

From Apology towards Reconciliation
30th Anniversary of the United Church's Apology to First Nations Peoples

This Path We Walk

Tune: "O WALY WALY (GIFT OF LOVE)" – 8888 (372 in Voices United)

This path we walk, through joy and tears,
a living Way of faith and fears,
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,
when walked in love, we'll rise again.

When life is shared, together, free
we'll grow to be all we can be:
a circle wide will call us home,
when wrapped in love, we're not alone.

These gifts we bring, this light we hold,
our songs of grace, our stories told,
remain un-done, told just in part,
till shared in love, and known by heart.

When life is shared, together bound,
God's richest gifts, together found;
together walk the Spirit's Way
when love's the guide, we shall not stray.

This life we share, a blessing deep;
a promised gift, now ours to keep.
God grant our words were spoken true,
now clothed in life, each day anew.

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Lyrics by S. Curtis Tufts a United Church minister in Spruce Grove Alberta.

"I was a commissioner from Saskatchewan Conference at the 1986 General Council in Sudbury and have a vivid memory of the evening when the Apology was brought on our behalf by the Moderator to the waiting Elders. The whole council was gathered in an amazing circle dance around a bonfire as the Moderator and Elders met in a tipi nearby. I remember clearly the strong feeling that we were in the midst of a historic turning point kind of moment. I hope that, as a part of our acknowledging the anniversary of that moment, this hymn will remind us of the need to continue faithfully on the journey that was begun then."