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- 1 You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- **3** You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- **4** Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.
- **5** You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- **6** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- **9** If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- **10** even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
- **13** For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
- **17** How precious to me are your thoughts,[A] God! How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand when I awake, I am still with you.
- 23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- **24** See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

# blessed is the man

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Blessed is the man, the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly. Blessed is that man. He who rejects the way, rejects the way of sin and who turns away from scoffing, Blessed is that man. For his delight, by day and night, is the law of God Almighty.

He is like a tree; a tree that flourishes, being planted by the water. Blessed is that man. He shall bring forth fruit; his leaf will wither not. For in all he does, he prospers, Blessed is that man.

For his delight, by day and night, is the law of God Almighty.

The ungodly are not so, for they are like the chaff which the wind blows clean away, the ungodly are not so. The ungodly will not stand up on the judgment day, Nor belong to God's own people; the ungodly will not stand. For God knows the way of righteous men, and ungodly ways will perish.

Blessed is the man, the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly...blessed is that man... Blessed is that man...



I always thought I could fly on my own two wings if I tried But in my stubbornness and pride I never learned that it takes the wind to fly (and I don't make the wind) And never did I suppose...that it'd take your thorns to become my rose But without it ne – ver grows, in spring

Bind me, find me, and I'll sing, sing, sing, sing. Could you be my king?

I am bound...by hands and feet
I can't believe my – life – has – changed – so – much
I wish I was bound by love to Thee
To where I couldn't get enough, 'nough of your love
Love bindeth me...Pride blindeth me
I can't believe my – life – has – changed – so – much
O won't your love bindeth me, love bindeth me...
Your love – bin – deth – me

I always said I would do...what no mortal man could ever do But there's only One who's tried and true I've gotta learn to depend on you (and give you room to move) I promise I'll give my all...but in the end I'm bitter as gall Unless I let you see me through it all, I am doomed

What if I stick out my neck for you...would you prove yourself true?

Won't your love bindeth me...and I'll sing 'Cause my pride blindeth me...my eyes sting

## Carry your cross

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Why do I hear you saying, you feel so all alone? Simply devoid of purpose, abandoned in the cold. Drowning within the system, choked out from the love, the love that brings such wholeness, completeness from above...

The longest roads I've traveled have given me the time to process and unravel this legacy of mine. Of this simple, fleshly vessel, housing divinity... the inspiration in my heart is the One who lives in me.

He saved me, so I gave me.

Oh, it's a matter of commitment to the One who gave His life. Is it possible your emptiness cuts Him like a knife?

You will never be alone again, for He laid down His life for you, His friend. Will you consider all as loss, will you count the cost? Deny yourself for Him, and carry your cross.

The wood that crushed His shoulder, sent splinters in His skin.

And the ropes wrapped tightly round His wrists,
as His strength waned within.

And the road sloped steeply upwards toward the place that bears His name...
does your love for Him show everyone that you would do the same?

You know that you know it, now you got to show it.

In the midst of all your trials, just remember to compare the cost that stole you from the grave and into His arms up there!

### Repeat Chorus

...Cross your heart and hope to die, for to die is to gain.

Present yourself as one approved, and you won't live in vain. Live in vain...

# *cleansed*

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From days of old, my life was growing cold. Drift endlessly, no anchor, no mercy. Storm drawing near, so lost in anguish here. I long for day, a day so far away...

Yet on the threshold of change, it seems that I've found a way... to make it through life on my own.

Through all the lessons I've learned, and all the anger I've burned. I've found that I'm not alone.

Oh, I can't put in words just how I feel now. Oh, expression is a rare commodity. Oh, my heart, my mind, my soul, my being... Oh, has found my King.

Give me this time to tell you what I cherish. This love of mine, my joy will never perish.

Yet on the threshold of change, it seems that I've found a way... to make it through life on my own.

Through all the lessons I've learned, and all the anger I've burned. I've found that I'm not alone.

### Repeat Chorus

No, I can't explain just how much I've changed. My mind and my body are one. And through my seasons of doubt, I know I've found a way out. I have a life to carry on!

So on the threshold of change, I know that I've found a way... to make it through life on my own.

And there is only one thing...one thing I'll try to say.

### Repeat Chorus

Oh, I hope that you experience it, Oh, I don't think I could live without it. Oh, can't you see how much it's done for me? Oh, oh, oh, oh.



This perplexing dichotomy...humanity just can't get a grasp Insufferable torment of mind...anguish in time, we dutifully bask In this visceral sentiment, logic rent, tattered and torn Right is wrong and down is up: to drink this cup, can't be the norm

Miasma of lethargy, alacrity swiftly subdued A myriad of propensity, yet we sit comfy, with the rod of our truth Torpid and tremulous, why the fuss of reasoning out? Possessing such antipathy, we say that we have no doubts

### Pre-Chorus

For the logic of our time suggests that all things make sense And we feebly scratch our heads sprawled on our beds it's intense

To be lost is to be found...to move up, you must lay down
To be great is to be small...to gain the world, you lose it all
To be rich is to be poor, life is better than before
O lay thee down, and be at rest, 'cause there is life in your death...

Outlandish craftiness...Father knows best...yet we recoil Dining on platitudes, we sit and brood, ponder and mull Stirring up uncertainty, a simple query would grant us relief This humble veracity, why can't we concede, and kill off our grief

For the measure of a man is how far down he can go And in humility, efficacy, endure the salvo

### Repeat Chorus

It's difficult to acquiesce, relinquish and throw in our towel To surrender our rhetoric, so intrinsic, no one likes to bow We subconsciously vacillate, ruminate, frozen in time This interloper grandiose, non-verbose, can ease our mind

The antithesis of paralysis begets conundrum But the Rock of Ages still persists in smashing doldrums

### **Repeat Chorus**

For we vilify and justify and make our own rules But the backwards plan of the Son of Man has proven us fools

### **Repeat Chorus**

Such ambiguity, our heads reel, and we feel forlorn Right is wrong and down is up: drink this cup, and be reborn...

# dissonance

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### Verse 1

I do not do...what I want to...for you I relinquish...and surrender...Oh I do...yes I do...

### Verse 2

Such...foolishness....can persuade...can possess Me...pleading against...this thorn...in my flesh

### Chorus 1

This...dissonance...pulls me far....over the fence This...wayward son...wanders away...from the rest

### Verse 3

In these...these green pastures...you lead me...you do But my...my still waters...aren't so still...it's true

### Verse 4

Frequently opting...for good...instead of best Sett-ling for half...though you promised...all the rest

### Chorus 2

One...tempting word...pulls your child...from your herd How can I live...when will I...ever learn...

### Bridge

### Chorus 3

This dissonance just tears apart my common sense My will to obey is tested from...day to day A heart sacrifice, you O God, will not despise So please keep my eyes...on the prize

### Chorus 4

This dissonance...once cost me more...than just pretense ...
These counterfeits...their siren call...why have I bit
Oh I...long for the day...when will you take...us all away
Until...that trumpet sounds...may I be found...on solid ground...

# *embrace*

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You welcomed a bitter moment, embattled in the dark, it's hostile...lonely...yet there you are

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Frail...banking on a promise, but nothing to hold It's fundamentally...icy cold

Disposed to reach an outstretched arm Fingers flex...fearing harm

Croaking voice...panting soul...dread creeps in...lose control

Chorus

This cell is not what you think it is Open your eyes and drink it in This pensive garden of sanctity The chance to start over for you and me

The past: foregone conclusions and rampant desire Compelling forces fed your fire

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Profess-ing answers endless and confident You're proven hollow, your image rent

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Uprooted now, you travel far Pillow soaked, you came apart

No one cares...no one calls...you are forced...to lose it all...

Repeat Chorus

Now there, be still my child, sit for just a while Feel your heart beat, beat in time

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Luminescent wonder, marvel at the sight Freedom looming, yet gates sit tight

Liberty so tangibly...and you feel...powerfully Look around...see it now...these four walls...all fall down



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### Verse 1

I am a man trying best as I can in a world full of sin and this battle I'm in With an enemy down and his minions around Spreading truth counterfeit and deception to wit Laying snares for my feet and attempting to cheat And to steal and to lie with his murderous feats Always hitting below this my belt does it show Playing ne'er by the rules taking me for his fools But the truth of the mat-ter is that God is fatter And bolder in power and soon comes the hour This crown He laid down is for me to abound In the grace with His Face shining down down down The end of the times will reveal the sublime Truth that God was in charge of us all this time And this antagonist He'll destroy with His Fist We are never alone even lost in the cold

### **Pre-Chorus**

This enemy Is going down down down

#### Chorus

Our struggle is not against The flesh and blood but always with The rulers and authorities And this enemy we cannot see

### Verse 2

The real enemy of my real enemy has always been a friend that is close to the end and with God by my side I'm forever alive knowing vic'try is mine when all things subside The destruction foretold from millenia old Of this cruel nemesis lying since genesis In the lake of the fire He shall cast this liar Who has come to decoy and to steal and destroy And to pain and afflict, and creation mimic And to trap and deceive without pause or reprieve But his effort to thwart He will skew and abort For the lamb has laid down as a lion to roar

### **Pre-Chorus**

The Mighty Lamb has overcome this foe

### Chorus

We wrestled and we strove all day to Live His Love and praise His Name But all the while the serpent slunk Into our midst and our aims sunk Nefarious and diabolical his plans his name his pull But calling on the One who gave His Blood to ransom and make us brave

### Chorus 3

This enemy is going down and I would not want to be around When all that fire and foul sulfur immerses him fo-or ever

Forever... Forever... Forever...

# enough for me

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You are the kiss in the morning...You are the glistening after rain You are the beauty in the heavens....You are the first breath I take

You never ever leave me lonely, your Word has always been your bond Your single promise still holds more worth...than a million trillion of my own

You're the first thing on my mind...all of the time And in my heart you reside...you reside.

You give me love, give me everything that I've needed in life
Oh God how you love me
You give me joy that can carry me through my days of strife
O Father, you joy me
Everything I need comes from your bounty...and you will always be:
Enough for me

When every trusty friend around me leaves me stranded all alone You're always there to safely guide me...For the long walk back home

An open hand filled with the pleasures of every worldly attribute Could never hold a candle to Your friendship – that is my tribute to You

In everything, you reign supreme... And you are my King...you're my King!

### Repeat Chorus

When the world comes crashing down and everything is revealed You stand unscathed and I am saved as my faith is proved real

Repeat Chorus / instrumental to fade

# *everything*

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Everything...you're my Everything. Everything...you're my Everything.

You're my King Immortal, God immovable, Lord eternal...of my world. You're the Lover of my soul, the One who made me whole, and I want you to know...

You're my...

## Everything, Every-everything. You're my Everything.

Everything...you're my Everything. Everything...you're my Everything.

You're my Lord Forevermore My King, My God and More...My Heart's Desi-re always And when I have lost it all You catch me when I fall And your heart is my place...

What can this life even give It's You who help me live Every breath by your grace...

'Cause you're my

Everything, Every-everything. You're my Everything.

## fear of man

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### Verse 1

Running the race, every day Meeting these strangers along my way What dare I think? What dare I say?

Checking my gait, watching my step Guarding my feelings lest I should slip Fighting impulses to jump this ship

### **Pre-Chorus 1**

This crazymaking fear of man Unsettles me, unsettles my plan Shaking the ground on which I stand

### Chorus 1

Fear of Man was never the plan This erosion of who I am

### Verse 2

Enthroning them, dethroning you Learning this lesson is long overdue Intimidation's ransom due

Checking for likes, yearning for subs Forgetting my validation above From this unending gift of Love

### **Pre-Chorus 2**

This crazymaking fear of man Unsettles me, unsettles my plan Shaking the ground on which I stand

### Chorus 2

Fear of Man, this boogeyman This focused totalitarian

Fear of Man, so diluvian Shall be forever hope's gunman

### **Bridge**

It is for freedom that Christ set us free No more yoke of slavery

### Chorus 3

Fear of Man, that cruel brigand That most unruly highwayman

Fear of Man, I'm cashing in And running to God's safe asylum



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Little one, don't you cry... there will be tomorrow. So much light in your eyes, there's no place for sorrow. You are the bright star that rises at night. And you house in your heart His whitest light!

Precious child, look inside to a gleaming spirit.
Radiant beams blind the sight of all who are near it.
Little do you know what future may bring
Permit me to tell you as I sing!

### Fly...so high...to the sky...fly...

Words can't tell, how I feel as you dance your life now. Silent prayers - very real - echo in my heart now. Windowpanes separate as you break away... I can't always be with you - you must find your way.

So with these words, may you know that my eyes are on you. Lift the glass, let you go, with God's speed behind you. Whatever you do, remember I care
And when you reach your haven, I'll meet you there...

### Repeat Chorus

Fly...

# for the king

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Little bitta gumption, pickin' up something, those starin' at me outta my way. Barrelin' through, 'cause I got somethin' to say. Never gonna get me, can't intimidate me, never gonna put a capper on my play. Starin' you down, as I infiltrate.

Lookin' ever upward, human helicopter, got a little extra up my sleeve. Setting my sights as I dodge and weave. Frenzied opposition at my lack of inhibition, team go haywire hope bereaved. Panic unending without a reprieve.

Kick the ball...there it goes! Hit my mark, 'cause I know... I am unstoppable. I am invincible!

In the name of the King, I give my everything, In the name of the King, my life's an offering. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me, 'cause He already won the victory, yeah yeah, so that's why I do it, and that's who I do it for... For the King.

Love to stay and chat but I'm rapid as a cat, quicksilver, rendezvous with my goal. Trailblazin' myself a new road.

Gotta reckon with me, got someone inside me, giving me encouragement as I go. He's already run the race - this I know!

Energizer Bunny got nothin' on me...I got a running mate eternal. Knows every weakness deep within my soul. Brow covered in sweat, red-linin' superjet octane pumping through my hull Gonna break every record - oh me so bold.

Kick the ball...there it goes! Hit my mark, 'cause I know...
I am impenetrable. I am unavoidable. Seems so unbelievable...victory inevitable!



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### Verse 1A

It's tough being human - Worming my way toward God Slovenly grasping forward - Under this heavy load Of affliction and shortcomings, the foul beast of Vice Has pulled me back shy of my goal - Time and time again

### Verse 1B (new vocal pattern)

Eyes stealing upwards - rife with tears
Pleading wordlessly into - the night air
Crying out for relief - and yearning for respite.
Claw marks dot my form - Testaments to unsaid battles

### **Pre-Chorus 1**

Shame has kept so secret; as I see them again I remember every howl - crying out for deliverance.

### **Pre-Chorus Gap 1**

I am the sheep gone astray, the 1 from the 99

### **Chorus**

In solemnity I make this pledge to stay this narrow course damn the torpedoes Full speed ahead But here comes the venom here comes the hook And there goes my stamina It's tough being human

### Verse 2

Thorns in my flesh, casting immeasurable doubt Absconding with my joy, groping around for truth Licking my wounds, massaging achy feet The intake of breath, to rise up yet again

### **Pre-Chorus 2**

Shame has kept so secret; as I see them again I remember every howl - crying out for deliverance.

### **Chorus**

In solemnity I make this pledge to stay this narrow course damn the torpedoes Full speed ahead But here comes the venom here comes the hook And there goes my stamina It's tough being human



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Grace, like rain, falling down upon my pain Grace, like heat, searing away this peat Grace, like a wave, floods me out of the grave

Grace, like a gift, an undeserved lift

### Chorus

This Grace has covered me and there's no doubt that I am free.
This Grace has done me well and snatched me from the fire of hell.
This Grace can do no wrong but move me to where I belong
This Grace has transferred me into the arms of eternity

Grace, like air, transported me from here to there Grace, like breath, purged my lungs of death Grace, like love, can move my thoughts above Grace, like thanks, has enveloped all my angst

### **Chorus**

His Grace is undeserved, and what audacity, what nerve His Grace I can't repay up to The One who bought my way His Grace, so rich and free, freed my fears, and captured me His Grace, I just can't earn...I have received...now it's your turn

Now it's your turn

Now it's your turn

Now it's your turn



Ever ever intense, so sacred, yet fraught with precious tears Burdened by sensation, harrowing and haunting me all these years Life of automation, so routine, display expected peace Summon up the gumption, lose the function, restore my faith in thee

While I fled sanity, and pitched myself violently in the wind Subtle fragmentation, like chaff and I'm headlong deep within Burning up my insides, like acid, you left a bitter taste Babbling your psycho, full-on nitro, are all these years a waste?

But why – y, what for, when life was so much better before...

### Chorus

You don't own me you can't tell me how it is When everything I knew was never definite I am tired and I don't care...you bled me dry how do you dare You brought me out and then you left me there

A fair analysis, an encouragingly good system report
Methodical reflection, introspection – of the needed thorough sort
Not too much to request, what a behest, could bring much needed calm
Once we had our crowning, but now I'm drowning among your coveted psalms

Words and intonation, declaration, only can go so far Faith is proved in action, not inaction, and should I raise this bar Would I see a difference, or indifference, or is your silence best? Weeping over history, please promise me, that you won't fail this test

But why – y, what for, when life was so much better before...

### Chorus

### Bridge

For I care not for titles and glory and fame and the luxury of knowing that I am sane But there's peace that passes understanding and brings us together when bygones dissipate in their shame

Gotta keep my paces, past these faces of solemn memories Scores of reservations, intimidations, march proudly over me Reconciliation, and appeasement, all measures tried and true After all the hardships, and the grief I guess I should forgive you

Hard downbeat then no pre-chorus (right into chorus)

### Last Chorus

I don't own you I can't tell you how to live But everything we know can still be definite We are tired but we should care...we bled us dry how do we dare Let's come together and begin repair

# *judas*

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Sensible student, hears of a man, Sensible student, joins with the band. Sensible student, does what he can, Sensible student, shares through the land.

New apprentice, fits right in, New apprentice, smiles and grins. New apprentice, starts to begin, New apprentice to help Him win.

Dedicated pupil, makes no mistakes yet, Dedicated pupil, his heart aches. Dedicated pupil, wants to make, Dedicated pupil, kingdom take.

Promising prospect, fills with zeal, Promising prospect, info he'll steal. Promising prospect, makes a deal, Promising prospect, lifting his heel.

Zeal-o-ous follower, listens no more, Zeal-o-ous follower, out the door. Zeal-o-ous follower, crosses the floor, Zeal-o-ous follower, preparing war.

Sensible turncoat, hands Him over, Sensible turncoat, isn't so sure. Sensible turncoat, thirty silver. Sensible turncoat, no more Pure.

### Judas...Judas...Judas

Sensible student, heard of a man, Sensible student, joined with the band. Sensible student, did what he can, Sensible student, through the land.

Promising prospect, so much zeal, Promising prospect, made a deal. Promising prospect, lifting his heel, Promising prospect, so much zeal, he says...

"I have sinned by betraying innocent blood..."



Mama...when I was young...A little boy...my eyes looked up I looked and saw...you standing there...Your lovely eyes, your flowing hair...

Mama, your love for me...is deeper than the deep blue sea You'd hold me close, you'd sing to me...You'd help me fly, you'd help me dream

### Chorus

Mama, how you carried me...you always saw just what I could be And from behind these bars I look out and see Hope for me, [Mama] you still love me

Mama...I messed up...I made mistakes, and got locked up Of all the things...I could have done...I did the worst, I came undone

Mama, forgive me...I tried to be the son I should be Your hopes and dreams...just weren't to be...but with your love I can be free

### Repeat Chorus

### Bridge:

Every mama has a time...when she hears her baby cry And she pledges her undying love And she holds it to her heart, whispering "we'll never part..." And she with a tear imparts precious trust

Mama...I don't understand...just why you love...this Failure Man Maybe it's cuz'...you see beyond Your love is the heart of God

### Repeat Chorus

Mama...it's time to go...I'll miss you most...but this you know So won't you sing, won't you sing to me...as they read my last rites to me



Society tells us what we're worth, but formed from the earth, how much can there be? To bring home the bread and bacon too, the chosen few, what more do we need?
But something deep in us satisfies, squashes the lies of history The hardened resolve of mankind, this like mind can $\square$ set us free
(Pre-Chorus) The truth from above, when push comes to shove, is that we all need an arc $\hfill\Box$ hetype A perfect ideal, example surreal, a father figure to end the hype
Papa you are the man, you help me stand, you're there when love is in demand You lift me up, you fill my cup, you showed me how to be a man And I can't believe God gave you to me, you love lavishly Papa I'm your biggest fan - you're my kind of man
Embodiment of such certainty, reality, you pave the way A radiance beaming in dark times, filling my mind, you light my day
A tree that bends beneath its load, yet remains bold, your roots are strong A weary pilgrim travelling, still you sing □ courageous song
When I wanna hide, roll over and die, that's when I espy your flags $\square$ unfurled And I rise again, determined to win, and run to the end, my arms awhirl
Repeat Chorus
(Bridge) No point in comparing, such daring, you defy All definitions of manhood – you're one of a kind

## meadows

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So many times...in my life...I've had to eat crow, you'd think by now...I would've had my fill...but I arms-length you like a pro Yet there you linger...beside me still...stalwart through My sorrow...my anguish...met in you Pills and promise-es just never...lit my way The only answer...so elusive...be my stay

Aimless, nameless...helpless, hopeless...I embark Pushing onward...straining forward...through the dark Attend to this sojourner...in my plight...Tarry not this day Be my compass...my guiding light...when I have lost my way Resolution...evolution...have your will Absolution.... Grace infusion: "peace be still"

So take me into solace...float me in the breeze Walk me into meadows...fill my heart with ease Move me into second...be my First Remedy my failings...slake my thirst

Breathing in...breathing out...to be found Am I over...am I through...or six feet down Disassembled...so unstable...come unglued A subtle under...current of heart...beats renewed

Disenchantment... Guilt's entrapment... Holds me fast Whiplash pending....grief unending...I've come at last Lilliputian....diminutive....I'm nothing But you are over...throughout and in...everything

So take me into solace...float me in the breeze Walk me into meadows...fill my heart with ease Move me into second...be my First Remedy my failings...slake my thirst



I am called...more than a conqueror I am loved, by you Heavenly Father Apple of your eye...called into the light I walk by faith...and not by sight

Your gifts and call...forever irrevocable I am sealed...stamped with your approval Been set free...eternally Refined in fire...of purity

4/4 And I am called to bear witness of your holy way But there was a time, when all I could say was:

Give me – my millstone, throw me over I am - unworthy of your honor Give me – my millstone, Lord...

3/4 Dead to sin, made alive in Christ the King Worshipping Jesus more than anything Salt of the earth, light of the world, Saved by grace, and not by works

4/4 And I have your Holy Spirit filling me within But a decade ago, I unleashed my sin, and cried

### **Repeat Chorus**

4/4 I long to humble myself as a child before you But if I walk away, you have every right to

Give me, my millstone...

# more than this

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Doo-doo-doo, no no no no, no... Doo-doo-doo. Life is more than this!
Doo-doo-doo-doo, no no no no, no... Doo-doo-doo-doo.

Johnny was an athlete while Sissy wore the frills, never knew what hit 'em 'til Sissy got chills. Baby came so unexpected due to their thrills, mommy and daddy then they were then life became pills.

Richie played a devil's game at the prompting of friends, assuming nothing, risking all, his innocence ended. An open door for demons and an invite for death, his chapter closed 'cause Richie just couldn't defend.

### Repeat Chorus

Sarah handed dollars to the man with the knife, her belly was too big for her, too big to save a life. Her conscience gone, so she decided that this was right, but later, running, clutching, screaming, she cried in fright.

Alan struggled for so long with a secret so dark, his parents were oblivious to the battle in his heart. His preferences, their differences tore them apart, so Alan left for San Fran; sells himself as his art.

### Repeat Chorus 2x

Now Johnny, Sissy, Richie, Sarah, Alan and friends never came to know the Jesus Christ that I've met. But allow me for a moment to explain what you've missed: If you're headin' their way, know that life is more than this!

# o my father

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### **Hebrews 12:1-2**

Seeing you hanging there, wind blowing through your hair, noticing now my need for you. Hearing the sound of your wails, hearing the pound of the nails, suddenly there, my spirit rang truth.

I was so lost and then, you died, went to Heaven, carrying all my transgressions far away.
Forgetting all my guilt, letting your body wilt, so I could be called...your good and faithful servant, someday.

- O, My Father, I look at you now, I see how you smile...at me.
- O, My Savior, though the world look away, my eyes will not stray...from you.

Father of Holiness, Banner of Righteousness, I know there'll be times, when I make mistakes.
But redeeming faithfulness, awesome replenishment is there when I call.
Then my heart awakes!

I had abandoned you, I had forsaken you, sweeping all my sins under the rug. Yet you patiently waited for my call that was fated for you to restore...your good and faithful servant, Master.

### Repeat Chorus

I had abandoned you, I had forsaken you, sweeping all my sins under the rug.
Yet you patiently waited for my call that was fated now there is no doubt...I'm your good and faithful servant, Master.

### one man

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One Man that can make the lame walk One Man that can make the mute talk One Man who can fix the deaf ear One Man sent to give our heart cheer

One Man who can bring us to God One Man who can save this dead bod One Man that can change our worst name One Man that would take away shame

One Man that was sent to redeem
One Man that was sent to wash clean
One Man who would choose and reclaim
One Man who would bear all our blame

One Man who can stop the rat race One Man who can help me save face One Man that won't leave me broken One Man that won't leave me chokin'

One Man that can help me stand up One Man that will help me man up One Man sent to love my heart home One Man that will never leave alone

One Man who can make all things well One Man who can wet the dry spell One Man that can save endlessly One Man sent to give selflessly

One Man that will give me my fill
One Man that can only fit the bill
One Man sent to take my sad place
One Man that won't fail to extend grace

## One Man There is One God, and there is

There is One God, and there is One Man, And all of my life is in His Great Hands

One Man who could love my heart well, One Man who would never repel, One Man sent to save me from hell, One Man sent to make my fears quell

One Man with an undying love One Man who would never rebuff One Man who would never betray One Man my pain to defray

One Man who can fill me within

One Man sent to save me from sin One Man my vision to untangle One Man to give me life newfangled

One Man who can feel my tension One Man who commands my attention One Man filled with such compassion One Man not dissuaded by reaction

One Man through the thick and the thin One Man understands my worst sin One Man sent to dry my eye sheen One Man sent to wipe my slate clean

One Man understands my heart's place One Man comprehends my dark state One Man who is Savior Jesus One God sent His son who frees us

One Man There is One God, and there is One Man, And all of my life is in His Great Hands

# petty hell

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### Verse 1:

When the morning breaks, and comes the first light of dawn I breathe in new air, and yesterday's pain is gone

### Bridge:

'Cause maybe in the end...I can cast my cares on you And someday I will rend this sordid name in two

### Chorus:

And I will hear you call, and I will run not fall, And I will remember no more All the stain of days, fights and stifled praise Shall be washed away...in you...

### Verse 2:

Bitterness and quandaries, had such talons through and through Clutching me and mine, separating true from true

### Bridge:

But there in your embrace, I just might be able to Take these cheapened chips, and cash them in on you

#### Chorus:

And I will hear you tell, my son all is well And I will remember no more All this needless strife that drove a wedge through my life Has been purchased by your blood...

### Bridge:

For God only knows what's beyond our nose to see We were never meant to live...in such grim disunity

### **Outro Chorus:**

For all this meaningless, argument and stress Finds new meaning seen through grace And all our petty hell, shall all be made well When we gaze upon your face...



Birth draws near...been a very long time in here It was 1400 years ago
When formerly, case of a mistaken identity
Just an image that mirrored me...badly so

Springing from...bed of aromatic wood
From these cinders I think I could...spread my wings
Limbs outstretch...and my pinion steals my breath
Lending creedence that I possess...aerial strength
Then I can't explain what takes over my soul, but now...

### Chorus

I'm the phoenix, rising from the ashes 39 times, I survived my lashes Watch me rise as I...shed these blackened sashes Behold this bird of purpose...engage in rite of passage Phoenix...rise!

Second chance, through the fire I perform my dance Then a seed of beckoning implants...in my brain Drawing nigh, shooting like a bolt through the sky Spreading talons out to seize my...brand new name

Bird of pray...talons folded close day by day
Feel intensity in His stay...my oh my
Ne'er the worse...as I scale this universe
Breaking out from under the curse...of the lie
O Hand from on High hand me high destiny, and now...

### Repeat Chorus

Emerge through the fire, and surrender your pride, and now:

### Last Chorus:

You're the phoenix, rise up from your ashes 39 times, you'll survive your lashes we'll watch you rise as you...shed your blackened sashes behold this bird of purpose, engage in rite of passage... Phoenix...rise!



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When I walked in the room, saw ya standing there, My eyes were blinded by your light...talk to you do I dare? Paralyzed by feeling in the midst of fear, my heart going out of control... Slowly as you draw near.

"How do I look? Can she tell I'm shook in the solitary of my mind?" oh no no no... Just one smile pushed me a mile, then I knew, yes I knew, it'd be alright In her heart, in her eyes, I could see your light.

### Regarding Sophia, she makes me feel free, she lets be me, together we're three.

Promises been broken in your fairy tale?
There are no guarantees, simply cause life is frail.
But when the Lord brings someone when your heart is still,
You can rely on his plan to get you to His will.

So many choices, do I hear voices telling me that it's alright? oh yeah, yeah yeah... Just letting go, and letting Him know that I know, yes I know it'll be alright if I don't, no I don't, put up a fight..

### Regarding Sophia, I knew she would be His one love for me, when I let it be...

Finding the girl then reading your word sent my cares away...

then I knew, yes I knew, it'd be okay, if I let, yes I let your love lead the way...

Regarding Sophia, He brought her to me, when I let it be...together we're three. Regarding Sophia, she makes me feel free, she lets be me, together we're three.

## revelation 3:20

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I'm standing here, what more to say? My deepest fears get in the way. Are you standing there, are you solid ground. Unlike this world, will you stay around?

You're waiting there, and I hear your call. Softly, so faintly, there through the wall. Apprehensively I start to open the door. But finally before you, I'm just so unsure.

Can you change my life, can you make me new? Can you love me, Lord? Is your love true?

## Here I am, I stand at the door, and if anyone hears my voice, I will come in.

I want to open the door of my life. My heart's crying out for an end to this strife. But I need to hear that one still small voice.
Just one more time, make me not have a choice.

Will you change my life, will you make me new? Will you love me, Lord? Is your love true?



I don't need no ruler to t-tell me to go
Where I need to go, and now
I don't need no ruler to command me to stay
For another day, and now
I don't need no ruler to k-kick up my feet
To my favorite beat, and now
I don't need no ruler to ch-ch-change my mind
When I'm feeling fine,

Oh yeah, oh no, oh maybe, maybe so...

So baby let me tell ya, you're no Ruler - there's another one You're tryin' super hard, but there's one cooler – He is God the Son You whip me and ya try to break my spirit – it'll never do You're freaky in your ways but I don't fear it – please sit down, you're through Ruler...go away...Fooler...it's your day

I am in need of a Savior to I-lead me to go
Where I need to go, and now
I am in need of a Savior to invite me to stay
For another day, and now
I am in need of a Savior to k-kick up my feet
To my favorite beat, and now
I am in need of a Savior to ch-ch-change my mind
When I'm running blind

Oh yeah, oh no, oh maybe, maybe so...

So baby let me tell ya, you're no Ruler - there's another one You're tryin' super hard, but there's one cooler – He is God the Son You whip me and ya try to break my spirit – it'll never work You're freaky in your ways but I don't fear it – please sit down, ya jerk Ruler...go away...Fooler...it's your day

Bridge

Rulers come, rulers go, foolers come, foolers know No sense in ruling me – I am free (2x)

So baby lemme tell ya, you're no ruler...



Once upon a sacred time in a land of optimism...where this name was held in high esteem revered and spoken of highly, then a schism...renders praise a precious bygone dream

Cursing warmth for which I hunger, craving isolation once unloved Formerly of worth: wearing a crown Looking back over my shoulder, below and above...once they followed, now they hunt me down

My legs ache – in a bitter way – what do you say to a sit-here-on-the-grass? This whole world - feels like its bangin' round in my head

### Bathed in scarlet and despised...Scorned, carelessly cast aside This label drowns my accolades...And all my victories gently fade

Pretending names don't really puncture this shell Still it's a shell and a shell is all it is For each new vicious pounding is a death-knell Though born simply of distant silences

It's simply not the same to wrap myself in These weak attempts at self-affirming love This ever-growing perimeter of disdain: Does it widen to include Heaven above?

### Pre-Chorus

I am tired, feel deep careworn - I can get torn "tween the right and the fast O to be still - to get my fill of sacred breath

Bathed in scarlet and despised...Scorned, carelessly cast aside
This label drowns my accolades...And all my victories gently fade
Praised before by once allegiant tongue...Now equated with the dung
These arms simply aren't long enough to stay...This unabating hatred and dismay

### Bridge:

To be loved, even so, is better than to be free of guilt
To be lifted high for seconds is better than a lifetime on the hills
To be forgiven – just to hear them say it
Far more effective than all of these pills

Discordant abandonment from the masses...They speak through fangs and feebly throw a smile Their quiet condemnation cracks my glasses...What I'd not give to be free just for a while

### Repeat Chorus but with first line of first stanza soft...then smash back into it

A raw despondence chipping at foundations...This restless hope is sometimes all I know But I envision once upon a sacred time this scarlet letter recolored in gold – fade band out, piano in, slight ritard

# season in season out

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Hey boy, why ya standing there with your hands in your pockets, your eyes up in the air. Oblivious to the world around ya, don't ya see the cryin' dyin' there?

Leanin' back on your own comfort, knowin' that ya can rest assured. Well did ya stop and think about the many, who've to this day not heard?

The time is right now! He showed you just how! Today is unfinished! His love ain't diminished! I don't know if I can! Haven't had the time to plan! I don't know what to say! My pride gets in the way.

Always be ready...
Season in and Season Out.
Always be ready...
tell 'em what He's all about.

Hey girl are ya so unable to give an answer for the hope that ya have now? Is your faith so unstable so as to put your hand to the plow?

Lyin' down with a smile on your face, rememberin' He died for you. Well apathy and neglect made ya forget...He died for others too.

They're standing right there! They're waiting right there! They're crying right there! They're dying right there! How do I make my move? What am I supposed to prove? Where do I go from here? I long to disappear!

### Repeat Chorus

Get ready!

Always be ready. (Pray...)
Be strong, be steady. (Study...)
Always be ready. (Memorize...)
Be strong, be steady. (Meditate now...)
Always be ready. (Confess...)
Be strong, be steady. (Believe...)
Always be ready. (Live it...)
Be strong... (Give out now!)



Living a lie...pretending all the way
Faking my way through, as I sought after you
Staking my claim, imagining I'm sane
Yet slowly sin crept in, and pride grew deep within me

Slipping fast, I was losing grasp...of my first love, as I...surrendered to compromise For it was a little bit here, a little bit there, and then everywhere...

### Chorus

Forgive me...I beg Thee...I'm guilty, Lord, I know that I...need you to Forgive me...come and save me, love me and wash me white...as the snow...

Out through the panes...it's far too cold for rains Misty all around, they quietly come down... Ever so white...reflection of His light Holy tranquil sea...of silent mystery, they come

Drifting down, blanketing every sound...of guilt and shame, and I...will never be the same They come a little bit here, a little bit there, and then everywhere...

### Repeat Chorus

Like the snow, His grace falls softly so...all over the world...and now, gives us the strength to grow
Jesus is a little bit here, a little bit there, and then everywhere...

### **Last Chorus**

Forgive us...Lord Jesus, and claim us as your own, for we need you to Forgive us...come and save us...love us and wash us white...as the snow...

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Look, look at me now, won't ya tell me who serve...? Has he died and then risen for you? (has he done it lately?) And has he taken the pain away, taken the strain away too?

Talk, yeah, talk to me now, do ya follow a righteous man? *(or just an uptighteous man...?)*Or do ya follow no one at all? 'Cause that's the case of our race, and our race is gonna fall...

But I say "forgiveness, compassion, and healing He'll bring. He will make you wanna sing!"

t, hey, t, ya see...what does it mean to thee?
The man upon the wood claimed your soul for good, t.
t, hey, tlc, makes ya feel so free... toss away the sin Satan locks ya in, t.

Once, yeah, once I was lost, but then I was found, as the nails stabbed...stabbed through his wrists. For, without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. You're sayin' yeah, "I want to be free as you seem to be." (as I seem to be?) You're sayin' that you want to see. (like the blind man). Well the Lord said, "take up your †, and deny yourself and follow me, and there will be forgiveness, compassion, and healing I'll bring...I will eliminate the sting!"

### Repeat Chorus

"Oh, there always is forgiveness, compassion, and healing I bring...why don't you make me your king?"

# to know you

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I don't always do the things that please you. I don't always give my life over to you. How can I reject a calling so true? Why do I resist a life that's been renewed?

And I - I want to do what's right...
And I - I want to live my life...

To know you, know you, know you
To love you, love you, love you
To need you, need you, need you
To please you, please you, please you

How can I say I'm wearing your name when all I really do is broadcast my shame sending out a beacon of moral decay ever-dimming light that won't flicker away.

And you-oo just wanna set me free...
And you-oo just wanna live through me...

[chorus]

[bridge]

And heav-en doesn't seem so far away And heav-en keeps calling out my name!

[chorus]



I am...filled with venom...I have...weary soul...

My mouth's...filled with gravel...and it's...been so long...since I

Felt...your touch...heard...your voice

Won't you...come and fill me, can't you...see my plight All have abandoned me...all have...taken flight

Seething heart...it has done its part...

(build up)

Captive in my fatal...tragedy
When will...l be set free, experience...rhapsody

Why's the world so cold...toward this ven-o-mous soul...

They have wronged me, and it's...easier To be...recreant and recluse...far from here

If this life's built to fall...I just gotta get away from it all

### Chorus

I define right and wrong, and I...make my rules up as I go Blinded by ambition big but do I...see the world just as it is?

Feeling slighted...my mind...judges all Through a...narrow filter of my overall

Perception (dim)...murky and tainted from within...

(build up)

So I'll sit back and I will...spew my hate From this...lonesome cavern I will...make my fate...

This venom...feels good... Like ingesting delicious wood...

### Chorus

I am right and they are wrong...they call me names, they plod along But I'm secure holding this jug...of venom rich – a hearty mug

Maybe someday I will...leave this place...and I will Forge my destiny of love and grace

But swall-low-ing down...it's getting cozier...now



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I've seen so many people walking here on this side of town with their...head drowned, and their...face down.

Caught a notion from this ocean of evil all around,

ain't no...hoe-down, as we...lose ground.

People might say I'm gone 'cause I possess a fish on the back of my car, a decal, 'cause I'm...free pal.

I'm sayin' but that's who we are, and we got a spiritual charge, we got:

Gay rights: Militant agenda! Suicide: Lives undefended!

New age: Everyone distortion! Baby pain: Maintained abortion!

Wake up, my brother, oh, what's wrong with you? Wake up, my sister, what do I gotta do? Shake up, whattsa matter, don't you know right from wrong? Wake up, how long can we play this sad song?

They say a man approaches come future with a power o'er the world, ain't no...Jesus, not here to...please us.

There will be tribulation, complication, wrath of God unfurled,

there'll be...diseases, as earth...seizes.

You can't just play the game with your faith, and think Christianity is... a pastime, cause there's...no time.

'Cause while you sit back, relax, do nothing, you commit a crime, 'cause we got:

Turf war: Israel oppressed! Human war: People segregated!

Moral war: AIDS undefeated! Spirit war: His advice unheeded!

### Repeat Chorus

Gotta take a stand before they win the land, gotta win the land lest they get the upper hand, gotta make a plan for their every demand, gotta have the motive why we are in the band.

The politics of inescapable arrogance endure, makes your breath gone, immoral...time bomb. See I'm so tired of too much problem and not enough of cure, gotta get a...move on, or we...do wrong!

See I don't care what you say, I'm pushing for a new dawn!

And I care what you do, 'cause I made my decision, and I don't care if they fight, and nail me to a cross, said I don't care what they do, I won't let God be bygone,

I won't let God be bygone!

Wake up, oh nation of passive brotherhood.

Wake up, my people, got to preserve the good.

Shake up, whattsa matter, don't you know yours could make Wake up...a system transformation today!



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Insidious, oblivious, ridiculously gone, the lemming rushes madly to his death, and then beyond. This suicidal travesty so long consumed my soul, when suddenly you ran to me and then you made me whole.

Until that day, I never knew that love...it could be a factor in my life. Lord, you've changed me from above! You're my sin subtractor.

I...wanna be...where you are, whether you're near or far!
I...wanna be...where you are, nothing could tear me apart.
Though my friends are sayin' it's a game I'm playin,'
I'll trust in you with all my heart. I...wanna be...where you are.

Now people say I'm different, I'm a changin,' growin' man, shinin' with a burnin' light, with power in the hand. Reciprocal of death it seemed that I was heading towards, 'cause I was split right open with a double-edged sword.

And all my inner turmoil was exposed, and then rejected, the Mighty Lamb of God filled all my soul. Now my spirit's infected!

### Repeat Chorus

Thinkin' about His Majesty, pondering just what He did for me. Knowin' just where He is right now, and keepin' in mind my eternal vow to love to hold and to never fail, in this way good will surely prevail. Keepin' the commandments that He taught, rememberin' that my blood is bought. Never givin' in to the other side, 'cause to Heaven Jesus Christ is my free ride. Personally I get so wired when I think about the location I've desired. Where You are is my preference, the only place that really really makes sense. Through thick and thin, for better or worse, listen up now, here's the final verse.

Lord, when you come again, I will be ready as can be to meet you in the clouds for the place prepared for me. You promised and that promise I will hide within my heart, until then I'll be praying for eternity to start.

And then that glorious day I'll meet my Lord...the Rock of Ages! Emanuel, Jehovah, here I come... to receive my wages!



Song of silence, teal sky Wisps in stratus gliding by

Bastions steady guard the shore Proud defense "gainst woe and war

Gleam ye faintly through the night, now Mirror sun with proud delight!

Tridents anchored, vigil landing How you define our sense of standing

Tide of time rolls endless toward Two twin sentinels fate ignored

Souls in progress, life ongoing Business, schedules, comfort knowing

Meetings planned & days arranged 8:46...life is changed

Guided missile, brazen foe Descending upon souls below

Uninclinéd victim's call Goes unanswered in the ball

Of fire and hate and roaring noise: Shattered ego, shaken poise

Can you hear the whisper overwhelmed by thunder O the voices calling from the soil Dare I feel this tremor? Will this leave me never? Can the world be evermore the same?

Cacophony laden, bellowing gust Seam rips silence, scattering rust

Sparks and showers, Beams and clutter Gasping sounds of endless mutter

Wailing sirens, mirth cut short Haunting scream of death's retort

Blackened fumes go spiraling up Widened eyes taste anger's cup

Ever upward, steel unbending To the point of scarréd rending

Debris aloft, splinters flying Life and matters fall with crying

Quiet strife of woe and war has Met most unwelcome on this shore

Were we sleeping, were we faint? Plunging eagle, faltering saint Tolls go meanwhile counting higher Ebbing struggle through muck and mire

Life familiar before 8:46 What was added to the mix

Was it ego, was it might
Our chests' beat heard far through night?

Plans were hatched with venom much Snaking through our mental clutch

Unseen foes crept through our gate And plunged their missiles steered by hate

One stands weeping, brother down Soon to meet him on the ground

Personal whistles sound motionless heroes 343 to 0

When I hear the sirens, fading into silence Give me room to think and breathe and be O to shake the sadness, to undo this madness But the whispers haunt me to this day

Into our ribs, into our flesh Holding ransom our precious breath

Can it be they found a way Into our guts that vile day

O great dilemna mine!
O massive predicament mine!
How miniscule your minutae!

### **Repeat Chorus**

Can you hear the whisper overwhelmed by thunder O the voices calling from the soil Dare I feel this tremor? Will this leave me never? Can the world be evermore the same?

There is ash in my breath, breathing souls, tasting death Could this happen any other way?
When this night has ended, can we say we've mended For our heroes all have sailed away



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Why are there so many still lost today? Who has let them all walk away? When will they see the light to show them the way? Oh... oh...

Why in the world is the truth so far away? (From them) How can ya tell them right anyway? (And then) Where is their final destination if they choose to walk away, choose to disobey...?

Why? Whoa, I don't know. Hey... Why? Whoa, I don't know. Blinded, Hardened, hey hey...

Why, when the truth is told, does a soul repel? (How will they know...?)
What is the point of going straight to hell? (Why do they go...away?)
Which is the right path for them, they can't tell?
Oh... oh...

How, in vain, can one sit still and wait? (Why do they wait?) Who in their right mind wants to seal their fate? (It's not too late to change...) When? Could it be right now or is it too late? If they turn and walk away, quietly slip away...

### Repeat Chorus

Think about His love for you, think of what He's done for you!
Think of who it was that died, think of why it was He died!
Ask yourself, do ya think ya know everything there is to know?
Ask yourself are ya ready to go down the road that ya think ya know?
Tell me now is it possible that what ya think just may be wrong?
Do ya really wanna throw away?
Do ya really wanna go away?
All ya gotta do is hold my hand,
I'll take ya to the promised land.
Nevermore will there be pain, (no no!) He'll give you life again!

Oh, come on!



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Competition makes me weary...inhibition makes me leery. Consternation makes me flurried...indecision makes me worry.

(Open up drums here - stereo drumbeats)

Wrestle onward, wrestle upward...one foot forward, two foot backward, Pressing my will is an uphill...leaves me broken, well, I'm here chokin.'

Pickin me up and brushin me off, standin my ground I'll never grow soft, see the trophy in your hand

You win, (the fire in your eyes)
it's always you win... (you're gonna win the prize)
in the end... (each time I realize)
it's always you win...
(uh-huh, uh-huh)
I try fightin', I go cryin', fingers bleedin', heart beating, still
you win...it's always you win...you win, it's always you win.

Runnin the rat race, dishevelin' my face...gotta be my way, or the highway. A rebel with my customized yell, ringin' my bell... give me my plate, and man, don't be late.

Gotta get through, gotta get me mine, hey there man I don't have time... but somewhere a voice says "son be patient..."

You win... (the gold be given you)
I see you've won again... (you're never number 2)
No matter how it ends... (it's just that thing you do)
it's always you win...
(uh-huh, uh-huh)
I pound my fists, and I insist num - ber - one - on - the - list, but
you win...it's always you win...!'ll give in...and let you win again.

{Bridge with "You Win, you always win..."]

Wrestlin away till the break of dawn, take away my strength till my fight is all gone Call me Jacob, mess my hip up (end)