

LIFT EVERY VOICE CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATIONAL NEGRO ANTHEM

“We are Lifting our Voice” and celebrating the
Johnson Legacy



Written in 1899 by
James Weldon Johnson



Composed by
J. Rosamond Johnson

“A group of young men in Jacksonville, Florida, arranged to celebrate Lincoln’s birthday in 1900. My brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, and I decided to write a song to be sung at the exercises. I wrote the words, and he composed the music. Our New York publisher, Edward B. Marks, made mimeographed copies for us, and the song was taught and sung by a chorus of five hundred colored schoolchildren. Within twenty years it was being sung over the South and in some parts of the country.”



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