

Walk On

It won't come as any surprise to those of you who are familiar with Dancing Scarecrow that we often use popular music to explore the relationship between faith and real life. In this respect U2 are an absolute treasure trove of poetry and images! Here we draw on and quote from their song "Walk On" from the album All That You Can't Leave Behind, to explore the journey of our faith.

Scared, so alone
Frightened to set off
He stays at home
Never knowing
Never feeling
Never going anywhere
Secure
He dreams
That maybe there is more

"Walk on, walk on
What you got, they can't steal it
No, they can't even feel it
Walk on, walk on
Stay safe tonight" (U2)

As the darkness falls
She stumbles
and fear grips her heart
She cannot see the path ahead
Alone
she turns back
Alone
she sees the shimmering lights
of all she left behind

"Walk on, walk on
What you got, they can't steal it
No, they can't even feel it
Walk on, walk on
Stay safe tonight" (U2)

Lagging behind
He drags his heavy suitcase
on silly airport wheels
across the rugged ground
Heavy laden
With gadgets
Just in case
Prepared for everything
Ready for nothing
He will not let go

"Walk on, walk on
What you got, they can't steal it

No, they can't even feel it
Walk on, walk on
Stay safe tonight" (U2)

Little one looks on enviously
Little one knows
Where they are going
But she cannot go
She cannot walk
They don't want her kind there
Little one doesn't hear
Won't hear
Them calling to her

"Walk on, walk on
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No, they can't even feel it
Walk on, walk on
Stay safe tonight"

A lone voice calls out
Knows
Not the journey
But the destination
Follow me
Take up your cross
Follow me
Eat bread
Drink wine
Share my body
Join in my blood

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[Share bread and wine]

Few in number
They walk
Together
Rag bag
Old young
Tired sore
Following
A Footprint
Looking upwards
They see more hills
Looking down
They see

All that they have left behind
And around
They see friends
Companions
And sense
That someone else
Walks with them.

© Clare McBeath and Tim Presswood, quoting U2's lyrics from the song "Walk On" from the Album All That You Can't Leave Behind.