

MYSTIC CHORALE – LYRICS FOR APRIL 20, 2021: Reggie Harris & “Homegrown Tuesday”

In The Shelter Of Each Other by Reggie Harris@

In the shelter of each other,
In the shelter of our lives;
We are open, We are dreaming,
We are hopeful, We are wise.

Many times the weight of the world crashes in,
We feel angry and afraid.
We start to lose our sense of hope,
our sense of direction.

Isolation we have learned
Will not bring much in return
If we truly cannot learn
To live as one.

You know that many times the weight of the world crashes in,
We feel broken and drained.
We start to lose our sense of joy,
our sense of connection.

And though our history remains,
It's our actions we must change
If we hope to heal our planet,
We must stand.

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On Solid Ground by Reggie Harris @2020

Chorus:

We will not rest till the storm is over
We will not lay this burden down
We will keep each other strong
We will love and carry on
Till we stand all together on solid ground

It's been a long hard journey on a winding road
So many have gone before us; they carried a heavy load
But they went there singin' as they made their way
Now it's in their footsteps we follow as we work today

I know that you're weary... we all feel the pain
Sometimes the actions of the world will try your soul again
But I believe there's a better day and it's comin' our way
That's why we're raising our voices as we work today

All around us there's hatred... all around us there's fear
Violence touches our lives and the message is clear
We mourn our martyrs... in our hearts they'll stay
And we'll sing "We Shall Overcome" and go on our way!

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Wade in The Water - Spiritual

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Woke Up This Mornin' - Civil Rights Song

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Somebody's Been Hurting by Yara Allen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QlhizB8wsU>

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WHEN I'M GONE by Phil Ochs

1-There's no place in this world where I'll belong when I'm gone
And I won't know the right from the wrong when I'm gone
And you won't find me singin' on this song when I'm gone
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here

2- And I won't feel the flowing of the time when I'm gone
All the pleasures of love will not be mine when I'm gone
My pen won't pour out a lyric line when I'm gone
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here

3- And I won't breathe the bracing air when I'm gone
And I can't even worry 'bout my cares when I'm gone
Won't be asked to do my share when I'm gone
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here

4- And I won't be running from the rain when I'm gone
And I can't even suffer from the pain when I'm gone
Can't say who's to praise and who's to blame when I'm gone
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here

5- Won't see the golden of the sun when I'm gone
And the evenings and the mornings will be one when I'm gone
Can't be singing louder than the guns when I'm gone
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here

6- All my days won't be dances of delight when I'm gone
And the sands will be shifting from my sight when I'm gone
Can't add my name into the fight while I'm gone
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here

7- And I won't be laughing at the lies when I'm gone
And I can't question how or when or why when I'm gone
Can't live proud enough to die when I'm gone
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here

There's no place in this world where I'll belong when I'm gone
And I won't know the right from the wrong when I'm gone
And you won't find me singin' on this song when I'm gone
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here

So I guess I'll have to do it... I guess I'll have to do it...

So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here!

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OPEN YOUR HEART by Kerri Lynn Nichols @2021

PART ONE:

Open your heart, let the joy come in
and let it grow from one to another
Open your heart, let the joy come in
And let it bloom and grow

PART TWO:

Plant some joy deep in your heart
and then the sun and rain will make it grow.
Plant some joy deep in your heart
and then the Earth will make it grow.

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Enough I Am by Lynn Rosenbaum

I am enough, enough I am
Not more, not less just enough
I am perfect, just the way I am
Perfect, just the way I'm not
Enough, enough I am

You are enough...

We are enough...

<https://www.meetup.com/CircleSinging-Boston/events/>

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Someday by Alan Menken (Piano solo by Graham Campbell)

Someday when we are wiser
When the world's older
When we have learned
I pray someday we may yet live
to live and let live

Someday life will be fairer
Need will be rarer
And greed will not pay
God speed this bright millennium
on its way
And let it come someday

Someday our fight will be won
Then we'll stand in the sun then
That bright afternoon, oh
'Til then, on days when the sun is gone
We'll hang on
We'll wish upon the moon,

There are some days, dark and bitter
Seems we haven't got a prayer
But a prayer for something better
Is the one thing we all share

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May They All Find their Ways Home by STORM

VERSE 1:

His clothes were tattered
His suitcase was battered
He looked like he'd not slept in days
His fingers were drumming
along to his humming
if you'd seen you'd have said he was crazed

CHORUS:

And here's to the ramblers
And here's to the gamblers
And here's to the people alone
And here's to the preachers
And here's to the seekers
May they all find their ways home

VERSE 2:

His mouth was moving
though no one was listening
until I just happened along
his words were so catching
I stopped my walking
and stood for awhile
just to hear his sad song

(chorus)

VERSE 3:

I stood there in silence
till he looked in defiance
and I figured I'd better move on
Yet the words that he taught me
return now to haunt me
though it's many years
since he's been gone

(chorus) 2x