

# When I'm Gone

[Phil Ochs](#)

There's no place in this world where I'll belong when I'm gone  
And I won't know the right from the wrong when I'm gone  
And you won't find me singin' on this song when I'm gone  
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here And I won't feel the flowing of the time when I'm gone  
All the pleasures of love will not be mine when I'm gone  
My pen won't pour a lyric line when I'm gone  
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here And I won't breathe the bracing air when I'm gone  
And I can't even worry 'bout my cares when I'm gone  
Won't be asked to do my share when I'm gone  
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here And I won't be running from the rain when I'm gone  
And I can't even suffer from the pain when I'm gone  
Can't say who's to praise and who's to blame when I'm gone  
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here Won't see the golden of the sun when I'm gone  
And the evenings and the mornings will be one when I'm gone  
Can't be singing louder than the guns when I'm gone  
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here All my days won't be dances of delight when I'm gone  
And the sands will be shifting from my sight when I'm gone  
Can't add my name into the fight while I'm gone  
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here And I won't be laughing at the lies when I'm gone  
And I can't question how or when or why when I'm gone  
Can't live proud enough to die when I'm gone  
So I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here There's no place in this world where I'll belong when I'm gone  
And I won't know the right from the wrong when I'm gone  
And you won't find me singin' on this song when I'm gone  
So I guess I'll have to do it, I guess I'll have to do it  
Guess I'll have to do it while I'm here

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