

Refuge in Germany words and music by Ray Galvin ©

V.1

Hey, you've journeyed so far, by the sun and the stars,
Over land and the perils of sea.
And you're wounded and grieving and hardly believing
You've made it at last and you're free.
How you braved the barbed wire and the thirst and the fire
And the drownings and wounds on the way,
And you faced down the hatred, and sooner or later
You broke through to start a new day.

Chorus

So we sing, now, feel right at ease
Welcome among us today.
Come and work, love, savour the peace
Terrors remain far away.

V.2

How you suffered the bombs and the bullets and thongs
That laid city and harvest to waste.
And you fled in the night from the horror and fright,
Leaving treasure behind in your haste.
There was such a great number who fell to the thunder
Of armies and weapons of war.
And the blood that was spilled as the cemeteries filled
Were the daily events that your saw.

V.3

We've got fears of our own for the peace of our homes
And the comforts and wealth we have saved,
But if we bask in plenty while your cup is empty
Our souls will be dark and deprived.
So please stay and befriend us and love us and lend us
Your music, your skills and your hearts.
We can learn from each other, respect one another
With each of us playing our part.

Performed by:

Wilfried Wunden (Vocals)

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Ray Galvin (Bass, acoustic and electric guitars)

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Note on the song:

'Refuge in Germany' was conceived, written and recorded in Aachen, Germany, in September 2015, when huge numbers of refugees from the Syrian and Iraqi civil wars began to reach Germany. The German government and the majority of German people showed unprecedented openness to receiving these people, who had suffered not only the ravages of war, but also the hatred of some European governments along the way.

The song is a response to these events, as seen from my own viewpoint.

Please feel free to use it, if you wish to, to raise awareness or promote discussion, or simply to sing along.*

Two different recordings of the song can be downloaded from my website, where there is also a karaoke track available. The link is:

<http://www.justsolutions.eu/RayGalvinSongsInProgress/>

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