

OVER TO YOU

1. Somebody called him in the night —
he didn't recognise the voice.
But Samuel listened very hard;
he heard his name, he made his choice.

*But now it's over, now it's over,
now it's over to you, over to you*

2. You build a bridge for us to cross,
we go from darkness into light.
We walk along the Jesus' way
by faith we walk and not by sight.

*And now it's over, now it's over,
now it's over to you, over to you*

3. We are the ones who change the world.
We are the ones who make it right.
We are the sentences you speak,
we are the peace that ends the fight.

But now it's over, now it's over,
now it's over to you, over to you

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For several years in a row the organisers of the Uniting church's Kid's Campout in Victoria asked me to write a theme song for the event. I think this was the last of five. I'd pretty much worked out what I wanted it to be about, when my son Thom suggested I should write something in 12/8 time. The following morning I woke up early, and by 7 am I'd more or less put it together.

I've often enjoyed writing for Uniting church events and working with Uniting church people. They're such a contrast to Lutherans. We Lutherans are generally a cautious bunch, always focusing on what God does for us. The Uniting church is more adventurous and clearly understands faith as an active, practical thing. Lutherans have the same understanding in theory, but we appear to find it harder to put this understanding into practice.