

Workin' On A World

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I got so down and troubled
I nearly lost my head
I started wakin' every morning
Filled with sadness, fear, and dread
The world I took for granted
Was crashing to the ground
And I realized I might not live long enough
To ever see it turn around

But then I got to thinkin'
Of the ones who came before
And all the sacrifices that they made
To open up so many doors
Doors I got to walk through
On streets paved for me
By people who were workin' on a world
They never got to see

Now I'm workin' on a world I may never see
I'm joinin' forces with the warriors of love
Who came before and will follow you and me
I get up in the mornin' knowing I'm privileged just to be
Workin' on a world I may never see

I don't have all the answers
To the troubles of the day
But neither did all our ancestors
And they persevered anyway
When I see a little baby
Reaching out its arms to me
I remember why I'm workin' on a world
I may never see

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