

## **Simon And Garfunkel**

### **"Church Is Burning"**

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A church is burning  
The flames rise higher  
Like hands that are praying  
They grow in the sky  
Like hands that are praying  
The fire ascends  
You can burn down my churches  
But I shall be free

Three hundred men through the back roads 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 meeting, and  
Saying, "I won't be a slave anymore"

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Three hundred men, their hands lit the spark  
And they faded in the night, they vanished in the dark  
And in the cold light of morning, there was nothing that  
remained  
But the ashes of a battle and a can of kerosene

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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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