

I'm So Glad

A version for Quaker kids and others by Terry SoRelle

Lyrics:

I'm so glad you're here with me today
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Singing glory halleluiah, I'm so glad

I'm so glad we're walking in the Light . . .

[Ask everyone: What are you glad about?]

[Make up your own verses.]

Background

I learned this song in the Civil Rights movement when we sang the tune from an African American Spiritual known as "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me." We substituted verses like: I'm so glad we're fighting for our freedom, ... segregation's going away, ... we're in this fight together.

Obviously this is not to be confused with "I'm So Glad" by the group Creme. However, Creme took this song from a 1931 recording by Skip James that may very well have been based on the spiritual.

If you'd like learn the tune and how it should be sung. The members of the Liberty City Church of Christ in Detroit can teach you. See this video: <https://youtu.be/IXAGFtUzkO4>

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