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I WILL PRAISE YOU

I wrote this song to challenge myself to live in hope, not fear, and to worship God in the middle of storms in my life. The beautiful part is that the latter leads to the former.

I Will Praise You
Hebrews 13:15
(Rebecca St. James, Jonathan Lee, Fred Williams)

Joy comes in the morning
The sun is rising
And I wait for You
Streams flow in the desert
There's an oasis
And I wait for You

Whatever the storm
Whatever is lost
Whatever it takes
Whatever the cost
I will praise You
I will praise You

Faith, faith is the substance
Of things we hope for
So I wait for You
Hope, hope and a future
Are Your plans for me
So I wait for You

I see the waters rising
I feel the coming storm
When fear is overwhelming
I hear, "Peace be still"

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'I will fear no evil, for my God is with me...' That lyric and this song have been dear to my heart for years and move me deeply.

You Never Let Go
Psalm 23:4
(Matt Redman, Beth Redman)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back

I know You are near
And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to see You here on the earth
And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

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I went to my friend Jason with a desire to write a song that talked about God's light shining through our lives. This is what landed that day.

Shine Your Glory Down
Isaiah 60:1
(Rebecca St. James, Jason Ingram)

When I run, lead me
When I sleep, keep me
When I wake, Father speak with me
Oh Majesty

Light of the world, light up this day
God, I long to see Your face
Oh shine Your glory down
Light of the world, be on display
And every heart will sing Your praise
Oh shine Your glory down

With each breath, fill me
With each step, free me
When I love, Father love through me

Oh Majesty

I do not walk in darkness
I will not live in fear
I'll walk in Your light

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Girl chat. Calzones. A borrowed guitar from my neighbor. Shared hearts for God. These were the elements that surrounded the writing of this song with my friend Mia.

You Still Amaze Me
Ephesians 2:8,9
(Rebecca St. James, Mia Fieldes)

Oh how beautiful the sound
That has saved a wretch like me
I was lost but I am found
I was captive till You made me free
It was grace that taught my heart
How to marvel at Your name
Breaking all my fears apart
Taking all my doubt and shame
And it all comes down to this
Yeah it all comes down to

Your grace is amazing to me
Your love is still such a wonder
Your cross is still bringing me to my knees, oh God
You still amaze me

When I stand before Your throne
I will bring eternal praise
For my heart has found a home
And a reason still to say
That it all comes down to this
Yeah it all comes down to

Your grace is amazing to me
Your love is still such a wonder
Your cross is still bringing me to my knees, oh God
And I am amazed

How You paid in death every sinner's wage
How You loved me first, so You took my place
And redemption came through the work of grace
It's amazing, so amazing

And it all comes down to this
Yeah, it all comes down to

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My brother and my worship pastor wrote this song. I vividly remember the first time I heard it in church and felt transported to another time by the words and music.

In A Moment
Revelation 19:1
(Michael Neale, Joel Smallbone)

In a moment, everyone falls silent
To hear the mighty trumpet
Split the eastern sky
Just imagine the King of all Creation
Riding through the heavens
Returning for His bride

Alleluia, alleluia
Hear the sound of Heaven ring
Alleluia, alleluia
All the earth will bow and sing

All the broken, they're no longer broken
As they dance before Him
A radiant debut
And the lion walks beside the lamb and
All is well again
He's making all things new

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Hear the sound of the crowd, sing alleluia
Face down on the ground, victorious
Hear the sound of the crowd, sing alleluia
Face down on the ground, victorious

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Hear the sound of the crowd, sing alleluia
Face down on the ground, victorious
Hear the sound of the crowd, sing alleluia
Face down on the ground

Alleluia

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More than anything else, the kindness and gentleness of God is what makes me want to love and trust Him.

The Kindness Of Our God
Titus 3:4,5

(Rebecca St. James, Joel Smallbone, Fred Williams)

He spoke a word and there was light
He split the sea and sky apart
And with a breath created life
This is the power of our God

The One who tells the sun to rise
And holds the keys of death and life
He sees our tears and dries our eyes
This is the kindness of our God

The angels sang a song of peace
For unto us a child was born
And with Him came the earth's release
This is the mercy of our God

We drove the nails into the cross
He took the weight of sin for us
Because of love He paid the cost
This is the kindness of our God

Now here before us lies today
With every breath we make a choice
To love as He first led the way
This is the calling of our God

And when the final race is won
And we are under Heaven's sun
We rejoice to hear Him say, "Well done"
This is the kindness of our God

The angels sing and we'll adore
The One who sits upon the throne
We will live with Him forevermore
This is the kindness of our God
This is the kindness of our God

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I love stories! This song very visually tells one about times to come.

When The Stars Burn Down (Blessing And Honor)
Isaiah 34:4
(Jennie Lee Riddle, Jonathan Lee)

When the stars burn down and the earth wears out
And we stand before the throne
With the witnesses who have gone before
We will rise and all applaud

Singing blessing and honor, glory and power
Forever to our God

Singing blessing and honor, glory and power
Forever to our God

When the hands of time wind fully down
And the earth is rolled up like a scroll
The trumpets will call and the world will fall
To its knees as we all go home

Star of the morning, Light of salvation
Majesty
God of all mysteries, Lord of the universe
Righteous King

There will come a day standing face to face
In a moment, we will be like Him
He will wipe our eyes dry, take us up to His side
And forever we will be His

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He is with us. What a powerful, comforting reminder.

Almighty God
Psalm 46:7
(Stu Garrard, Paul Mabury, Jon Thatcher, Jason Ingram)

There is a river, there is a refuge
For all who call in need of help
There is a river
A holy place where the Most High dwells

Almighty God is our fortress
He is with us
God is with us

There is a river
It's overflowing
The presence of our Lord is here
There is a river
Our joy will rise as we draw near

Almighty God is our fortress
He is with us
God is with us
Almighty God will not fail us
He is with us
God is with us

We will not fear, we will not fear
Though the earth give way, He is strong to save
We will not fear, we will not fear
Though the mountains shake, He is strong to save

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There are two main things that I'm looking forward to most in heaven. Locking eyes with Jesus while feeling this sense of "knowing' each other and being held by God.

You Hold Me Now
Revelation 21:4
(Matt Crocker, Reuben Morgan)

On that day when I see
All that You have for me
When I see You face to face
There surrounded by Your grace
All my fears swept away
In the light of Your embrace
When Your love is all I need
And forever I am free
Where the streets are made of gold
In Your presence healed and whole
Let the songs of Heaven rise to You alone

No weeping, no hurt or pain
No suffering, You hold me now
You hold me now
No darkness, no sick or lame
No hiding, You hold me now
You hold me now

In this life I will stand
Through my joy and my pain
Knowing there's a greater day
There's a hope that never fails
Where Your name is lifted high
And forever praises rise
For the glory of Your Name
I'm believing for the day
Where the wars and violence cease
All creation lives in peace
Let the songs of Heaven rise to You alone

For eternity, all my heart will give
All the glory to Your name

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God has been teaching me to hold my hands open, to trust that he works ALL things together for good, and that he makes a beautiful redemptive story of our lives. No pain is wasted with God.

You Make Everything Beautiful
Ecclesiastes 3:11
(Rebecca St James, Luke Smallbone, Fred Williams)

Grant me serenity to accept things
The things I cannot change
Grant me the courage, Lord, to change what I can
Wisdom to know the difference
In my weakness You can shine
In Your strength I can fly and

You make everything, everything beautiful
You make everything, everything new
You make everything, everything beautiful
In its time, in Your time
It's beautiful

Grant me serenity, Lord, and patience
For things will take time
Grant me freedom to walk a new path
And let me feel Your love
In my weakness You can shine
In Your strength I can fly and

Lifting open hands to You my Savior
Beautify my soul
Knowing You redeem my pain and failure
Purify my soul
Beautify my soul

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