Can We Love?

Tom Booth

Choral arrangement by Rick Modlin

INTRO  ($ = ca. 156$)

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\[\text{Can we love?} \quad \text{Can we lay down our lives?} \quad \text{Can we wear}\]

REFRAIN *(Counter-melody)*

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*Performance suggestion: Altos sing this counter-melody for the last one of the two refrains instead of the regular Alto line. Alternatively, it may be sung by a high Tenor voice.*
Can We Love?

Can we drink his crown of thorns? Can we drink the cup that he drinks?

We must lay down our lives!

1. It's lives!
2. It's lives!

D.S. al Coda
VERSE 3

3. Loving the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul,
Can We Love?

3. loving our neighbor as ourselves, the kingdom of love we will know!

4. feet secure on the ground and hearts humbled by love we

VERSE 4
4. stand before God’s anointed one and

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4. ask the question, and ask the question:

Dm9

È CODA

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Composer Notes

My co-producer and friend, Jeff Thomas, calls Can We Love? my ‘worship protest song.’ I find that to be funny, and in some ways, true. With Can We Love? I am challenging myself, and others, to go beyond “raising our hands” and “shouting God’s name” to live a life of love and service to God, and others. Praise is supposed to lead to worship, and worship is about surrender. A surrendered life is about giving oneself completely to God, and to the service of others as well. This is the idea behind Can We Love? Musically, the song itself is quite simple. Keep the medium tempo steady for the gathered assembly to sing along, as you strum the 6/8 time-signature into oblivion! I have “performed” this song with a choir and a contemporary music ensemble as well. Both approaches seem to work just fine. A few parishes have already used Can We Love? as a Lenten theme song or for a parish Reconciliation service.

— Tom Booth
Can We Love?
(Guitar/Vocal)

INTRO  (e = ca. 156)

Can we love? Can we lay down our lives? Can we wear his crown of thorns?
Can we drink the cup that he drinks?

VERSES 1, 2

1. more than raising our hands, it’s more than singing this song. It’s
2. more than shouting God’s name, it’s more than singing his praise. It’s

INTERLUDE

1. ways that are wrong!___
2. prisoned by shame.___
VERSE 3

3. Loving the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul, loving our neighbor as ourselves, the kingdom of love we will know!

VERSE 4

4. Feet secure on the ground and hearts humbled by love we stand before God’s anointed one and ask the question, and ask the question:

CODA

We must lay down, we must lay down, we must lay down our lives!
Refrain

Can we love? Can we lay down our lives? Can we wear his crown of thorns? Can we drink the cup that he drinks?

We must lay down, we must lay down, we must lay down our lives!

Verse 1, 2

1. It's more than raising our hands, it's more than singing this right - hoping to those imprisoned by shame.
2. It's more than shouting God's name, it's more than singing his song. It's saying "yes" to the Giver of life, and asking the question:

Verse 3

3. Loving the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul, loving our neighbor as our selves, the kingdom of love we will know!

Verse 4

4. With feet secure on the ground and hearts humbled by love we stand before God's answer to Refrain:

Verse 5

5. It's not about us but about God's kingdom, it's about giving our lives and saying "yes" to God.

Verse 6

6. It's about listening to God's voice and responding with our lives, it's about giving our lives and saying "yes" to God's kingdom.

Verse 7

7. It's about giving our lives and saying "yes" to God's kingdom, it's about listening to God's voice and responding with our lives.

Verse 8

8. It's about giving our lives and saying "yes" to God's kingdom, it's about listening to God's voice and responding with our lives.