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*Boldly* ♩ = 80-96

1. To Ne - phi, seer of old - en time, A vi - sion came from God,  
 2. While on our jour - ney here be - low, Be - neath temp - ta - tion's pow'r,  
 3. And when temp - ta - tion's pow'r is nigh, Our path - way cloud - ed o'er,

Where - in the ho - ly word sub - lime Was shown an i - ron rod.  
 Through mists of dark - ness we must go, In per - il ev - 'ry hour.  
 Up - on the rod we can re - ly, And heav - en's aid im - plore.

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

The i - ron rod is the word of God; 'Twill safe - ly guide us through.

4. And, hand o'er hand, the rod along,  
Through each succeeding day,  
With earnest prayer and hopeful song,  
We'll still pursue our way.

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5. Afar we see the golden rest  
To which the rod will guide,  
Where, with the angels bright and blest,  
Forever we'll abide.

1 Nephi 15:23–25

1 Nephi 8; 12:17