

# On the Road of Life

Music: Chris Artley

Lyrics: Michelanne Forster

## Official Anthem for World Choral Day 2022 and 2023

Winning song in the 5th IFCM Choral Composition Competition

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

soloist or small group

*p*

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*p*

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. sim.

5

*mp*

*p*

all voices

dark, Far, far from home. Kia ka-ha, have cou- rage, Kia ka-ha, stay

*mp*

*p*

8

strong, Kia ka-ha, hold fast, know you be -

10 *mp* **A**

long. 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*

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

21 *mf* **B**

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

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

*f*

life, No-bo-dy walks a - lone. Kia ka-ha, havecou- rage, Kia ka-ha, stay

*mf*

*mf*

strong, Kia ka-ha, hold fast, — know you be long. So share your

*f*

*f*

36 **C**

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

**C**

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

cou - rage, Kia\_ ka - ha, stay strong, Kia ka - ha, hold

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

rit. *mf* a tempo *mp*

rit. *mf* a tempo *mp*