

## David North & The Gospel Celebration

### "I Am Not Ashamed"

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After many years of searching  
And questioning within  
After years of denying the truth in me  
The struggle now is over  
My life begins again  
The time has come to face reality

I am who I am, I am what I am  
It doesn't matter how, it doesn't matter why  
There's no one to blame  
The truth now is clear, I stand without fear  
You can know my name  
For I am not ashamed

What were you expecting  
What were you hoping for  
That maybe we would silently disappear?  
We're your sisters and your brothers  
Your daughters and your sons  
It does no good pretending we're not here

No more cowering in the shadows  
Afraid to love myself  
I must be all I am and nothing less  
Nothing more is required than life and liberty  
And the pursuit of happiness  
For me this is the moment  
For me the time is now  
To claim our rightful measure of dignity  
And standing strong together, our voices WILL be  
heard  
As we fulfill our destiny

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