

# Standing in the Breach

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And though the earth may tremble and our foundations crack  
We will all assemble and we will build them back  
And rush to save the lives remaining still within our reach  
And try to put our world together standing in the breach

So many live in poverty while others live as kings  
Though some may find peace  
In the acceptance of all that living brings  
I will never understand however they've prepared  
How one life may be struck down and another life be spared

And though the earth may tremble and cast our works aside  
And though our efforts resemble the fluctuating tide  
We rise and fall with the trust and belief  
That love redeems us each  
And bend our backs and hearts together standing in the breach

You don't know why it's such a far cry  
From the world this world could be  
You don't know why but you still try  
For the world you wish to see  
You don't know how it will happen now  
After all that's come undone  
But you know the change the world needs now  
Is there, in everyone

The unpaid debts of history  
The open wounds of time  
The laws of human nature always tugging from behind  
I want to think that the earth can heal  
And that people might still learn  
How to meet this world's true challenges  
And that the course we're on could turn

And though the earth may tremble and the oceans pitch and rise  
We will all assemble and we will lift our eyes  
To the tasks that we know lie before us  
And the power our prayers beseech  
And cast our souls into the heavens, standing in the breach

You don't know why it's such a far cry  
From the world this world could be  
You don't know why but you still try  
For the world you wish to see  
You don't know how it's going to happen now  
After all that's come undone  
And you know the world you're waiting for may not come  
No it may not come  
But you know the change the world needs now  
Is there, in everyone