

SA 39 40 41 42 43 3

Hold to the rod, the i - ron rod; 'Tis strong, and bright, and true. The i - ron rod is the

TB

Hold to the rod, the i - ron rod is strong, and bright, and true. The i - ron rod is the

SA 44 45 46 47 48

word of God; 'Twill safe - ly guide us through.

TB

word of God; 'Twill safe - ly guide us, safe - ly guide us through.

mp

TB 49 50 51 52 53

And when temp - ta - tion's pow'r is nigh, Our path - way cloud - ed

TB 54 55 56 57 58 59

o'er, *f* Up - on the rod we can re - ly, And heaven's aid im - plore.

f

60 61 62 63 64 4

SA *mp* Hold to the rod, the ir-on rod is strong and bright, 'tis strong and bright and true. The i - ron rod is the

TB *mf* Hold to the rod, the i - ron rod; 'Tis strong, and bright, and true. The i - ron rod is the

65 66 67 68 69

SA word of God; 'Twill safe - ly guide us, safe - ly guide us hand o'er hand, the rod a - long, Through

TB word of God; 'Twill safe - ly guide us through. And, hand...

(play choral parts if needed)

70 71 72 73 74

SA each suc - ceed - ing day, With earn - est prayer and hope - ful song, We'll still pur - sue our

TB

75 76 77 78 79

SA way. A - far we see the gold-en rest To which the rod will guide, Where,

TB

SA 80 81 82 83

with the ang - els bright and blest, For - ev - er we'll a - bide.

TB

SA 84 *optional soprano descant* 85 ('tis bright and true.)

SA unison *f* Hold to the rod, the i - ron rod; 'Tis strong and bright, and true. The i - ron rod is the

TB

SA 89 90 91 92

word of God; 'Twill safe - ly guide us through. Hold (safe - ly guide us *ff* through) to the rod, the

TB

SA ⁹³ ⁹⁴ ⁹⁵ ⁹⁶ 'Tis strong, and bright, and true. The i - ron rod is the
 i - ron rod; 'Tis strong, 'tis strong and bright and true. The i - ron rod is the
 'Tis strong, and bright, and true. The i - ron rod is the

TB ⁹³ ⁹⁴ ⁹⁵ ⁹⁶ 'Tis strong, and bright, and true. The i - ron rod is the

SA ⁹⁷ ⁹⁸ ⁹⁹ ¹⁰⁰ ¹⁰¹ ¹⁰²
 word of God; *mp* 'Twill safe - ly guide us, guide us through.

TB ⁹⁷ ⁹⁸ ⁹⁹ ¹⁰⁰ ¹⁰¹ ¹⁰²
 word of God; *mp* 'Twill safe - ly guide us through.

SA ¹⁰³ ¹⁰⁴ ¹⁰⁵ ¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷
 (through) *f*

TB ¹⁰³ ¹⁰⁴ ¹⁰⁵ ¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷
 (through) *f*

¹⁰³ ¹⁰⁴ ¹⁰⁵ ¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷
molto rit. *ff*