

Song: "Alone"

Introduction: Friends, in your programmes, you will have the words of a song, "Alone", which we are now going to sing. Just a few brief explanations about the background to this song: Philly Lutaaya, who composed "Alone", was a Ugandan musician, who was the first public figure in Uganda to publicly declare his HIV-positive status. He then toured the country talking about HIV, and made a tremendous contribution to opening up this subject for public discussion and debate. Unfortunately he died in December 1989, and this song "Alone" then became a sort of anthem of the AIDS community in Uganda, and we thought it might be appropriate if we concluded by singing "Alone" together. **Glen Williams.**

"Alone" by Philly Bongoley Lutaaya (1951 - 1989)

Out there somewhere, alone and frightened
Of the darkness, the days are long
Life is hiding, no more making new contacts
No more loving arms thrown around my neck
Take my hand now, I'm tired and lonely
Give me love, give me hope
Don't desert me, don't reject me
All I need is love and understanding

Chorus:

Today it's me, tomorrow someone else
It's me and you, we've got to stand up and fight
We'll shed a light in the fight against AIDS
Let's come on out, let's stand together and fight AIDS
In times of joy, in times of sorrow
Let's take a stand and fight on to the end
With open hearts, let's stand out and speak out to the world
We'll save some lives, save the children of the world

Let's be open, advise the young ones
A new generation to protect and love
Hear them singing, playing, laughing
Let's give them everything in truth and love
Take the message, cross the frontiers
Break the barriers, we'll fight together
The doors are open, we'll lead the struggle
We won't bow down now, no we will fight on

Chorus repeat.