

## Glenn Fredly

### "Common Ground"

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Wonderin' how to cross the river  
On a cold and windy night  
With the water ragin' higher  
By the moon's shinin' light  
Suddenly a man stepped forward  
And he looked at all around  
He said, "We all must cross this river  
We all stand on common ground"

Though I was standin' amongst strangers  
I did not know their names  
I realized they were with me  
And our journey was the same  
As he spoke out loud, I looked around me  
I could see they knew it, too  
We would cross or die together  
No one man could make it through

There was shelter across the river  
Across the water deep and black  
As a storm moved in behind us,  
There was no way to turn back  
So I stepped right up beside him  
And took one last look around  
That before my eyes I realized,  
We all stand on common ground  
We all stand on common ground

So many years have come and gone  
Since we crossed that river wide  
When I look back on that night  
It still moves me so inside  
This world today is like that river  
it's water cold and black  
We all must cross together,  
For there is no turnin' back

For the mountain high or a city street,  
It's the same old world below our feet  
It's time to wake up, people, and take a look around  
We all stand on common ground

It's time for every woman and every man  
And hold the future in our hands  
Wake up and look around,  
We all stand on common ground  
We all stand on common ground

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