

KEEP THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW

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Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

Verse 1

A candle brightly burns in the twilight of the night
As morbid dark surrounds the steadfast glowing light
Standing ever firmly as a symbol of the truth
A follower of Jesus – will that be me and you?

Verse 2

Believers stand firm as sowers of the truth
With a holy revelation trying to get the message through
To a world filled with evil spreading like disease
Christians shine boldly spreading love and peace

Chorus

Keep the straight and narrow
Follow wisdom down the path of life
Keep the straight and narrow
Glorify the Lord day and night

Verse 3

Hour after hour -- week after week
Time rolls on so don't be deceived
That day will surely come in the blinking of an eye
Christ will return like a thief in the night

Verse 4

Birds of a feather always flock together
The friends that you chose could influence whether
You're living for yourself or you're living for the Lord
Do you walk the path that's straight and narrow?

Bridge

Use the strong belt of truth and the breastplate of consent
Speedy shoes to spread the news and faith that's confident
The helmet of salvation and the spirit as your sword
The enemy is bound to flee when you declare "it's war!"

John Dixon: Lead Vocals

Cliff Goldmacher: Harmonica [www.cliffgoldmacher.com]

Jim McCarty: Drums [www.drum-tracks.com]

John Denis: Baritone and Tenor Saxophone

James Russell Orr: Bass, Keyboards, Flugelhorn, Guitar, and Background Vocals