

ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Forward March! Hup - 2 - 3 - 4 Hup - 2 - 3 - 4! Company Halt!

Playing soldier is fun for boys! It's easy to play at imitating the wars and killing we see on television all the time — and we can use the toy guns and tanks and missiles our parents give us.

Our Bible and many hymns have a much deeper meaning for the words "Christian Soldiers." Just read the kind of soldier equipment God wants us to wear in Ephesians 6:13-18, and write down some of that equipment: _____

The kind of WAR God wants us to fight is a war against HATE and LIES and POVERTY and anything — anywhere — that is against His purposes of LOVE! From now on when you sing *Onward, Christian Soldiers*, perhaps you'll think more about God's kind of soldier instead of the television kind.

Sabine Baring-Gould wrote many hymns for children. *Onward, Christian Soldiers* was first sung by choir boys at a "Horbury Bridge Festival" which was much like the kinds of hymn festivals our own churches have today.

How quickly can you find and write the name of the composer of the music: _____

This composer wrote his first published tune at the age of thirteen and instead of being poor, like many of the composers we've studied, he was so famous in England that the Queen even made him a "Knight."

Perhaps you and the other choir members can take turns reviewing all the things you've learned in choir this year about hymns. How many of these things can you find in the music:

The Time Signature _____

The Key _____

The Meter _____

The Tune Name _____

A Slur _____

A Phrase _____

A Sharp _____

An Eighth Note _____

The Scale Steps _____

Even if choir does have a vacation this summer, how about continuing to sing all the hymns you've learned all year — and most important, keep trying your best to show that you understand the meaning of the words by the way you live your life!