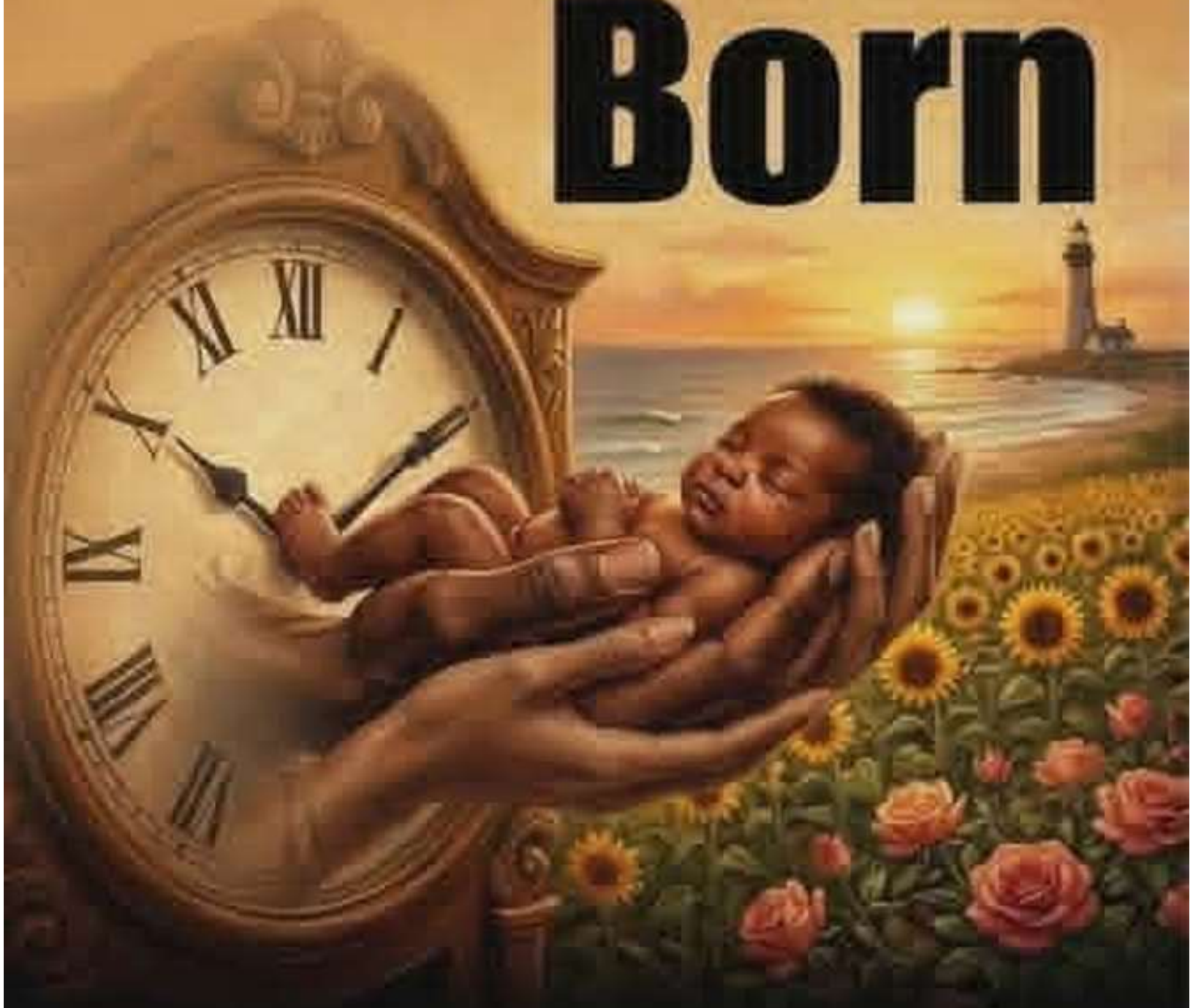


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# Introduction

All of my life I have wondered about God and his universal power. I remember days when I wanted a dime to buy ice cream, I probably could have asked my mom for a dime, but I dared to ask God! A few of those days I could see whole dollars floating onto the fresh cut lawn, out of nowhere! I hope that you have experienced a teeny bit of this spiritual experience.

People amaze me, all their different nose sizes, teeth shapes, rugged hands, soft hands, acoustic ears, wide eyes, beady eyes, and then there is color. Oh, what talent my God has! Hues of gray, olive skin is what my biology teacher once said; red is my favorite color along with yellow, then white goes along with everything!

Black is a power color which stands for everything; rhythm, boldness, fearless, no fear would be more like it, but I don't want to forget the nice chocolates; there are so many nice chocolate flavors of people, perfect! This book isn't about color, but it affects us all! God is no respecter of persons, He created us all. My God loves variety! How dull this life would be without this great Artist!

I've tested so many religions: Baptist, Methodist, Jehovah's Witnesses, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists, Church of God in Christ, Non-denominational, Church of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Pentecostal, served at a Jewish Passover, and last but not least, a Jesus-freak at age 19. I've been frustrated and loved by them all, but I've known a universal God! One whose power belongs to all humans. *A Time To Be Born* was written through all my experiences, through all my disappointments, through all my trials. Life is beautiful, even though we all take it for granted at times.

In this life it gives me great, triple, supercharged joy to share my soul with you! Let's explore life, let's give some of ourselves back to this prolific Almighty God! God loves you. Reach out to Him! Experience this spiritual, mystical MOVEMENT!

You are here, PEOPLE, to find out who you are! You are a very powerful ray that extends from our Creator of this universe, of the whole World!

**Why DIE when you can FLY!! There's *A Time To Be Born!***

# About the Author

## Marner R. Campbell-Benjamin

Marner Rae Harvey grew up in Ocala, Florida, where she graduated from Ocala High School, known today as Forest High School. Marner has always enjoyed writing as far back as grade school. Marner's first published work was inspired by her 7<sup>th</sup> grade peers. The booklet was entitled, *AS I SEE IT*, a collection of poetry on nature, God, and jingles. An article was published in the News/Sun-Sentinel, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in June, 1985, entitled, *Christian Poets Meet to Share Work and Spirit*, featuring Marner Rae, by The Christian Poetry Association of America. In 1986, Marner's work entitled, *Jesus Is The Only Way Out*, was published in an anthology called: The Christian Poetry Association of America. Marner has recited at churches, parties, and weddings, and has appeared on local and national television. In 2002, she appeared on CBS, Channel 11, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on the noon show with other artists celebrating Black History Week.

Marner earned a Psychology degree in Gainesville, Florida, in 1972. Over the years she has worked with the elderly as a Certified Nurses Assistant and enjoys working with Alzheimer's patients. She recently received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services from Phoenix University. Marner has volunteered her time at National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), teaching classes that educate the public on mental illnesses. She has interned at Family Crisis Services, Inc., located in Canon City, Colorado, where she has volunteered helping women with domestic violence and rape crises in Fremont and Custer counties. Marner is married to Gene Benjamin II and has three grown children and five grandchildren. Her hobbies include internet research, cooking, reading Biblically spiritual materials, and writing poetry. Today, Marner and Gene minister over the internet via social media. Here is a link to her youtube channel: [Marner's youtube channel](#) In the future she plans to write children's stories prompted by her first booklet of poems. Her next book will consist of love creations.

# **Part I**

## **Inspiration**

# **A Time to be Born**

**Sometimes life is full of tears and it's full of woes**

**It can be so demanding till it clinches your toes**

**Be thankful for the heartaches**

**Be gracious when you mourn**

**Don't give up**

**There's a time to be born**

**The weather can fall below freezing**

**The temperature can soar real hot**

**Your pillows can get soaked wet**

**but thank Him for what you got**

**You may find yourself needing many more kernels on your corn**

**But still keep pushing**

**There's a time to be born**

**Look up to the heavens**

**Call upon this Man**

**Give it to the Son who really understands**

**When the moments come**

**When you're tattered and torn**

**Thank God for Jesus**

**There's a time to be born**

# **An AM Prayer**

**Don't let the morning pass by you  
Don't let the dew meet your shoe  
Please say something to the Master  
Say something to the Master  
Say something to the Master  
He might say something to you  
Don't forget to say our Father help me through this day  
People are really crazy when Satan is leading their way  
Don't forget to understand that whatever we may do  
That God gives us the strength  
And while we are traveling we need His Holy length,  
Don't ever let the morning pass by you  
Don't let the dew meet your shoe  
Say something to the Master  
Say something to the Master  
Hey, Say something to the Master  
Say something to the master  
He will say something to you**

# Knowing The Time

We can walk along the streets  
And crime will snatch us from our feet  
I am sure by now you know everything that looks like honey — isn't sweet  
The world is in a terrible endeavor  
Even the planets, sea, and earth quiver  
These troubles must all come to pass  
Thank God and Jesus they will not last  
We just have to make a sudden stop  
And straighten out our lives  
Be sincere with God if we want to reach the top  
All the races are at war  
And wars have been going on for years  
Inflation, depression, suicides, and days of endless fears  
We are a special people way down from Abraham's seed Don't dump  
yourself just because the circumstances bleed  
Just because some people seem to have everything  
Just because you're tired and fed up  
And Satan down here is king.  
Don't you give up. Just get yourself right with God  
Because when it comes right down to it  
God owns the Master Rod  
So what about all the riches? Big deal about all the gold Because not one  
little penny could ever buy a soul  
Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the  
Father except by me."  
Now man may try other methods but Jesus owns the key  
So wise up and shape up  
Get your Bibles out and study God's word  
Tell it on the mountains make sure it gets heard  
As long as we stay grounded upon this sickly earth there are going to be  
hard, hard times for you and I and all who give birth  
So until the oceans cease and every living thing is grieved  
is our salvation nearer than when we first believed?  
The earth may shake the sun may bake and all the planets stay lined up  
But church I pray with you that we all continue to drink from Jesus' cup

# What Am I Gonna Do?

As I see prophecies coming through, the world is really all mixed up. Oh like the Bible says real corrupt. The Pope has had a real field day kissing the ground before he prays  
Boy, what am I going to do?

As I see prophecies coming through, 1 Thessalonians 5:3 talks about what will happen when they make peace. Yes the Bible says it will be rapid and all the things will cease.

The earth will reel and then it will rock as we continue to revolve around the clock. My knees sometimes knock when I envision it. The evil masses playing in the Devil's pit.

What am I gonna do?

Now the prophecies coming through Daniel say that the vision of the Ram and He goat is at the end. As you read Daniel 8:17, you can see where we've been. The dreadful beast power would think to change times and laws (Daniel 7:25) but my Savior won't allow him to trample with his paws. The new law will bring about an economic crisis (Rev. 13:17) as Satan uses and brings out all his devices.

Whew, what am I gonna do?

As I see the prophecies coming through, there will be wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilence, and earthquakes (Matt. 24) Oh, I read somewhere that winters will seem like summers, the sun will bake. I just feel like giving God great adoration, praises, adoration, adoration! Yes like now pleading for forgiveness of sins before the close of probation. Soon and very soon Heaven will bring rewards and collect what is His own (Rev. 22:12). All things will be moved and every knee will bow before the Cornerstone. Friends and earthlings, what are you gonna do as you see the prophecies coming through?

When should we prepare to meet Christ? II Cor. 6:2, says now is the time of salvation, study to show ourselves approved, knowing all of Daniel and the book of Revelation so you may wonder, Who is God's church? Are all of them the same? Matthew 18:20 states, where two or three are gathered in my name. Famine will come, not only for bread, but for the hearing of God's word (Amos 8:11-12). Wake up. Keep his commandments; it's time for present truth to be heard.

I know what I'm gonna do, now that the prophecies are coming though.

# A Higher High

(Two teenage girls are having a conversation)

“Child that was a good sermon today, did you hear what he say, what he say?”

I just don't have the talent; I could never say those things  
I could never really witness or tell others about Jesus

No, but I can sing

To each his own I reckon, but tell others, NO WAY!

Boy, he was on FIRE when he preached today

“He acted like Paul when he stood before the king

He was so confident having no shame

And he had the nerve to tell us God wasn't pleased

And we needed much prayer, fasting, and staying on our knees

Girl how would it really feel to have FIRE in your chest?

Never hardly fearing but giving God your best

“I read my Bible some of the time

Especially when I'm scared and don't own a dime.

But I wonder why others seem to have a ball of fire

And it appears God is their only desire

Child, my Grandma used to say you must give your all-in-all You must keep  
climbing or you will fall

“I know I make my little mistakes

sometimes I lie and sometimes I fake

But girl, don't you want a higher high?

Don't you want to reach the sky?

“I think the preacher was maybe right to let us both ask the Lord tonight.

God, you know, is no respecter of persons

He wants us all to go but it's left up to us to open up His door

It's left up to us to tell Him what we want

And if we don't I guess He won't

“You know girl, that's fair enough, God is alright

He ain't too tough! Hey, where are you going?

I'm going home and tell the King, “I'm for hire; I'm tired of living off of  
somebody else's fire!”

Amen Amen

# **Don't Miss Out**

**The people are so afraid of what is hovering over their heads  
They go out from day-to-day and they see happenings on their way:  
People dying from the liquor instilled in their souls  
People dead from wounds of bullet shot holes  
Cars crash into you from some unsettled mind  
The faithful ones in shock, they don't call the Divine  
People, we seem so afraid of what is hovering over our heads,  
The sun still shines no matter what troubles exist  
The moon still shows at night and takes the risk  
Jesus made us to shine  
Jesus didn't make us to always whine  
We shake and shudder when things come into our path  
I fear no evil although I walk through the shadow of death  
The Lord says woe to those that try to save themselves!  
We have a job, a job to do  
The people outside suffer from lack of truth**

# Sit Down

Knock-knock  
Who's there?  
Who me? I'm the Holy Ghost  
I've come to be your host  
Sit down my child let me talk with you a while  
Now my angels tell me you're pretty dead  
Lately, you don't use your head  
You don't read the word like you used to  
You're sipping again on Mr. Who  
Now look my time isn't long  
And Satan is getting kind of strong  
But look, don't you listen to the evil one  
Because he's laughing all the time you're having fun  
This world will end with a reel and a rock  
Then I won't be able to say knock-knock  
So please sit down a while, listen to me my child  
The storm is brewing in the sea  
So son, you better grab a knee  
Bow down to almighty God because he is the Master Rod  
Stop this nonsense and straighten up  
Remember to drink from Jesus' Cup  
Put this booze and smoke away  
Wake up, sleep down, always pray  
Now remember at times when you are weak and low  
And Satan tells you where to go  
Remember I'm the Holy Ghost  
And I love being your host  
Sit down my child and listen for a while  
By now I hope you understand why I had to take a stand  
You were really going out the door  
If you did, I couldn't do more  
The Holy Ghost won't force anyone  
But leads them always to the Son  
Now that you have another chance  
I hope you'll turn to the Holy dance  
Now remember what I'm telling you my friend

**Flee from the Devil, flee from sin  
Sit down, sit down my child  
You must stop growing wild  
The angels take down all you do  
Please walk in the Jesus shoe  
Yes, yes, I'm the Holy Ghost  
I love being your host  
So use me each and every day  
I just love it when you pray  
So child, now you can get on up  
I know you're glad when I interrupt**

# The Tree

(Two Young Men Meet In Conversation)

Hey, what's happening brother, what ya doing under this tree, with the Holy Book in the midst of thee?

I know you don't believe what the Good Book say  
all that jive about Jesus being the Way  
Look at the world which we live in, people with cocaine, robbing banks,  
killing men

Satan is the one who's cool, this Jesus is a fool. The Bible says he made this place, the people giggled and spit in his face. Lucifer is a tough dude, He wouldn't take none of that, he would beat them up and kick them where they sat. Man you better live it up, enjoy your life, be hip.

I'm telling you, there's nothing to this Jesus trip. My mother, my Aunt used to read that jive, now they're dead, not even alive.

Who wants a man who can't protect and save his own? All I need is this cocaine when I want to get stoned. Going to church wearing a tie and a suit, this is what it takes to look really cute. No, no, Jesus ain't for me my man.

Even if I somehow sorta understand. I need a job so I can buy some wheels. I need money so my girlfriend can cook my meals. Look, didn't mean to interrupt, just telling you how I feels. Now, do you and your Jesus have better deals?

Yea, my friend, you've got it wrong. It's a good thing you come along. You know Satan can fool your mind. He loves to see the blind leading the blind. But Satan's time is running out. So let me tell you what it's about. Satan's got everybody today doing their thing, so they won't have time for the King. You said yourself he made this place, so why can't He solve your case?

Things are all in control of God, but Lucifer surely will make it hard. Think about how this tree was planted, the sun, the stars, life we take for granted. Satan came to destroy and kill, but Jesus is the freedom pill.

**Sin is what causes death, crime, and all the rest. But Jesus, He loves you, remember HE passed the test. You need to really accept HIM, be Born Again!!**

**That is, admit you're a failure. He'll free you of sin brother. I'm young like you, I know how you must hurt. Satan hates us all, he loves to give us dirt.**

**He pretends to love you just to make you his fool.**

**But we're much happier when we obey God's rules. Hey man, what's the use, I'm a survivor, but why do it the hard way when Jesus is the Reviver?**

**Just pray this prayer with me, say, just you, me, and this tree? And let Jesus listen, and he'll set you free! Father in the name of Jesus we come to you asking you to forgive my brother's sin. Accept him Lord, make him yours. Lead him with your Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen. Amen. Hey Jesus is all right.**

**He said the truth will set you free. Hey thanks man, thanks for being under this tree.**

# **Selfish Ways**

**Cure my selfish ways Lord  
I know that I am wrong  
but I do know that you can make me strong  
Teach me to give and take and turn the other cheek  
Help me grow faithful help me to be meek  
So please take all the scales off me so I can learn to share  
I desire to be loving and to always care  
So clean my fins and gills out good so I can really swim  
Teach me Heavenly Father to really swim like Him  
Now I know I'm happy I have some joyful days  
Oh thank you Heavenly Father for curing my selfish ways**

# God I Do Want You

**It appears that my heart is changed and I'm turning day by day**

**But please try and understand me**

**Listen to what I have to say I need you to still guide me**

**Please stay, stay beside me GOD I do want YOU**

**Understand life has been hard Oh yeah, it's been rough**

**And these days are here where I've had enough**

**Can't buy this - can't buy that, can't have a place to sit my sat**

**GOD I do want YOU**

**These folks that are running the country are all screwed up**

**They don't care about your holy sup**

**Oh Lord, why is this happening to me just because I want more**

**I just want to be free**

**GOD I do want YOU**

**I remember those days when you would send angels my way**

**I remember real well you taught me to pray**

**Days when I could have been dead**

**If I hadn't heard what you said**

**Oh GOD I do want YOU**

**You took me when I was just a child**

**You made me special when life was wild**

**When trouble came and hassled me**

**You were there with the golden key**

**Oh yes GOD I do want YOU**

**Now that I'm growing and still have pain**

**I have to now and then look back again**

**When you first grabbed me and kissed my soul**

**Took my sins away and gave me control**

**I could never forget you NO WAY**

**I'll need you forever as I do today**

**YES GOD I DO WANT YOU**

# The Rising Son

I see many people as I walk on by  
Some look sort of happy — some want to cry  
I look up to God above  
I thank him for his outpouring love  
I know that He will surely come  
But the people they won't come  
They think and they worry, some pray all day  
They don't ever seem to say  
I can do it — I can make it  
All they do is just, fake it

Satan, he could care less about all the men that he has brought to death.

As times ride along as they go  
Never asking why? What? So...  
We can really be ourselves through God  
We can be a mighty flighty powerful rod  
God is the One on the throne  
No, no people we aren't all alone  
Because He's the one Man that has set us free  
Yes, He died for all humanity  
Oh, I smile and often grin  
Because I feel His love deep within  
I think of all the things He's done for me

Oh, let me tell you how it can be with you loving God — God loving thee

As we walk among the earth  
As we stand upon this crust  
We walk and look above the sky  
Surely, you must know  
He died upon a tree  
I know he didn't forget thee  
Jesus loves you with a love that no one else can possess  
Jesus loves you with a love  
No one else has passed the test  
Christ — He died for you and me  
Christ — He died for all humanity  
Oh, the Man — he loves us so  
Oh, aren't you raging to go?

**Go to the place where there is no more scare  
Go to a place where nobody knocks you down and enters in  
Slur you nastily and say they're going to kill you then  
God's the Mighty, Mighty One  
To you — to you — to you I bring  
I love the Man  
He lives in my mind  
I know that He is awfully kind  
If we could only just let Him be  
Let Him live in our humanity  
God, yes He's the Rising Son  
Without God — NOTHING COULD BE DONE  
So just accept this Man I know  
Let Him live beyond your foes  
Just let Him rise upon your bed  
Let Him say, "Oh child please stay!"  
Satan thinks this world belongs to him  
But God has made, Oh — ALL THINGS  
And God goes to prepare a place  
FOR ALL YOU PEOPLE WITH SHINING FACE**

# Things Aren't Bad

**Are you feeling down-hearted and aggravated?**

**Have you been having triple tribulations?**

**Don't you know things aren't bad**

**Unless you never had Jesus**

**The psalmist used to write his songs**

**Stay up all day and all night long**

**But he often said to himself**

**Things aren't bad unless you never had Jesus**

**Your bills are piling up real fast**

**How long Lord will these things last?**

**Hey, things aren't bad unless you never had Jesus**

**The world is on a motorboat**

**It's riding along without taking note**

**These things aren't bad unless you never had Jesus**

**So smile, relax, and share some fun**

**Call a friend and give away some sun**

**Because honestly, things aren't bad unless you never had Jesus**

# No Not One

(Inspired by Luke 18:18-19; John 8:7; 1 Samuel 2:2)

Maybe you don't gamble  
Or light no kind of smokes  
Or go to X-rated movies  
Or tell no dirty jokes  
Maybe you don't steal or  
Never killed a soul  
Don't drink no liquor  
Don't lose your self-control  
Or maybe even — you've never told a lie  
Never once slept with somebody else's guy  
We all would love to live — I guess — a perfect life  
Putting away all hatred all anger all strife  
It's funny how we all point our fingers at our neighbors  
When we criticize them — we say we're doing them favors  
One time some people called my Jesus "good"  
Not meaning to bother  
Jesus interrupted and said no one is good  
Except for the Father  
So next time we decide that we've been really good  
Don't forget to give the credit to whom we know we should  
Now there are some of us that have grown a lot more than others  
But this doesn't give us permission to put down our brothers  
Let's just thank the Lord for all that he has done  
Forever praising Him for sending us his Son  
Let us pray for ourselves that we grow closer to Christ  
Please, if you can try to remember this advice  
Our lips can kill a person quicker than any gun  
Remember we all are sinners — no not one  
Oh, I love Jesus — He's the Holy One  
Even though he was without blemish  
Still he said — no not one  
Yes, the Master knows — all the places you have been  
So stop your struggling with your sin  
Thank Him people again and again for what He's done  
Remember we all bleed — NO NOT ONE

# **Sabbath is a Sign**

**Inspired by Hebrews 4**

**For we which have believed do enter into rest  
For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day at best  
But today we have many false teachers saying lies and the blind leading  
the blind**

**With them not really knowing that the Sabbath is a Sign!  
Sunday worship heading the field of Congregations all around the world  
The mother of harlots and priests bamboozling the minds of many adults,  
including boys and girls**

**To whom it was first preached entered in because of unbelief**

**Why is it so hard to comprehend,**

**Today after so long a time—harden not your hearts—good grief!  
But Yeshua and his Apostles stood up in a certain place and spoke out on  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day**

**Why must man follow humans and not the man that made us...what more  
can I say?**

**For if Joshua had given them rest—then would he not afterwards have  
spoken of another day?**

**There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God...we must cease from  
our own works just as God did from his works!**

**Why listen to deceivers' and congregations' lies and unbelief or any other  
jerks?**

**The Bible is the true Word of God as we enter the endtimes and the end of  
the age**

**With events occurring swiftly before us and taking center stage  
Wake up, get your life in order, read the Word, GET SAVED TODAY in this  
evil time**

**Because it has never changed—the Sabbath is a Sign**

# **Part II**

**Love**

# Love Will Stay

I'm always in love with you  
this little way  
It's hard to write down  
it's hard to say  
I remember when I was your used-to-be  
Me loving you  
you loving me  
All you had was mine  
we shared alike  
Oh, yeah, the days of fast cars  
and motor bikes  
You are my special one to dream about  
But I know it's over with and out  
Once gained once lost  
I'll always remember you as my friend  
How we met  
yeah how it end  
The days at the hospital when JJ was born  
Moments of laughter, jargons of mourn  
You were always too pretty for a man  
I told you so  
At the beginning I should have let you go  
So many highways and dirt roads  
that you and I had been  
I pray that God will forgive us both for our past sin  
Love has its way of staying  
Even when you don't want it to  
But guy, I'll remember, yeah,  
I'll always remember you  
From that day  
Love will stay  
In this little way  
Love is the best thing God  
the Creator has made  
and the most powerful word anybody has said

# **Love Is Better**

**Diamonds, riches, gold, I have none**

**But I shine freely like the sun**

**My peace of mind is priceless to me**

**Nothing could exchange for non-misery**

**Jesus is a good friend of mine**

**He doesn't like his children crying**

**He takes care of His own**

**He does the best**

**He is King remember He passed the test**

**Love is beautiful that's all that matters**

**God knows beside nothing love is better**

**Diamonds, riches, gold, I have none**

**But I shine freely like the sun**

# **Fall Down**

**It's alright in life to fall down  
Fall down on the sidewalks  
Fall to your knees  
With a heart that will bleed**

**It's alright once in awhile  
I've been in love four times  
Trying to get it right  
This time I've met the right one**

**This time he'll be the one  
He's the one man for me  
I know he holds the key  
It's alright in life to fall down**

**As long as we get up  
But I know this time he's the right one  
This time he'll be the one  
All of my cold frigid nights are gone  
My days aren't spent all alone**

**Oh, I know this time he's the right one  
God I'm in love, help me stand up**

# Can't Stand It

Why do people hurt each other  
as if they don't have to have a reason  
Just do as they may please any time, day or season  
Well boy you're hurting me once again  
and this will be my last sin  
Because I'm not taking you back again  
I've been such a fool  
I know that you know what I know  
The little games are over you'll be the one crying when I shut this door  
It's crazy how you act  
How you behave saying you're a Christian you've been saved!  
No, no, I can't stand it  
I won't take it anymore!  
I'm fed up  
I'm sore  
I don't know what it is that you're looking for  
For some mystical reason I'm not it  
I can't stand it  
I give up  
I quit!  
The moon is out tonight  
my feelings aren't so right  
Because you're keeping your business to yourself  
Like you're being stored on a candy shelf  
I'm through I won't take this!

Yes, I quit

I can't stand it

# **Giving**

**Giving my time too much to those  
Who could give a damn**

**Hello, how do you do sir  
Yes, hello ma`am  
Tell me of the days when people cared  
Tell me back there when they truly shared  
I'm sure you know what I'm talking about**

**When people would talk to each other, talk, not shout  
When apples tasted real good, the peels and all  
When people visited each other, they didn't have to call  
Yes, I'm giving my time to those who could give a damn**

**Can't trust anyone today it's always a scam  
Please just tell me about the old days  
When people seemed to have had different ways  
Today God isn't even given respect!**

**People today have no manners, no tact  
While I keep on growing and while I keep on living  
I'll still be finding ways that I can  
KEEP ON GIVING**

# Heartaches

**Heartaches turn my insides gray  
They take my pleasures away  
What reason do I have to live?  
What more can tears really say?**

# **A Blessing**

**You took me through your jungles**

**You fed me with your lies**

**There were always those excuses that you sugar-coated with alibis**

**It was really sad that I believed you**

**I said “No” he couldn’t really be missing because I belonged to him**

**But now that it’s all over — I see it really was a blessing**

# The Rest Of The Story

I just can't believe what is happening to us  
No more respect no more trust  
The angry way you talk these days  
Your quick temper your evil ways  
Love has come and hit home plate once again  
To become shattered and spun like a pin  
Why did I give all I always do  
Too good too generous a fool for you  
Gray skies kissing a hazy sun  
My heart is frying racing a run  
Just can't believe what is happening to us  
No more respect no more trust  
One day I'll finally be happy wait and see  
As the record plays "You Know Me"  
It's gotta be a brighter and better way  
I see the waves smiling in the bay  
Yeah I can feel it my strawberry smile  
I'll get what's coming it'll be worthwhile  
Oh no I can't believe what's happening to us  
**NO MORE RESPECT NO MORE TRUST**  
I used to know that you would be the one  
The only one that should, should last  
The seams are falling all apart  
The memories of us have sailed past  
Oh my love what has gone wrong  
Oh baby what's melting down  
That used to be so strong  
I guess I'll always wonder what it was that got in the way  
So as a famous person loves to say  
Good day one day we may get the rest of the story!

# Tired

**I'm so tired of starting over again  
So tired out from love**

**I'm so tired of starting over just to be hurt again  
Will I ever meet Mr. Right?  
To hold me forever tight?**

**Someone who will love me  
Out of bed and in**

**That one who'll make me feel "over happy" again  
I'm just tired**

# **No Respect**

**Yes my respect is leaving  
Yes my respect is nearly gone**

**We prayed we talked  
We stayed up all night long**

**What will it take for you to be kind**

**Yes for you to see that you're killing my mind**

**I used to love to say, I love you  
I used to love to say, you're mine  
But at the moment**

**I'm trying to investigate where we went wrong  
HOW MUCH LONGER WILL WE GO ON WITH NO RESPECT?**

# Illusions

Can't get no loving  
Can't get a kiss  
Never thought my nights  
Would end like this  
Here we are fighting once again  
Why, why does it have to begin?  
I always can't sleep on nights like this  
I'm afraid I'll get my favorite wish  
I'll end up dreaming I had you in my arms  
Then I'll get flabbergasted by my alarm!

# **Illness**

**Why do I love you?**

**Why do I care?**

**When you never notice that I'm HERE**

**You're always too tired or something else**

**All you think about is yourself**

**Don't make me turn from cold to freeze**

**You know it's you I want to please**

**Don't walk away from me**

**Can't you see I love you can't you see?**

**That there's an illness coming down?**

# Paint Me

Last night I had this bad-sad dream  
I was trembling came apart at the seam  
I was in this big Victorian house  
it contained this big dead mouse  
I was like the mouse inside that house.  
It was awful sad I turned wickedly bad  
You see, all I ever wanted was for someone to listen to me  
So I can recapture myself and be set free  
No one had the time!  
So many times I wanted to tell you I love you  
But it seemed you always shoved me  
You were always too busy always too tired  
I could see it in your eyes you always lied  
I only want a personal touch  
Like the Victorian house needed painting so much  
Just needed you to brush my hurt away  
to take my stains away  
Through all this I could never say  
Don't let my dream come true, paint me, hold me, kiss me  
Just love me like I've always loved you  
People kept coming to see how beautiful the Victorian house was  
They marched up its steps and down  
They walked across the dark wood floors  
They loved how the big rooms' echoes sound  
Parties were given throughout the year  
Christmas would come and go  
The banisters were never shined or dusted  
the carpets were never cleaned  
The house just needed a personal touch  
It needed love so much  
The roof would start to leak when the rain began to pour  
The paint began to peel off the exterior and the door  
Mom, this house is just like me  
It's crying out so much  
I want to be loved  
Want to be loved by you so much

**Don't send me any more to Camp David or to Grandpa's farm  
I'm crying out I'm losing paint  
I just want you to paint me!**

# Love And Love Some More

There are many times in life that people can really hate  
We argue we fight we fret until it's too late  
That certain person is just sort of in your way  
Don't push them out please begin to pray  
Are you really wondering how you can enter that person's door  
So it can be quite easy if you would love and love some more  
Why should I love him after what he's done to me  
He's abused me he scorned me he's put me down coldly  
Yes we all feel sometimes we are being cheated when we respect our foes  
We say we love Jesus we say we want to go  
If we really do we would love, love some more  
Even if they disappoint you kick you spit upon your face Don't hate them  
Remember you haven't been in their place  
Jesus loves us not for what we are but for where we've been  
If you think about it as such you'll take this person in  
All of us are trying to find the way of love  
Only he the Father can give it to us pure from above  
Treat your neighbor gentle even when they're rough  
Treat your enemies jovial even if it's tough  
If you want happiness for sure Love  
Oh Love and Love some more joy will fill your days peace will fill your soul  
Your patience will grow your tongue will be bold  
Love, my friends, love and love some more!

# Love

**Love always brings its problems to hunt you down at dark  
Like stray dogs chasing rabbits in the middle of a park  
It's always those hue days with incongruous eyes on you  
Just can't understand it, love me till I drop you**

# **Part III**

## **Life**

# **The Poverty Prescription**

**Who needs the handouts that tease  
But do not please?  
Who needs the bribing payouts that keep you  
Like a snail?  
Yes, Uncle Sam is BIG DADDY who feeds you with  
his sugar canes  
Steadily romances you at the same time as he  
Holds your hands  
It keeps you in its spindle like a spider  
Spins its tab  
And if you try to leave him  
You may get hit by his jab  
How can we escape this dosage that chokes us as we sip?  
Dream BIG, plan with GOD, climb mountains  
Forget about the tip!**

# **Making It Is Taking It**

**We sometimes get mad too easy  
We sometimes give up too fast  
We hold on to tomorrows or hang back in the past  
But we must learn to go through the dungeons  
Learn to swim straight through the caves  
If we fall down and get dirty  
Stand up and be brave!**

# **My Dawning Day**

**I've had a lot of falls but I know this time I'll stand real tall  
The dream that I'm dreaming looks so mighty good  
I can see the stream pumping out its hood  
I see it fading out this cancerous stupor  
Yes, yes my dawning day is arriving  
It's superb, splendid, elegant, grand, it's SUPER!**

# **We Are Mighty**

**There's no one else like you  
Praise God He makes us rare  
There's no one else like you  
Oh how he really care  
So let's straighten up our face  
And put on a smile  
Let the world know  
You are his child  
So, go ahead, act a lil' flighty  
It is written  
We are mighty!**

# **Persist**

**Have to keep right on going  
Even when there's no place to go  
Got to keep on walking  
Hoping there's something in store  
Can't give up got to keep moving along  
Keeping my head up  
Gotta stay strong  
Have faith take plenty of RISKS  
Remembering to persist, Persist,  
PERSIST!**

# Take Me Away

That big bright rainbow colored balloon came my way today  
Floated past me, so high, up, up, so high in the sky  
I called out for it to land on my lawn  
Please, please, stop, I need you for my pawn  
I need the secret room away from it all  
I need your gay air balloon call  
Up, up, and away, let us go play  
Please stop Mr. Balloon, stop, take me away!

# **Guns**

**They hang in galleries to show their face  
They can wipe out anyone, any place, any race!  
They kill not knowing it's to blame  
Or that it's leaving behind an unforgotten name  
Animals are enemies of the Gun  
They end up dead or on the run  
GUNS, GUNS, GUNS, what a horrible invention  
Why can't we stop and create a prevention  
Remember the Gun you tame should be your very own!**

# **Why Do I Have To Suffer Instead**

**It's that time of month when I don't have a penny  
but the bills I have sure are a plenty  
My babies need so many things I cannot name  
The way we try to make it surely is a shame  
Why do I have to suffer instead  
Just to keep the coverings over my head?  
Lord, you know I try and then I try again  
Is it really bad to want more, is it a sin?  
I work so hard sometimes I can't sleep at night  
It all seems so painful I feel it isn't right  
Why do I have to suffer instead  
Just to keep the coverings over my head?  
I want to do so much but it seems I move so slow  
Will there ever come a time when I can really let go  
You know I love you being true  
And I'll be worse off if I don't have you  
But why do I have to suffer instead  
Just to keep the coverings over my head?**

# **Groovy Friends**

**Groovy friends will make you sin, child stand back**

**Groovy friends will help you sin**

**I say child stand back**

**All their fancy dinners**

**All their Rose' Wine**

**All their Rolexes and Lexuses**

**All their dressings fine**

**Groovy friends will make you sin, child stand back**

**Your stomach might just be aching for one of those New York Strips**

**Please don't let them fool you with their cocaine trips**

**Groovy friends will let you sin, child stay back**

**They love to keep you on Satan's track**

**They like to stick you with his tacks**

**So next time you meet a groovy friend**

**Be careful that they don't make you sin**

# Poverty

**It can choke you  
Not meaning to wake you up in the night  
Keep you from paying your bills  
Drive the woman you love away  
Make your Christmas dull and cold  
Keep you captured like a zoo gorilla  
Who can't speak up for himself  
Poverty can't be no friend of mine  
Always keeping you behind...**

# **Just To Be Somebody**

**I tried, I failed  
I tried again to clear this disease they call sin  
But for some unknown reason  
I'm still afraid I'm not good enough  
So I keep climbing and I fall  
I climb, I fall  
I climb, I fall  
And I keep holding on to Jesus just to be somebody**

# **Fear**

**We look at all that happens  
We stay to ourselves, fearing  
Fearing what, fearing death  
Jesus has told us to witness  
And He will send angels to watch over us  
People, saints, where is our trust?  
We must conquer fear through trusting our King  
Or we'll never make it to the Holy Land  
God hasn't given us the spirit of Fear,  
Satan is in control of this place, you hear!  
People are so afraid of what is hovering over their heads  
It's high time to rise out of our beds  
The King will soon appear  
Please don't miss out because of fear!**