Petra, Marks of the Cross

Words by Bob Hartman Based on Matthew 10:39, Luke 9:62

These days shallow and feeble resolve abound And true devotion and passionate fervor are seldom found But there are those who often feel they're all alone Those of whose identities are known By the mark of the crucified Son

(Chorus) Praying, caring, loving, sharing These are the marks of the cross Giving, bearing, feeling, daring To lay down your life on the line Forgetting what you leave behind And willing to suffer the loss Of the marks of the cross

These days the search for detachment and solitude Lead to retreating to fortresses no one would dare intrude Then there are those whose restless burdens start to show Those who unmistakably most know There's no crown 'til we suffer the cross

All our identity rests in the knowledge Of who were created to be We are His workmanship, made in His image For all of creation to see The marks of His pain and His glory