

## COLUMBIA

### Men & Women of Honor & Joy

Shall we follow in their footsteps  
Those who risked their lives and saw  
Vast expanses, God's creation  
From a vantage, oh so far.

Seven men and women, we sent them  
On a mission to explore  
The ways of God beyond our planet  
To find the blessings He has in store.

God has made a vast creation  
Crystals shine from depths of earth  
Wondrous creatures fill the oceans  
Comets, stars beyond our touch.

Up you flew 'bove Earth's sweet vapors  
Far beyond the forest and sea.  
Earth spread out beneath your visage  
Quiet and peace, what blessings these.

Many too toiled close beside you  
Steady, working to sustain.  
You we chose to carry the banner  
And it will not be in vain.

America, oh precious nation,  
Stands alone in history  
Striving, yearning, reaching upward  
Legacy of a people free.

Columbia, your lives we honor  
Truths unseen you did unveil.  
You braved the risks of this endeavor  
Your legacy will prevail.

May we follow in your footsteps  
May we always know delight  
As we fathom God's creation  
Made so man might share His sight.

Now you've reached beyond our fingers  
Now your eyes have grasped the prize.  
We remaining, will we be worthy  
Diligent, hopeful, true and wise?

Help me follow in His footsteps  
He who gave His life for me.  
Alleluia, Halleluiah  
Blessed God Who sets us free.

Will we follow in their footsteps  
Continuing what has been begun?  
Sacrifices are we willing  
From men and women of every tongue?

Shall we follow in their footsteps  
Seven jubilant souls who saw  
Vast expanses, oh so glorious.  
Yes, they touched the face of God.

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