

# A Vision Strong

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Rocking Groove

♩ = 100

C<sup>9</sup> G/B D/A G C<sup>9</sup> G/B Am<sup>7</sup> D

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G C<sup>9</sup> D G C<sup>9</sup>

peo-ple will pe - rish with - out a vi - sion strong. And the vic - tims of op - pres - sion call to  
And the plun - der of the earth can - not go  
So when wo - men take the lead, you know, the  
Work to build up what is right and

D G C<sup>9</sup> G/B

1. us to sing their song. We can sing it to - ge - ther if we're  
2. on for ve - ry long. De - vel - op - ment means more than buil - ding  
3. men must tag a - long. 'Cause wo - men want e - qua - li - ty and  
4. tear down what is wrong. The young must see their vi - sions and the

D/A G C<sup>9</sup> G/B

1. stan - ding side by side. Sha - ring joys and sor - rows like the  
 2. to - wers to the sky and li - ving well means more than just de -  
 3. power in their own lives and men must stop and lis - ten if the  
 4. old must dream their dreams of a time when jus - tice rolls down as an

Am<sup>7</sup> D (Optional harmony) G C<sup>9</sup> D G

1. flo - wing of the tide..  
 2. ci - ding what to buy.. The peo - ple will pe - rish with - out a vi - sion strong. (The  
 3. earth is to sur - vive.  
 4. ev - er flow - ing stream.

G C<sup>9</sup> D G C<sup>9</sup> G/B

peo - ple will pe - rish with - out a vi - sion strong. *8va*-----

D/A G C<sup>9</sup> G/B Am<sup>7</sup> D

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Shawn Whelan  
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- Vs 1 The people will perish without a vision strong  
And the victims of oppression call to us to sing their song  
We can sing it together if we're standing side by side  
Sharing joys and sorrows like the flowing of the tide  
The people will perish without a vision strong
- Vs 2 The people will perish without a vision strong  
And the plunder of the earth cannot go on for very long  
Development means more than building towers to the sky  
And living well means more than just deciding what to buy  
The people will perish without a vision strong
- Vs 3 The people will perish without a vision strong  
So when women take the lead, you know, the men must tag along  
Cause women want equality and power in their own lives  
And men must stop and listen if the earth is to survive  
The people will perish without a vision strong
- Vs 4 The people will perish without a vision strong  
Work to build up what is right and tear down what is wrong  
The young must see their visions and the old must dream their dreams  
Of a time when justice rolls down as an ever-flowing stream  
The people will perish without a vision strong  
The people will perish without a vision strong

*This song was inspired by the stories shared by Christian students and youth from Asia, at an ecumenical conference I attended in Bangalore (India) in 1993. It has since been recorded and sung at other World Student Christian Federation gatherings; it seems that in most countries in our region the issues are just as real now as they were then.*