

Song Of Naomi And Ruth

We were asked by the North Western Baptist Association to write a worship pack on the theme of associating with one another as Baptist churches across the region. We chose to look at the story of Naomi and Ruth as they promise to walk together but got rather stuck when it came to finding hymns on the story. Fortunately, a good friend and hymn-writer, Jan Berry, came to our rescue and wrote one for us which was included in the pack. We also thought though that we'd have a go at writing one ourselves so here it is! It goes to the tune of Scarborough Fair.

1. We'll sing a song of Naomi and Ruth
Widows both united in grief
For Naomi's land they venture forth
a place to belong, their hoped-for belief.

*Chorus: Where you go then I will go too;
 Where you lodge there I'll lay my head;
 To your people and God I pledge I'll be true;
 Part me from you and I'll be dead.*

2. Sometimes it feels like we journey alone
Looking in, afraid to look out
Take us by the hand into the unknown
Hold us in our fear and our doubt.
3. God calls us to walk side by side
Customs old, meet expressions new
Cultures diverse, insightful and wise
Challenge us to change and to grow.
4. Together we'll promise to listen and learn
Stories shared, painful memories held
One with each other to sojourn
Embracing the world, Christ's passion revealed
5. So let us taste the bread of new life
Celebrate God's promise to us
Work towards the end of human strife
Dream of God's kin-dom, peaceful and just.

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