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# We Shall Overcome

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"We Shall Overcome" is a protest song that became a key anthem of the Civil Rights Movement. The original source of "We Shall Overcome" was a gospel hymn entitled "If My Jesus Wills", composed sometime between 1932 and 1942, and copyrighted in 1954 by African-American Baptist choir director, Louise Shropshire. Shropshire was a close friend, civil rights ally and spiritual confidant of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
We shall overcome someday.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,  
We'll walk hand in hand someday.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,  
We are not afraid today.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

We shall all be free, we shall all be free,  
We shall all be free someday,  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
We shall overcome someday.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.