

## Amnesty Cantata: The Text

(Text by Emily Feldberg except where otherwise indicated)

### Silence.

**Soloist:** The door slams and there is ... Silence

**Choir:** Silence, Silence, nothing there, just pure solitude

**Soloist:** Isolation invades the mind,  
Desolation destroys the soul

**Choir and soloist:** Silence, silence, nothing there just pure solitude

My name is one of thousands, my country could be yours

My language universal, used to defend a cause

**Soloist** The door slams and there is.. Silence

### Would I

**Choir:** Would I, could I, will I will I? Will I write a letter

I'll send a letter, I'll send a card

I'll send an email and fill it with words

You are not alone

**Soloist:** A letter.. A letter..A letter.... Breaks the silence

A letter, a card, a single note

Sent by a stranger, sent by a stranger

Letters are noted, letters are seen

They show the world is watching, they show concern is real

**Choir:** You are not alone

### Pen Paper and Envelope

**Choir:** Pen, paper and envelope

Old fashioned weapon of words

Cards, candles and emails

Modern day ploughshares from swords

**Soloist:** They would and they will defend people

*(Words of Igor Sutyagin, a released Amnesty adopted prisoner, speaking after his release)*

### It suppressed our suffering

**Soloist:** It suppressed our suffering and swept fallen tears from our cheeks

*(Words of Dr Honor Uthman Salah, wife of an Amnesty adopted prisoner)*

### Goodness is Stronger than Evil

**Choir and soloist:**

Goodness is stronger than Evil

Love is stronger than hate

Light is stronger than darkness

Life is stronger than death

*(Words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu on his retirement)*