

On the Road of Life

Music: Chris Artley

Lyrics: Michelanne Forster

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Life is a journey
Sometimes you're alone
Alone in the dark
Far, far from home.

*Kia kaha, have courage
Kia kaha, stay strong
Kia kaha, hold fast
Know you belong.*

We walk together on the road of life
We stand together on the road of life
Hold fast on the road of life
Nobody walks alone.

Kia kaha, have courage ...

We dance together on the road of life
Kanikani, dance, on the road of life
Stand proud, on the road of life
Nobody walks alone.

Kia kaha, have courage ...

So share your story on the road of life
And care for others on the road of life
Speak out, on the road of life
Nobody walks alone.

Kia kaha, have courage ...

Māori text meaning and pronunciation:

Kia kaha (be strong) KEE-a KA-ha
Kanikani (dance) KA-nee-KA-nee*

* Capital letters denote strong syllables.

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Largo ♩ = 66

S. soloist or small group
p

Life is a jour - ney some-times you're a

Pno. *p*

Red Red Red Red Red Red Red

4

all upper voices
mp *p*

lone, — A-lone in the dark, Far, far from home. Ki-a ka-ha, have

Pno. *mp* *p*

Red Red Red Red Red Red Red

7

cou- rage, Ki-a ka-ha, stay strong, Ki-a ka-ha, hold fast, — know you be

Pno.

Red Red Red Red Red Red Red

long.

mp

We walk to - ge - ther on the road of life, We stand to

14

mf

ge - ther on the road of life, Hold fast on the road of life No-bo-dy walks a-

18

mp

Ki-a ka-ha, have cou- rage, Ki-a ka-ha, stay strong, Ki-a ka-ha, hold

lone. Ki-a ka-ha, have cou- rage, Ki-a ka-ha, stay strong, Ki-a ka-ha, hold

B

mf

fast, — know you be long. We dance to - ge - ther on the road of

mf

fast, — know you be long. We dance to - ge - ther on the road of

25

f

life, — Ka-ni-ka-ni, dance, on the road of life, Stand proud on — the road of

f

life, Ka-ni-ka-ni, dance, on the road of life, Stand proud on the road of life, —

29

mf

life, No-bo-dy walks a - lone. Ki-a ka-ha, have cou- rage, Ki-a ka-ha, stay

mf

— no-bo-dy walks a - lone. Ki-a ka-ha, have cou- rage, Ki-a ka-ha, stay

mf

strong, Ki - a ka - ha, hold fast, know you be -

strong, Ki - a ka - ha, hold fast, know you be -

long. *f* So share your

long. *f* So share your



sto - ry on the road of life, And care for o - thers on the road of life, Speak out,

sto - ry on the road of life, And care for o - thers on the road of life, Speak out,

on the road of life, No - bo - dy walks a - lone. Ki - a ka - ha, have

on the road of life, no - bo - dy walks a - lone. Ki - a ka - ha, have

cou - rage, Ki - a ka - ha, stay strong, Ki - a ka - ha, hold

cou - rage, Ki - a ka - ha, stay strong, Ki - a ka - ha, hold

fast, know you be long. know you be long, be - long.

fast, know you be long. know you be long, be - long.

rit. *mf* *a tempo* *mp*