

WALKING DOWN THE ROAD

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1978. (first published in All Together Now) There's a natural tendency in human beings to think of God as being majestic and unapproachable. But I find it hard to think of God like that, because Jesus shows us a God who is close, a companion on the way. This is 'not one who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses' (Hebrews 4:15). The God revealed by Jesus, the 'only God we ever get' (Luther), has experienced the life of us humans and promises to stay with us forever. I hope this song communicates that kind of understanding of the inventor of stars and sapphires. Dorothy and I were at a camp at Cudlee Creek in the Adelaide Hills with our 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old twin sons.. We went for a walk on Saturday afternoon in a paddock where cows had clearly been in recent times. Our children took delight in wandering off, using the cowcakes — dry ones, fortunately! — as stepping stones. This song started from the experience. It should retain an earthy flavour (smell?) — and so should the practice of our faith.

1. When the day has begun,
and the darkness is done,
and my eyes see the sky so blue,
I put on my clothes,
I'm ready to go
walkin down the road with you.

So I'm walkin down the road,
walkin down the road,
walkin down the road with you.
Yes, I'm walkin down the road.
walkin down the road .
walkin down the road with you.

2. You know how it goes
when I'm walkin the road,
I'm a child, everything seems new.
I trip, hurt my knees,
lose my way in the trees,
so I'm walkin down the road with you.

3. You can see where to go,
feel the wind as it blows
in the day and the night-time too.
You know when to run,
when to rest in the sun,
so I'm walkin down the road with you.

4. Oh, stay by my side,
Jesus, you be my guide,
don't you know how I trust in you.
Show me where I should call,
pick me up when I fall,
as I'm walkin down the road with you.

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