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The Road  
to Christlike Character  
Worship in Song Lyrics

Ten Thirty O'Clock



## The Gift of This Day

*The night was full of fear, but now the dawn is on the rise  
The dark is in retreat before the brightening skies!  
We had to come bring to you a melody of praise  
To thank you for the gift of this day!*

*We were never promised we would see another sun  
And rarely do we celebrate when morning comes.  
For all the lost chances that we let slip away,  
Thank you for the gift of this day!*

*Thanks, this is our thanks! This is our grateful praise  
Only you deserve our worship, Lord  
Thanks, this is our thanks! This is the song we raise  
To thank you for the gift— and all the love behind it—  
Thank you for the gift of this lovely day, gift of love, gift of grace,  
The morning dance, the second chance, the gift of this day!*

*Now we have the chance to share the grace that we've received  
And show a hurting world the love that heals and frees  
And every small kindness is just a way to say:  
Thank you for the gift of this day!*

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## Row to the Other Side

Matthew 8:18; Mark 4:35, 6:30-32; Luke 8:22; John 21:1-19

*They were sheep without a shepherd  
And you loved them as your own  
But their needs, well, they were legion  
And that day, you were one world weary soul  
They pressed in around you, the walls of a cell  
It's exhausting your compassion  
and you could tell you had to  
  
Row to the other side of the lake  
You'd given all you had, you'd had all you can take  
And so, when the wind began to die  
You had to go. You had to row  
To the other side*

I guess I thought it was noble  
To think the kingdom depends on me  
But that was hubris, and I was foolish  
To try to give what I have not received  
Without your Spirit to fill up my sails  
All my good intentions are bound to fail, and so I...

*There's a figure, strangely familiar  
Calling to me, from the shore  
I smell breakfast on the charcoals  
And I hear your voice once more  
Say to... row, row, row...  
Yes, I know, when the wind begins to die  
It's time to go. It's time to row  
To the other side*

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## Who Are You When No One's Looking (Stanza 1)

*Who are you when no one's lookin'  
...and there's a choice to make?  
Do you think: what's best for others?  
or just take all you can take?  
They say, "fake it til you make it!"  
But that will not get you far.  
'Cause who you are when no one's looking...  
that's who you are!*

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## Who Are You When No One's Looking (Stanza 2)

*Who are you when no one's lookin'  
And you can be yourself?  
Do you match your presentation  
Or are truly someone else?  
You can wear a thousand faces  
But God looks on the heart  
And who you are when no one's looking...  
that's who you are!*

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## Hold the Door Open

*The heavy weight became too great and so I sought relief  
I walked into a chapel down the street  
Below the stained glass windows in a ray of broken light  
I sensed God's deep compassion for my plight.  
But I left before confession with my guilt and shame intact  
And went out with that same burden on my back!*

*So I returned with my concerns  
And shared my deep regrets  
They told me God was not through with me yet  
I prayed to be forgiven and I felt the chains release,  
And was grateful for the chance to go free!  
But I left before communion and I made my way back home  
Asking why I always wind up all alone?*

*Hold the door open, please! I need a safe place to go  
Where someone will hold the door open and see  
I'm not who I once was...*

*When the stress of loneliness became too much to bear  
I joined them at the table Christ prepared  
As different as we were, we sat an awe of love so strong  
And shared the joy of knowing we belonged!  
But I left before the offering, embarrassed by my lack  
When what I needed most was to give back!*

*Hold the door open, please! I need a safe place to go  
Where someone will hold the door open and see  
I'm not who I once was, I'm not who I'll be!*

*Now, every week I feel the need to start it all again  
And let the potter shape the clay I am  
As life among these people fills an emptiness in me  
I find the grace to give what I've received  
And hold the door open for you,  
'Cause you need a safe place to go  
Where you, too, can hold the door open for me!  
We're not who we once were  
We're not who we'll be!*

## Who Are You When No One's Looking (Stanza 3)

*Who are you when no one's lookin'?*  
*What really matters then?*  
*Don't you know your values shape you?*  
*There are no secrets in the end!*  
*You will wind up where you're aiming*  
*So, choose wisely your north star*  
*'Cause who you are when no one's looking...*  
*that's who you are!*

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## How to Live Together

*{Jesus} Share the bread you hold! See how far it goes*  
*God will bless your selflessness, if you will just let go!*

*You're blessed when you are poor*  
*And you grieve the way things are*  
*And you're merciful and kind*  
*And you long to see the wrong made right*  
*For this is how to live together!*

*{Women} The pure in heart will see*  
*{Men} And we're blessed when we make peace*  
*{Jesus} Yes, and when the world is cruel to you*  
*Remember I have been there too*  
*And this is how to live together!*

*{All} Above all, love one another!*  
*Above all, love one another!*  
*Only love will last forever*  
*Love is how to live together!*

*{People} Let love guide all you do*  
*{Jesus} That's how God is with you*  
*The way you treat the least of these*  
*Is how you're treating me*

*{People} Be patient and forgive  
Treat enemies like friends  
{Jesus} And that will mean that in the end  
You may have to give your lives for them  
{All} But this is how to live together*

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## *All We're Meant to Be*

*When they found the boy, having searched for days,  
They were overjoyed and yet amazed  
To find him questioning authority  
As if all of us should be!*

*And, learning who he is, in the wilderness  
Of convenient lies, and cheap success  
Each time he turns away from lesser things  
He is all we're meant to be!*

*And growing wise, he understands  
That all our castles here are built on sand  
And so he builds his own within  
So when the kingdom comes, it comes in him!*

*Now observe the crowd, ready to condemn  
He forgives the girl, they turn on him  
But he stands by her til each stone's released  
'Cause he is all we're meant to be!*

*And growing wise, he understands  
The kind of sacrifice that love demands  
He suffers with us, and for our sin  
So when the kingdom comes, it comes in him!*

*When God looks down on how we've failed  
God's wrath may burn, but grace prevails  
This Jesus Christ is all God's heart can see  
For he is all we're meant to be!*

## Who Are You When No One's Looking (Stanza 4)

*Even when nobody sees you  
You are a child of God!  
If you'll let the potter shape you  
Your creation will go on  
The Christ who walks before us  
Saying simply "follow me"  
Takes the children made in God's image  
And makes us all we're meant to be!*

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## Face the World

*In your midst, I feel safe  
There's a world of hurt that I don't want to face  
But I'm dressed in the love expressed to me  
I'm invested in love's economy  
And I am blessed by the love that loves through me  
So, I can face the world again!*

*So much need waits out there  
And I worry I won't have enough to share  
But I'm dressed in the love expressed to me  
I'm invested in love's economy  
And I am blessed by the love that loves through me  
So, I can face the world again!*

*In my fear and my doubt  
I would rather close the door and just hide out  
But the joy God wants for me  
Comes only when I give what I've received  
So, I'm dressed in the love expressed to me  
I'm invested in love's economy  
And I am blessed by the love that loves through me  
So, I can face the world again!*

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## The Way We Go About It

*Years ago she read a letter from the teacher  
Sent home with her third grade son  
Tested on some reading  
He had been caught cheating  
“Why?” she said  
“You told me to make good grades,” he said  
She tried to explain: “Son,”*

*“The way we go about it matters  
It’s the testimony of the heart  
Yes, the way we go about it matters  
It’s the proof of who we are  
Who we truly are”*

*Eight years down the road, he’s in a load of trouble  
Drugs get him expelled from school  
Mother stands her ground  
He curses her and heads for town, and says,  
“It’s good money for things that we need,” but she says  
“It’s worth nothing to me, cause —”*

*Tonight she’ll welcome home  
The boy she raised alone  
Who has done his time in prison, like his father.  
Friends will come, they’ll dance and laugh  
She’ll prepare the fatted calf  
And at her table, he will take the seat of honor  
And she’ll hold him in her arms because—*

*The way we go about it matters*

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