

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."*

- Psalm 23:4

### **Keep on Marching**

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*No matter how many begin to doubt,  
Or start to fall out—  
Let the truck pick them up, take their ruck,  
Embrace the suck, and keep marching.*

*When the men around you look your way,  
Don't frown or act like a clown;  
Smile, lift them up, and keep marching.  
Pick up another ruck, lighten their load—  
No one needs to get on that truck.  
Just keep marching.*

*When the hill grows steep,  
When it's time to make the leap,  
Reach down deep, and keep marching.*

*When the water runs low,  
When your mind starts to slow,  
Suck it up—don't let it show—keep marching.  
You're no quitter, nor bitter;  
You're a Soldier in the fight—keep marching.*

*When darkness falls and spirits sink,  
Find that spark; you're closer than you think.  
Just keep marching.*

*The gate comes into view,  
And you're among the few—  
Who, on this day, can proudly say:*

*"I kept on marching."*

*Always in the fight! Never quit!*

*"From this Gate emerge the finest Soldiers the World has Ever Known"*

*Queen of Battle. FOLLOW ME! U.S. Army Infantry!*



