

What Are They Doing in Heaven Today

Charles Albert Tindley published this song in 1901. He was a popular Methodist minister who preached in Philadelphia. I first heard Andy Cohen sing it.

I'm thinking today of some friends that I know
Who lived and suffered in this world below
They're gone off to heaven, but I want to know
What are they doing there now?

Oh, what are they doing in heaven today
Where sin and sorrow are all gone away
Peace abounds like a river they say
Oh, what are they doing there now

There's some whose minds were burdened with care
They paid for their moment with fighting and tears
But they clung to the cross in trembling and fear
Oh, what are they doing there now?

(chorus)

And there's some whose bodies were full of disease
Physicians and doctors couldn't give them much ease
They suffered 'til death brought a final release
Oh, what are they doing there now?

(chorus)

There's some who were poor and often despised
They looked up to heaven with tear-blinded eyes
While others were heedless and deaf to their cries
Oh, what are they doing there now?

(chorus)

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