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## Paul Simon "A Church Is Burning"

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A church is burning
The flames rise higher
Like hands that are praying, aglow in the sky
Like hands that are praying, the fire is saying
"You can burn down my churches, but I shall be free"

Three hooded men thru the back road did creep Torches in their hands, while the village lies asleep Down to the church, where just hours before Voices were singing and hands were beating And saying "I won't be a slave any more"

Three hooded men, their hands lit the spark
Then they faded in the night, and they vanished in the
dark

And in the cold light of morning, there's nothing that remains

But the ashes of a Bible and can of kerosene

A church is burning
The flames rise higher
Like hands that are praying, aglow in the sky
Like hands that are praying, the fire is saying
"You can burn down my churches, but I shall be free"

A church is more than just timber and stone And freedom is a dark road when you're walking it alone

But the future is now, and it's time to take a stand So the lost bells of freedom can ring out in my land

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