



One World Anthem

(Sung to the melody of "We shall overcome")

We Shall Live As One

ORIGINAL LYRICS: CHARLES ALBERT TINDLEY, 1900
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GOSPEL SONG

We shall live as o-n-e, we shall live as o-n-e, we shall live as

one some day; Oh, deep in my heart

I do be-lieve, We shall live as one some day.

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2. We'll walk hand in ha-a-nd, we'll walk hand in ha-a-nd, we'll walk hand in hand some da-a-ay,
O-oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we'll walk hand in hand someday.
3. We shall live in pe-a-ce, We shall live in pe-a-ce, We shall live in peace some da-a-ay,
O-oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall live in peace **one** day.
4. One World altogether, One World altogether, One World altogether, Yeah,
O-oh, we can survive, no other way, we must live as one today.

This song is proof that a good melody is appreciated in many countries and cultures. Many versions have been sung, recorded and used in different contexts in 20th century America. Most well-known are the versions of Pete Seeger and Joan Baez. Mahalia Jackson has recorded a version, which places more emphasis on the pre-condition of our faith by singing:

"If I believe, deep in my heart, I shall ..."

This seems fitting, as the song's likely origin is the "Sicilian Mariners Hymn" << O Sanctissima >>.

I first heard this song as a 13-year old on a German Disarmament March. I was confused! I hardly understood the English text, but I knew the melody. It was the middle of the summer and we were on a political demonstration – what the heck? You see, another version of this lovely melody is the German Christmas song "Oh du fröhliche, Oh du selige, ...", a bit like 'Jingle bells'.