

What Are They Doin' In Heaven?

(Inspired by the performance
from Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn)

Composer/ Lyricist: Charles Albert Tindley

Arranger: DoubleA/24

♩ = 112, with Grace and Expression

Intro C F C

I am think-ing of friends whom I used to know, Who

6 C G

lived and suf-fered in this world be - low; They've

10 C F C

gone up to Heav - en, but I want to know O

14 *Bridge* G C G

What are they do - in' right now? What -

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with an 'Intro' section in C major, 4/4 time, marked 'mp' (mezzo-piano). The tempo is 112 beats per minute. The lyrics are: 'I am think-ing of friends whom I used to know, Who'. The score continues with measures 6-9, marked 'C' and 'G', with lyrics: 'lived and suf-fered in this world be - low; They've'. Measures 10-13 are marked 'C', 'F', and 'C', with lyrics: 'gone up to Heav - en, but I want to know O'. The 'Bridge' section starts at measure 14, marked 'G', 'C', and 'G', with lyrics: 'What are they do - in' right now? What -'. The piano part features a mix of chords and moving lines, while the vocal part is a simple melody. The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

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A Chorus

18

F

are they do-in' in Heav-en to-day? Where

mf

22

F

sin and sor-row are all-done a-way, And

26

C

F

peace a-bounds like a riv-er, they say; O

30

C

G

C

what are they do-in' right now? There were

34

B Verse 1

C

G

F

C

some whose hearts were bur-dened with cares, They

mp

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38 C Am G C

passed thier mo-ments in sigh-ing and tears, They

42 C F C F C

clung to the cross with trem - bling thoughts and fears, But

46 C Bridge F⁷ G C

What are they do - in' right now? O What

50 **C** Chorus F C

are they do - in' in Heav - en to - day? Where

54 F C G

sin and sor - row are all - done a - way, And

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58 C F

peace a - bounds like a riv - er, they say; O

62 C F⁷ G C

what are they do - in' right now?

Verse 2

66 **D** C F G

some whose bod - ies were full of dis - ease, Med-i -

70 8 F G

cine nor doc - tors could give them much ease; They

74 8 G C G C

suf - ered till death bro't a fi - nal re - lease.

And there were

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78 **E** Verse 3

some who were poor and of - ten dis - pised; They had

pp

looked to Heav-en thro' tear blind - ed eyes, While

peo - ple were heed - less and deaf to thier cries; O -

Bridge

what are they do - in' right now? O What

F Chorus **A Tempo**

are they do - in' in Heav-en to - day? Where

ff

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98 F (Am⁷) G

sin and sor-row are all done a - way, And

102 C F

peace a - bounds like a riv - er, they say;

106 C F⁷ G C rit. 8-----

what are they do - in' right now? O -

110 8 **G** Fine G C

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ff *mp*