

## SONG WORDS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2023

Stay with me, remain here with me. Watch and pray. Watch and pray.

My soul is sad. My heart is breaking tonight. Could you not watch and comfort me until light? Am I alone, surrounded only by night? Could you not watch one hour with me?

Could you not keep awake for one hour with me? Is it so hard that you should do this for me? I die for you that you might always be free. Could you not watch one hour with me?

And so I weep, and there is no one to hear. I am in pain; will no one witness my tears? I am your God, and as my Passion draws near, Could you not watch one hour with me?

Take your cross now Jesus man. Walk the road to Calvary alone. Your innocence a mockery Nazarene for what crime do you atone? Walk alone.

Battered, bruised and bloodied now, stumbling on the long and dusty road. Stripped of all your dignity, this final journey holds a fate well known. Walk alone. Death's dark journey calls your name. Crown of thorns, crown of shame. Faces filled with hate and blame. The good you've done forgotten now. Take your cross now Jesus man. Walk the road to Calvary alone. Walk alone. Walk alone. Walk alone.

Born for this. You were born for this. Born to walk this road and bear that rugged cross. But it's breaking my heart to see you like this. My son, my precious child. The agony, Oh, the agony. I see you suff'ring and there's nothing I can do. But I'll walk by your side till we come to the end. My son my precious child.

I see the anguish in your eyes. I've prayed this cup will pass you by, but I know that it has to be so. Though I don't understand the reason. So much pain so much confusion, but you were born for this, you were born for this. My son, my precious child.

Fallen again. Kneeling in shame. Frightened, rejected unbearable pain. Suff'ring in silence such patience unknown, not moving. Can he go on? Fallen again. Face to the ground. Soldiers abusing, heckling crowd. Slowly her rises feet heavy unsure. Strength fading still he goes on.

**O great king O royal one, your cross awaits. Is there anything your majesty desires? Is your cross too heavy sire? May I shine your crown? Let us relieve you of your splendid royal attire! All hail king of the Jews! All hail King of the Jews! Come now king and rest awhile you've walked so far! We bet you're very glad the journey's almost done. We like your regal garments so we're sharing them around. Casting lots to see what can be won. All hail king of the Jews! All hail king of the Jews!**

**Murderers and brigands, We thought we'd seen it all. Every kind of criminal there can be. But this one they call Jesus is the strangest of the lot! A self proclaimed Messiah is he! All hail King of the Jews! All hail king of the Jews! All hail king of the Jews!**

**Father forgive them for what they have done. They know not the scale of their crime. Guilt in their eyes and my blood on their hands. Forgive them dear father forgive. Father why have you forsaken your son. Alone I am left here to die. My flesh and my spirit both wounded the same. Forgive them dear father forgive. Eli Eli lama sabachtani. Repeat**

**Precious Saviour laid to rest. Shattered hopes, such emptiness. Lifeless Lord. It is over now. Night has come, the darkest hour. Our hope has gone. Here in this stone cold grave the one we thought would save us, where is solace to be found? It is over now. It is over now.**

**You know me, you formed me, you gave me life. From darkness you called me, you changed my life. And even as the sun sinks down I see your light shine through. For still the stars of heaven shine and I'm alive in you, alive in you. You know me, You formed me, I'm alive in you alive in you.**

**You are the way to our Father above! Jesus send Your Spirit, help our hearts to love. You are alive! You're our friend and our guide. We can always trust in you as you're here by our side!**

**At the cross, forgiveness we pray for moments when we've fallen astray. Through the cross, the darkness has passed. The Lamb of God is light that will last! We will take up our cross, it's a gain, not a loss. We'll reach out, love the poor and the lost!**