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***Rise Above***

*From the 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal video for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee*

*Music and lyrics by Erin Berghouse, Apricus Productions*

We have not been created to walk alone in darkness,

bare a broken heart and weep alone in loneliness

We have not been created to put our gifts in boxes,

admiring our treasures while they overtake our conscience

Raise your hand

to love and rise above

(repeated)

We have not been created to abandon the widow,

leave her in solitude while embracing through the window

We have not been created to turn away the orphan,

boarding up our hearts as if God’s angels aren’t important

Raise your hand

to love and rise above

(repeated)

Each one of us is created in the image of God

We are here to know, serve and love

We are here for the weary, our souls are sanctuaries

for the grace of God through our Queen Mother Mary

for the souls of the children, for all men and women

through the scars of the fighters, for the sinner and imprisoned.

Raise your hand

to love and rise above

(repeated)

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