# THE ONES WHO CARRY THE LIGHT

*A Song of Calling, Compassion, Leadership and Shared Burdens*

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*For Country Team Leaders and all who serve, guide, encourage and care for others across the nations.*

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## INTRO

There are roads that few will travel,
There are burdens few will see,
There are prayers whispered in the darkness
For the people placed with me.

I have stood beside the weary,
Held their stories in my hands,
Tried to lead with grace and wisdom
In these distant, changing lands.

## VERSE 1

I have listened to the broken,
I have watched the hopeful rise,
Seen the courage of a family
And the tears behind their eyes.

There are choices without answers,
There are nights that bring no sleep,
There are promises and people,
And a trust I'm called to keep.

I'm a leader, not a saviour,
I'm a servant, not a king;
And beneath these expectations,
I'm a human being.

## PRE-CHORUS

Who will hear the one who's listening?
Who will hold the one who cares?
Who will stand beside the leader
When the weight is hard to bear?

## CHORUS

**We are the ones who carry the light,**
Through uncertain days and the longest night.
Not because we're strong enough alone,
But because His love has called us on.

**We are the ones who answer the call,**
Yet we're not meant to carry it all.
When the road is steep and the way unknown,
Hold this truth — **you are not alone.**

## VERSE 2

Different nations, different voices,
Different ways to understand,
Different hopes and expectations,
Reaching out across the land.

Some look to me for answers,
Some need someone just to hear,
Some are facing loss and illness,
Some are paralysed by fear.

And the offices send questions,
And the deadlines fill the day,
While the people need a shepherd
Who will never turn away.

But there's only so much strength here,
Only so much I can give;
And the calling that I treasure
Must not consume the life I live.

## PRE-CHORUS

Give me wisdom for the choices,
Give me courage to say no,
Give me grace to share the burden,
And the faith to let things go.

## CHORUS

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## BRIDGE

I cannot heal every sorrow,
I cannot settle every fear.
I cannot carry every tomorrow,
Or promise I'll always be here.

I need a friend who'll ask the questions,
I need a place where I can weep,
I need a hand upon my shoulder,
And permission just to sleep.

You were never called to be the answer,
Never asked to bear the world.
You were called to walk beside them
As God's greater story is unfurled.

Let us carry this together,
Let us share the joy and pain.
Let the weary find their shelter,
Let the broken rise again.

## THE PROMISE

When I am weary...
**We will stand beside you!**

When I am uncertain...
**We will walk with you!**

When I need wisdom...
**We will seek it together!**

When I cannot carry on...
**You don't have to walk alone!**

## FINAL CHORUS

**We are the ones who carry the light,**
And together we'll make it through the night!
Not by our strength, not by our name,
But by the love that called us to this place!

**We are the ones who answer the call,**
And no one should have to carry it all!
Across the nations, wherever we roam,
**We stand together — we are not alone!**

## OUTRO

Let me lead with open hands,
Let me serve and understand.
Let me know when I must rest,
And trust that others can give their best.

You are seen.
You are heard.
You are valued
Beyond your work.

And when my season comes to an end,
May those I've nurtured rise again.
Not remembering what I achieved,
But how they were loved,
And how they were freed.

## FINAL REFRAIN

We carry the light...
But never alone.

**Never alone.**

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## SONGBOOK REFLECTION

Leadership is not the absence of weakness, nor is calling a demand for endless sacrifice.

Those entrusted with the care of others carry responsibilities that are often unseen: the burdens of difficult decisions, the pain of human suffering, the tensions of differing expectations, and the quiet loneliness of being the person to whom others turn.

Yet no leader was ever intended to carry these burdens alone.

This song honours the humanity of those who lead. It recognises that strength is found not only in perseverance, but also in vulnerability, shared wisdom, mutual care, appropriate boundaries, and the courage to rest.

Above all, it celebrates a profound truth: **the light we carry is not our own achievement, but a gift entrusted to us to share.**

And when our season of leadership ends, our greatest legacy may not be what we accomplished, but the people who were strengthened, encouraged, loved and released to flourish.

*We carry the light — but never alone.*