

GOD'S PEOPLE KEEP SINGING

STONES OF MEMORIAL

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1. What mean these stones on Jor-dan's bank? They bear un - to our youth
2. Not for our-selves a - lone, we strove to gain what we pos - sess,
3. Our Cap-tain ur - ges on - ward still; more bat - tles lie a - head.

Me - mo - rial of the might - y Hand That wrought a path for truth.
But that our sons and daugh-ters, too, the name of God should bless.
The gen - er - a - tions af - ter us will fol - low where we tread.

By faith we took the for - ward step in - to the riv - er's brim,
Oh, may they nev - er lose the song that filled our hearts that day
And we re - main re - spon - si - ble to place at His com - mand-

Up - hold - ing in our hearts and hands our cov - e - nant with Him.
Je - ho - vah's grace, at Gil - gal's cairn, rolled our re - proach a - way.
The pil - lars of our pas - sage-way in - to the prom - ised land.

This hymn was commissioned for use at the 2005 Conservative Mennonite Teachers' Institute. The theme that year was the passage in Joshua 4 about piling up stones as a memorial of God's work. The author, Darletta Martin, lives in Bedford, Pennsylvania, where she teaches at the Friends Cove Mennonite School. Her other writings include poems, stories, and a recently published biography of her great-grandmother.

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