

Stand by Me, O ShaktiDeva, at the End of Time



When the night
has come,
and the land is dark,
and the moon
is the only
light we'll see,
no, I won't
be afraid,
oh, I won't
be afraid
just as long
as you stand,
stand by me. *

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **

If the sky
that we look upon
should tumble and fall
or the mountains
should crumble
to the sea,
I won't cry,
I won't cry, no, I won't
shed a tear
just as long
as you stand,
stand by me. *



* *Stand by Me* – Song by Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber, Mike Stoller, Joao Carlos Ribeiro Filho (1961).

** Psalm 23, 4 – King James Version

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