

## Ready For The Storm

*This poem/song/Eucharistic prayer was written in response the story of the calming of the storm and likening the storm to the chaos and uncertainty we can and do feel in everyday life. It may be a re-writing of Dougie MacLean's song Ready for the Storm and certainly uses the tune! I would love to hear a music group sing it but maybe I'll have to settle for a poetic responsive reading of it instead.*

O the wind swirls up to an angry roar  
And the rain it lashes on the shore  
And our faith is shaken to the core  
Lest we sink beneath the waves  
Uncertain future feels left in the cold  
Till there's nothing left that we can hold  
And its hard to find the spirit to be bold  
And dance towards daybreak

**But we are ready for the storm, yes we're ready  
We are ready for the storm, ready for the storm**

Give us strength to change our dreams  
When every problem seems to mean  
That there are more lessons yet to learn  
As we walk upon the waves  
Possibilities beckon us draw near  
The challenge is to overcome our fear  
Surprises await if only we'll draw near  
To the one who's reaching out.

**But we are ready for the storm, yes we're ready  
We are ready for the storm, ready for the storm**

Gather confidence and break this bread  
For reclining round a table Jesus once said  
Take and eat until all are fed  
My body is given for you  
After supper he poured out the wine  
And invited all to celebrate and dine  
For in community you will find  
The courage to take a risk.

**But we are ready for the storm, yes we're ready  
We are ready for the storm, ready for the storm**

For in sheer silence we learn compassion  
The nagging small voice inspiring our vision  
As we journey towards your healing mission  
For all who need a space  
The eye of the storm fuses despair and hope  
A balm for stress, illness, addiction and dope  
As in your embrace we learn to do more than cope  
And fly above the storm

**For we are ready to ride the storm, yes we're ready**  
**We are ready to ride the storm, to fly the storm**  
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