

Standing Beside You

A tribute to the counter-protesters in Charlottesville, VA in August, 2017. The bookend sections are comprised of excerpts from several spirituals.

Tell me, oh trav'ler, tell me how long
Since you've seen the bright stars, the midnight dew
The spring of comfort come flowing?

Walking, we are walking through the valley of the shadow of death
Walking, tryin' to keep a steady breath
And I hear you call my name, my name
And I hear it clear and bright
And though we're walking through the valley of the shadow of death
We will rise into the light ... 'cause you know that we are ...

Running, we are running through the valley of the shadow of fear
Running, we will hold each other near
And I hear you call my name, my name
And I hear it clear and strong
And though we're running through the valley of the shadow of fear
We will stand against the wrong ... 'cause you know that we are ...

Crying, we're just cryin' with the tears streaming down our face
Crying, trying to keep a steady pace
And I hear you call my name, my name
And I hear it clear and true
And as we're walking towards the shining of the light of grace
We are standing next to you ... 'cause you know that we are ...

Walking, we are walking through the valley of the shadow of death
Walking, tryin' to keep a steady breath
And I hear you call my name, my name
And I hear it clear and bright
And though we're walking through the valley of the shadow of death
We will rise into the light

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