

# Ain't Talkin'

Bob Dylan

As I walked out tonight in the mystic garden  
The wounded flowers were dangling from the vine  
I was passing by yon cool crystal fountain  
Someone hit me from behind Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
Through this weary world of woe  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
No one on earth would ever know They say, prayer has the power to heal  
So pray from the mother  
In the human heart an evil spirit can dwell  
I am tryin' to love my neighbor and do good unto others  
But oh, mother, things ain't going well Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
I'll burn that bridge before you can cross  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
There'll be no mercy for you once you've lost Now I'm all worn down by weepin'  
My eyes are filled with tears, my lips are dry  
If I catch my opponents ever sleepin'  
I'll just slaughter 'em where they lie Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
Through the world mysterious and vague  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
Walkin' through the cities of the plague Well, the whole world is filled with speculation  
The whole wide world which people say is round  
They will tear your mind away from contemplation  
They will jump on your misfortune when you're down Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
Eatin' hog eyed grease in a hog eyed town  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
Some day you'll be glad to have me around They will crush you with wealth and power  
Every wakin' moment you could crack  
I'll make the most of one last extra hour  
I'll revenge my father's death and I'll step back Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
Hand me down my walkin' cane  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
Got to get you out of my miserable brain All my loyal and my much-loved companions  
They approve of me and share my code  
I practice a faith that's been long abandoned  
Ain't no altars on this long and lonesome road Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
My mule is sick, my horse is blind  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
Thinkin' 'bout that gal I left behind Well, it's bright in the heavens and the wheels are flyin'  
Fame and honor never seem to fade

The fire gone out but the light is never dyin'  
Who says I can't get heavenly aid? Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
Carryin' a dead man's shield  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
Walkin' with a toothache in my heel The sufferin' is unending  
Every nook and cranny has its tears  
I'm not playin', I'm not pretendin'  
I'm not nursin' any superfluous fears Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
Walkin' ever since the other night  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
Walkin' 'til I'm clean out of sight As I walked out in the mystic garden  
On a hot summer day, a hot summer lawn  
Excuse me, ma'am, I beg your pardon  
There's no one here, the gardener is gone Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
Up the road, around the bend  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
In the last outback at the world's end

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