

## Like I Never Felt Before

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(Been) training all this time  
I'm at the starting line  
A marathon I'm gonna have to run  
In such a way as if to win the prize  
And I believe  
Even though I can't see  
All the athletes from days gone by  
Are in the stadium surrounding me  
And in the days  
before the final phase  
I sacrificed the things that held me down  
And concentratedly I fixed my gaze.  
A shot resounds  
My heart begins to pound  
And I begin to know what it's like  
To run as if I had nobody around  
And I feel like I never felt before  
I ran through the open door  
And I feel like I never felt before  
And it seems You're aware of so much more  
Than I gave You credit for  
And I feel like I never felt before

Climbing high  
I can almost touch the sky  
But every time I'm halfway there  
I think I'll never reach the top alive  
But I'm aware  
I'm safely in Your care  
And with Your help I'll never face a day  
That I am unable to bear  
You taught me to crawl/ You taught me to stand  
You taught me run one step at a time/and watch out for the quicksand  
You taught me to live/ You taught me to die  
You taught me to spread My wings and how to fly

Behind the Song:

"The author of the book of Hebrews portrays a scene of great excitement and anticipation when describing the life of a follower of Christ. He says that we are a part of a massive race and are surrounded by heroes of great faith in God, cheering us on in our own lives. The Message says it this way: "Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, Who both began and finished this same race that we are in. Study how He did it. Be

cause He never lost sight of where He was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God. He could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now He is there, in the place of honor, right alongside God the Father. When you find yourself flagging in your faith, go over that story again, line by line, and review that long litany of hostility that He plowed through, for us. That should shoot some adrenaline into your souls" (Heb. 12:1-3)." - Aaron Shust