

O u t s i d e Holiness

Travelling the road to freedom,
who wants to travel the road with me?
Fêted by noise and branches
and banners hanging from every tree;
cheered on by frenzied people,
puzzled by what they hear and see:
travelling the road to freedom,
who wants to travel the road with me?

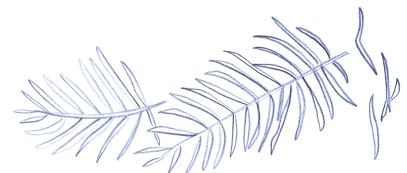
Travelling the road to freedom,
who wants to travel the road with me?
Partnered by staunch supporters
who, come the dark, will turn and flee;
nourished by faith and patience,
neither of which is plain to see:
travelling the road to freedom,
who wants to travel the road with me?

Travelling the road to freedom,
who wants to travel the road with me?
Tipping the scales of justice,
setting both minds and captives free;
suffering and yet forgiving,
ev'n when my friends most disagree:
travelling the road to freedom,
Who wants to travel the road with me?

Travelling the road to freedom,
I am the Way, I'll take you there.
Choose to come on the journey,
or choose to criticise or stare.
Earth's mesmerizing evil
only a traveller can repair.
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I am the Way, I'll take you there.

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Ride on, ride on, the time is right:

the roadside crowds scream with delight;
palm branches mark the pilgrim way
where beggars squat and children play.

Ride on, ride on, your critics wait,
intrigue and rumour circulate;
new lies abound in word and jest,
and trust becomes a suspect guest.

Ride on, ride on, while well aware
that those who shout and wave and stare,
are mortals who, with common breath,
can crave for life and lust for death

Ride on, ride on, though blind with tears,
though dumb to speak and deaf to jeers.
Your path is clear, though few can tell
their garments pave the road to Hell.

Ride on, ride on, the room is let,
the wine matured, the saw is whet;
and dice your death-throes shall attend
though faith, not fate, dictates your end.

Ride on, ride on, God's love demands.
Justice and peace lie in your hands.
Evil and angels' voices rhyme:
this is the man and this the time.

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