

A Half a Mile a Day

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One night after a concert
I walked through the streets of the town
And came upon a little churchThe service was over but the testimonials had just begun
People caught up in the spirit of the night
Just didnt want to leave
So I stepped inside the door
And sat down by a little old lady in the backA man stood up in front and said
I just want all of you to know that
Im going straight to heaven as fast as I can go
Like an arrow shot from a bow and he sat downAnother man stood up and said
Im sailin' right straight into heaven
Like a giant clipper ship, sailin' on a sea of blue
And nothin's gonna deter me or keep me from that safe harborHe sat down and another man stood up and said
Im flyin' into the portals of heaven on silver wings
Sailin' over all the troubles and trials down below
Straight on in and he sat downThe little lady beside me made it to her feet slowly
And all got quiet as she raised her face
Not to the preacher or the congregation
But toward heaven and prayerfully saidIm comin', Lord for my heavenly reward
Im on my way to You, can You see me comin' through?
Through clouds of persecution and stumblin' on the way
But I expect Im makin' 'bout a half a mile a dayThe road to Heaven doesnt have a rapid transit plan
It's one way with no changes goin' to the promised land
But I believe that if I'll heed the things He had to say
Even I might get to Heaven at a half a mile a dayLord, when I let You lead, I dont make any speed
'Cos I have to stop and touch the ones who need so much
And then sometimes others pull me off of Your narrow way
And by my mistakes I barely make a half a mile a dayBut the road to Heaven doesnt have a rapid transit plan
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