

# Come Bear Witness

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*(opt. leader)* Will you come bear wit-ness with me?  
 함 께 증 인 되 어 줄 래?  
 Will you come sit qui-et with me?  
 ¿Te u-ni-rás en mi pa-de-cer?  
 Will you come seek jus-tice with me?  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?

*(all)* Will you come bear wit-ness with me? (with me)  
 함 께 증 인 되 어 줄 래?  
 Will you come sit qui-et with me?  
 ¿Te u-ni-rás en mi pa-de-cer;  
 Will you come seek jus-tice with me?  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?

When my hope is sink-ing down,  
 사 방 이 다 막 혀 있 을 때,  
 When I can-not find a way,  
 cuan-do nos po-nen ca-de-nas,  
 When our peo-ple suf-fer wrong,  
 When the way is far from clear,

when there's trou-ble all a-round,  
 희 망 이 무 너 질 때,  
 when it e-ven hurts to pray,  
 cuan-do mar-cha-mos con pe-nas,  
 when op-press-ion's grip seems strong,  
 still in faith we per-sev-ere,

when I feel I've al-most drowned:  
 죽 음 의 문턱 에 있 을 때.  
 when there's noth-ing left to say,  
 cuan-do o-tros e-na-je-nan?  
 still we pray, "how long?"  
 trust-ing that God's reign draws near.

*(opt. leader)* Will you  
 함 께  
 hum—  
 ¿Can-ta-  
 Will you  
 Will you

come bear wit-ness with me?  
 증 인 되 어 줄 래?  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?  
 함 께 증 인 되 어 줄 래?  
 ¿Can-ta-rás con-mi-go sin fin?  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?  
 Will you come bear wit-ness with me?

This song of witness is inspired by Kentucky folk music, as well as spirituals and protest songs. A leader may suggest alternate words for “bear witness” as the song is repeated, adapting it for a variety of contexts in worship and beyond. At the heart of the song is a deep silence—a space for listening to God, hearing the prayers of people who are oppressed, opening our hearts in confession and lament, and joining the intercession of the Spirit in sighs too deep for words.