



# AS THE TREE STANDS TALL

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### As the Tree Stands Tall

As the tree stands tall  
Deeply rooted in its virtues,  
We stand strong  
Firmly planted in hope,  
We branch out  
Providing shelter for the lost!  
As the tree stands tall  
We stand together with you  
Like a child needs its mother  
We must all look to each other.  
Until we grow  
And can fend for ourselves,  
Then we shall find  
providing shelter of our own.  
As the tree stands tall  
We stand together with you.

### About the poet

Chris Wallitner (b. 1997) is a composer, poet, and student at Central Washington University pursuing his undergraduate degree in Composition. Poems of his that have been set to music include: *Stance*, *Little Rose*, and *For You*. Alongside his poems are his compositions; *Common Thread*, *Little Rose*, and *Thinker's Lament*. Chris prides himself on his ability to create stories using words and music and to be an asset to musicians that have a story to tell, but no words to tell them.

We know a storm is coming  
And we know it's coming soon,  
Bringing wind and thunder  
Destruction and fear.  
But come the dawn the sky will be clear...  
For though they try to cut us down  
We will never fall!  
We will stand together  
As the tree stands tall.  
When our time at last has come  
and we've sung our final song,  
It echoes with our children  
Our legacy lives on.  
In the silence you can hear  
Through the leaves our sacred call.  
As the tree stands tall...

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Sturdy  $\text{♩} = 80$  ASCAP

SA Unison  
*mf*  
Mm mm  
Djembe  
*mf* with a steady pulse - ad lib embellishments

5  
mm mm

9  
A  
As the tree stands tall deeply root-ed in its vir-tues,

12  
We stand strong firm-ly plant-ed in hope. We branch out, pro-vid-ing

15  
S  
shel-ter for the lost! As the tree stands tall

A  
shel-ter for the lost! As the tree stands tall

4

18  
B  
We stand to-geth-er with you.  
We stand to-geth-er, mm

21  
*mf*  
Oo weh ah na na weh ah noo wa  
Oo weh ah na na weh ah noo wa

25  
C  
mm Hm  
mm Like a child needs its moth-er we must

28  
Un-til we grow and can fend for our-selves, Then  
all look to each oth-er. Hm ooh wa Then

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we shall fight pro-TECT-ing chil-dren of our own. As the  
we shall fight pro-TECT-ing chil-dren of our own. As the tree stands

34

tree stands tall We stand to-GETH-er with you. We  
tall We stand to-GETH-er with you. We

37

know a storm is com-in' and we know it's com-in'  
know a storm is com-in' and we know it's com-in'

40

soon Bring-ing wind and thun-der de-  
soon Wind and thun-der de-

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When our time at last has come and we've  
Mm

60

sung our fi-nal song, ech-ing with our chil-dren,  
mm

63

our leg-a-cy lives on. In the  
ech-oes our leg-a-cy lives on. In the

66

si-lence you can hear through the leaves our sa-cred call. As the  
si-lence you can hear through the leaves our sa-cred call. As the

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6

Slowly, rubato  
p  
struc-tion and fear. But come the dawn the sky will be  
struc-tion and fear. But come the dawn the sky will be

47

clear... For though they try to cut us down we shall nev-er  
clear... For though they try to cut us down we shall nev-er

50

fall! We will stand to-GETH-er As the tree stands  
fall! We will stand to-GETH-er As the tree stands

54

Tempo I° = 80  
tall...  
tall...

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Tempo I° = 80  
mp  
tree stands tall... Mm  
tree stands tall... Mm

73

mm mm

77

mm mm

80

mm p  
mm

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