

Were You There?

This is a traditional Negro spiritual written before 1865. Originally, it had seven verses that encapsulized the entire story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. For a period of time, the slaves bypassed the New Testament, but they could relate with Jesus who was beaten like they were.

In time, the slaves embraced Jesus as their Savior and they experienced His peace, grace, forgiveness and hope for the future.

Traditional

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there...

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there...

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there...