

[Verse 1 — soft male vocal, piano only]

Rise up, even when the ground won't hold  
Even when the nights are endless and the heart grows cold  
You have fought so long, you've fought so hard alone  
But somewhere a child is waiting — waiting to come home  
Rise up, even when you've got no more to give  
Even when you're barely finding reasons left to live  
That child still says your name before it falls asleep  
That love is real — and love is yours to keep

[Pre-Chorus — strings enter, swelling slowly]

You are not forgotten  
You were never meant to fall alone  
We don't make noise — we show up  
We are here — and we are bringing you home

[Chorus — full orchestra, choir enters, drums build]

We build bridges where others build their walls  
We don't walk away from the wreckage when a family falls  
For the children, for the fathers, for every broken heart held tight  
Together we go further than we'd ever go alone into the light  
Together we go further — into the light

[Verse 2 — pull back, intimate, raw]

No blame, no war, no pointing at the scars  
One table, one true word — that's where the healing starts  
A son needs his father to show him who he is  
A daughter needs to know — she will always be his  
And if you've cried in silence in a room nobody sees  
If you've held on by nothing but the memory of their needs  
Know this — you are seen

Know this — you are heard

Know this — you are not alone

Every single word

[Pre-Chorus — tension, choir humming underneath]

We're not perfect — we are real

We don't ask who broke it — we ask how we heal

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[Chorus — bigger, choir louder, strings soaring]

We build bridges where others build their walls

We don't walk away from the wreckage when a family falls

For the children, for the fathers, for every broken heart held tight

Together we go further than we'd ever go alone into the light

Together we go further — into the light

[Bridge — stripped to silence, half-spoken over choir hum]

One for all.

All for the children.

No road too long when someone walks beside you

No night too dark when someone holds the light

Every hand that reaches through the darkness

Carries more than you know

Carries more than you know

More than you know

You are not the first to walk this road

You will not be the last

But you don't walk it alone

You never did

You never will

[Final Chorus — key change, full power, orchestra and choir at climax]

We build bridges — and they last

We reach into the cold and pull the lost ones from the past

For the children, for the fathers, for the world we leave behind

We lift what's heavy — and no one lifts it alone this time

For the children.

For the fathers.

For the love that never dies.

We lift what's heavy — and we lift it — together.

[Outro — piano returns alone, one voice, barely above a whisper]

Rise up.

You are not alone.

We are here.

Rise up.

We are here.

We are here.

[Single piano note. Silence.]