

# 379 We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;  
2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;  
3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;  
4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;  
5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.  
we'll walk hand in hand some - day.  
we shall live in peace some - day.  
we are not a - fraid to - day.  
God will see us through to - day.

*Refrain*

O, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a work-song aboard slave ships.