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 breachSo 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 sparedAnd 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 breachYou 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 everyoneThe 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 turnAnd 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

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