

## **Tony Joe White**

### **"The Other Side"**

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They say these are dangerous times  
Got to be on guard  
Bad news across the land  
Rumors of war

And all along the border lines  
You can feel the strain  
And looking back through the years  
Ain't nothing changed

They shook the redman's hand  
And forever changed his destiny  
Put him on some Godforsaken land  
And took away his dignity

Now he floats in dreams where eagles fly  
Sinking in the stream of wasted lives  
They're just standing by  
Until they reach the other side

Homeless people shuffle alone in the dark  
With everything they own in a grocery cart  
And still the lines are drawn between colours of skin

Just a broken wing that never mends

They took their heavy load  
With discrimination on the run  
Marching down the dusty roads  
Singing we shall overcome

Standing up for all they believe was right  
They knew that God was on their side  
Will we ever see the light  
Before we reach the other side

Far across the sea  
Young people gather on the square  
Trying to set their spirits free  
There was revolution in the air

Singing songs of freedom through the night

Who could know they would have to lay down their lives  
And never know the reason why  
Until they reach the other side

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