

Don't Knock

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You don't knock.
(You don't knock, you just walk on in.)
The door (the door into heaven's den.)
There's love (there's love and joy for you)
To share (to share the whole day through)
I know (I know my friends are there)
To rest (to rest in the heaven's nest)
You don't knock, ring, push a hole.
The door's wide open a-waitin' for your soul.
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I've walked life's winding road (Oh, yeah!)
Tryin' to bear this load (Oh, yeah!)
Traveled both night and day. (Oh, yeah!)
So tired I could hardly pray (Oh, yeah!)
Jesus, my light my guide, (Oh, yeah!)
He's ever by my side. (Oh, yeah!)
So, I'm walkin', not a-knockin', into heaven with pride.

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I'll have no need to fear. (Oh, yeah!)
He is ever near. (Oh, yeah!)
He'll know my work was true. (Oh, yeah!)
So glad the day is through. (Yeah!)
It wasn't for me to say. (Oh, yeah!)
I didn't think I'd make my way. (Oh, yeah!)
So, I'm walkin', not a-knockin', into heaven, goodbye.

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