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## **Hold On To You**

It's easy to say that I believe that You'll be there  
When everything seems to be going my way  
But when the storm rushes in and Your presence seems so far away  
Will I hold out for You or in fear will I miss Your best for me

As I wait for You I will praise Your name  
'Cause Your love drives out my fear  
Lord I lift my hands to You  
For this praise I bring to offer You  
Trusting You, knowing You, are holding the future  
I will lay myself down at Your feet and hold on to You

Lord did You hear the words that were spoken  
Countless events go against what You said  
How long must I wait till I see the promise foretold to me  
Can I stand anymore as a deadline comes crashing on me

Your ways are not my ways  
And faith in You goes beyond belief  
So I'll walk in things unseen

## On My Knees

The wind blows cold across my face  
I can feel my heart beating  
Blood stained hands letting my weapon down  
I can feel my strength leaving  
As I fall to me knees, my enemies draw near  
To defeat me in weakness  
On my own I have tried to fight this, Lord  
Now I see that I need You

If I give you my pride, if I bended my knee  
Could You make me into what You need me to be  
On my own I'm surrounded and ready to fall  
But on my knees is the place that You want me to be

The thunder rolls the rain pours in  
As I cry out for Your healing  
With new found strength I lift my head,  
Rise to my feet, and now I'm seeing  
Many captives are bound with terror in their eyes  
And still others are fleeing  
I'm standing strong in Your authority  
Now I see what I needed

Why must I wait to let Your power reign in me  
While the battle is raging  
You alone give me strength and victory  
For what more am I waiting

## Lift Me Up

Temptation finds me here unwilling to turn and run  
A moment of weakness leaves me broken and undone  
In my ear are whisperings, condemning to my soul  
Now that I've failed You I'm unworthy and alone  
All of Your truths I know suddenly fade to gray  
Lord, I turn to You  
Revive me as I pray

I feel You  
I need You  
Won't You come and give strength to me  
'Cause I'm weary and I've stumbled  
I'm in need of Your healing grace  
No matter the place I'm in when I call out to You  
You lift me up again

Your grace is sufficient enough to save me from my sin  
And Your mercy deep enough to lead me home again  
All of Your truths I know flood into my soul  
They give me the strength I need to turn and be made whole

I feel You  
I need You  
Won't you come and give strength to me  
'Cause I've tasted and I've seen  
The Power of Your Word in me

## Can You Hear Me

Darkness surrounds me  
I hear You call to me and I think  
How can I answer  
When all I feel inside is broken  
Shattered to pieces  
I'm speechless from the anger I feel  
And I'm waiting here in the darkness I'll pray

Can You hear me when I'm speaking now  
Hear me, with my empty mouth  
Look down and see inside me now  
To these words that I can't express  
Oh, I feel so alone  
Come inside, Oh Lord, and see the emptiness that's killing me  
Please come and save me from myself again

This happens so often  
A play well rehearsed yet despised  
How can I break this  
And feel Your joy inside  
Oh, I know that I can not do this  
But You can, and have already  
So I will call out Your name and pray

Some say that there's no hope to go on anymore  
But with His love things are restored

You can hear me when I'm speaking now  
Hear me, with my empty mouth  
You look down and see inside me now  
And Your love, I just can't express

## **More Than I Am**

Maker of the mountains  
Creator of the seas  
Lord, You dwell with all the angels  
Still You choose to live in me  
Though I'm filled with good intentions  
In my flesh again I fall  
A vessel, Lord, please make me  
To pour Your Spirit out to all

You make my heart spring open  
Only You make sense of all I am  
And You use me for Your greater glory  
Even though I am just a common man  
You are more than I am

Alpha and Omega  
Blessed Trinity  
You are Holder of all secrets  
But by faith You're testing me  
Here I am before them  
Feeling helpless and so small  
My trust I place in You, Lord  
To pour your Spirit out to all

## **Armor**

Once again in disarray  
Defeat is commonplace it seems  
Why does it feel this way  
If I'm a conqueror in Your name  
Is there something that I missed  
Through negligence I've dismissed  
Is my spirit dressed or defeated will I remain

I will fight the things I cannot see that war against my soul  
I dress myself in Your armor, Lord, and stand against my foes  
Lord I pray Your Kingdom come  
In all my life, Your will be done

Place the Boots of Peace upon my feet  
My waist bears Your Belt of Truth  
On my chest I rest the Breastplate of Righteousness  
Helmet of Salvation of my head  
As I raise my Shield of Faith  
From my sheath I pull the Sword of the Holy Ghost

I'll stand for You and I'll pray to You  
That Your will would come to pass  
That these storms, they wouldn't last  
That You strengthen me and You protect me  
That the strongholds tumble down  
Many lost would come home found

## **A Moment With You**

I set aside my life  
Quiet my mind  
And turn my thoughts to You, Oh Lord  
Longing just to seek Your glory  
I praise You, God in Heaven  
My voice to You I raise  
I usher Your presence with my praise  
I'm bringing You my heart  
I come before You boldly  
And ask for Your fellowship once more

Jesus, my heart sings Your name  
A moment with You and it all seems okay  
For a glimpse of Your glory, I'd wait all day  
'Cause a moment with You takes my breath away

## **Sleep in Peace**

I watched you close your eyes  
And lay your head upon my shoulder  
Love for you, it fills my mind  
And in your ear I gently whisper  
A great story of His love  
So when life, it comes against you  
You'll remember

Rain will come  
And the thunder will try to drown out your dreams  
But there is He  
Whose voice is calming the sea  
And He will be everything you need  
So sleep in peace tonight

Your smile gives birth to mine  
As we share this time together  
Singing, laughing, sharing tears  
My love is yours for all your years  
Though impossible it seemed  
Through faith you came to be  
And that is why I'll hold you and tell you that

Knowing the One who watches you at night  
Is the one who breathed in you your life  
Come what may and come what might  
He'll guide you through the darkest night  
He's there  
He cares

## **You Are My God (Psalm 63)**

You are my God  
And I search for You  
My soul it thirsts, my body longs  
It's for You I cry  
In this dry and thirsty land  
I seek Your power, I seek Your hand

I will praise You as long as I live  
Lifting my hands to You in prayer  
You satisfy me more than riches  
With songs of joy I will praise You

I lie awake thinking of You  
Meditate on You through the night  
Because of who You are  
I sing to You, I shout for joy  
For I am held by Your hand  
Your love means more than life itself

But those who seek my life  
Shall fall by the sword  
All who trust in You rejoice  
And praise You Lord

## **It Is Time**

Have all my children compromised  
Holding on to sin justified by culture  
Now you're miserable, poor, weak, and blind  
I've sent my Spirit to you, called you out, and said be holy  
Just as I am holy

It's time to draw the line  
Put an end to compromise  
To live life by my design  
There's no looking back, it's time to rise  
Repent from sinful lives  
Open up your eyes  
And live life my way  
It is time

I call you to be my hands and feet  
Help those among you in need, especially the least of these  
And go bring them the truth in love – set them free  
Pray to seek my face, know my Word, destroy your idols  
And you'll see my Spirit move in power

As many I love I rebuke and call (to repentance)  
I stand at the door and knock, and those who let me in  
I will come

## Open Wide

Please let me say I'm sorry, Lord  
And I repent for holding my sin  
I'm in need of Your presence here  
To wash me clean again  
'Cause its been awhile since I felt my cries were reaching Your ears  
So I raise my hands to You

Here I am falling to my knees  
I'm not running anymore  
My clenched hands now open wide  
Please take this from me, Lord  
Laying down my selfish ways  
Submerse myself in holy flame  
Let Your Spirit fall now over me

I lay still before Your throne  
Waiting for Your grace to fall  
Now Your mercy, it pours over me  
And I am held by You  
It's been awhile since I felt the peace Your blood has bought me  
That's why I give it all to You

And I find myself surrounded by your love  
You come and meet with me my heart is open wide  
It's in You I find my peace