

Lyrics to "Where were you?" by Alan Jackson

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**Lyrics**

Where were you when the world stopped turning that September day

Out in the yard with your wife and children  
Working on some stage in LA  
Did you stand there in shock at the site of  
That black smoke rising against that blue sky

Did you shout out in anger  
In fear for your neighbor  
Or did you just sit down and cry

Did you weep for the children  
Who lost their dear loved ones  
And pray for the ones who don't know

Did you rejoice for the people who walked from the rubble  
And sob for the ones left below

Did you burst out in pride  
For the red white and blue  
The heroes who died just doing what they do  
Did you look up to heaven for some kind of answer  
And look at yourself to what really matters

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I'm not a real political man  
I watch CNN but I'm not sure I can tell you  
The difference in Iraq and Iran  
But I know Jesus and I talk to God  
And I remember this from when I was young  
Faith hope and love are some good things he gave us  
And the greatest is love

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Teaching a class full of innocent children  
Driving down some cold interstate  
Did you feel guilty cause you're a survivor  
In a crowded room did you feel alone  
Did you call up your mother and tell her you love her  
Did you dust off that bible at home

Key:

Red => The event during  
which one learns of 9/11

Blue => Emotional response  
to 9/11

Black => The theme question

Green => Refrain

Note that the different  
shades of the same color

Did you open your eyes and hope it never happened  
Close your eyes and not go to sleep  
Did you notice the sunset the first time in ages  
Speak with some stranger on the street  
Did you lay down at night and think of tomorrow  
Go out and buy you a gun  
Did you turn off that violent old movie you're watching  
And turn on "I Love Lucy" reruns  
Did you go to a church and hold hands with some stranger  
Stand in line and give your own blood  
Did you just stay home and cling tight to your family  
Thank God you had somebody to love

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