

# When The Saints Go Marching In – at Montpelier

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Modified November 2021 by Lew Toulmin, PhD, FRGS; chords for guitar or bari uke  
To celebrate Montpelier Archaeology Department's search for traces of the enslaved workers at President  
James Madison's Montpelier plantation in central Virginia

Intro: **G C D7 G**

*Single strumming:*

We are **[G]** trav'ling in the **[C]** footsteps, of **[G]** those who've gone **[D7]** before  
But we'll **[G]** all be reunited, on a **[D7]** new and sunlit **[G]** shore

*Strum DUDU:*

O **[G]** when the saints go marching in, when the saints go marching **[D7]** in  
O lord I **[G]** want to be in that **[C]** number, when the **[G]** saints go **[D7]** marching **[G]** in!

And **[G]** when the sun refuse to shine, and when the sun refuse to **[D7]** shine  
O lord I **[G]** want to be in that **[C]** number, when the **[G]** sun refuse **[D7]** to **[G]** shine!

And **[G]** when those grids, are filled with flags, oh when those grids are filled with **[D7]**  
flags ...

When **[G]** the metal, all is found, oh when that metal all is **[D7]** found ...

And **[G]** when our backs, are straight again, oh when our backs are straight **[D7]**  
again...

And **[G]** when the mystery, it is solved, oh when the mystery it is **[D7]** solved ...

When **[G]** the descendants all are traced, oh when the descendants all are **[D7]**  
traced...

And when **[G]** the Constitution lives, oh when the Constitution **[D7]** lives...

O **[G]** when justice, rules the land, oh when justice rules the **[D7]** land ...

*Single strumming:*

Some **[G]** say this world is **[C]** trouble, and with **[G]** death our end is **[D7]** sealed  
But I'm waitin' **[G]** for that morning, when the **[D7]** new world is **[G]** revealed!

*Strum DUDU:*

O **[G]** when the saints go marching in, o when the saints go marching **[D7]** in  
O lord I **[G]** want to be in that **[C]** number, when the **[G]** saints go **[D7]** marching **[G]** in!!