
Their Shoulders Bend as Low as Mine

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Their shoulders bend as low as mine
beneath my heavy load;
with tears as salty as are mine,
they walk my winding road.
Their hearts know all my guilt and greed,
know all my hopes and joy;
they know the help and strength I need,
these friends in God's employ.

They tell me what I need to hear,
point out what I must see;
they listen, when I will not hear
the truth God speaks to me.
They love me still for who I am
when all I am shows through.
They see in me the spotless Lamb;
I see him in them too.

So, too, my shoulders bend with theirs
beneath their heavy load.
My tears as salty as are theirs;
I walk their winding road.
This sisterhood and brotherhood
live deep within the soul –
live deep within, where Jesus would,
to make all friendships whole.

Let earthly friendships be redeemed
by Christ, both God and man,
who held our hand and God's, it seemed,
in his, nailed to the span.
Be friends now, heaven, friends with earth,
be friends now, thief with King.
Be friends now death, be friends with birth,
as friends, in chorus, sing.

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