

Clear the Stage LYRICS

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1. I Will Find You

(feat. Lecrae)

When you're lost and eyes are blind, too
I will find you, I will find you

Streetlight is burning through your window
Silence building to crescendo
Walls are closin' in
Just like an hourglass the hours pass
The clock is blinking 12 am

It's reminiscent of a life, repetition
Always wishin' you could start again
You've been so far, so lost for so long
Listen and hear My love song

Chorus:

When you're lost and eyes are blind, too
I will find you, I will find you
Soon the stars will start to shine through
I will find you, I will find you
There ain't no stoppin' me now
It's just a matter of how
My voice calls, My hands stretch out
And well, let Me remind you: one day I will find you

You thought there's something that could save you
Like it's waiting to be found, found, found
If you could just get your hands on it,
You want it, and it would turn your life around, round, round

Now you're working up a sweat to get it
But what you thought was copacetic let you down, down, down, down
It's a new day on the horizon
Ready or not, here I come

(Chorus)

*I recall being lost and empty
Wishin' for another life to come and get me
Dark days waitin' for the sun to hit me
They tell me quit hopin' and I say don't tempt me*

*Lookin' for a hope in a pretty face, any day, any place
Gotta be better than what I'm livin' in
What a cruel joke that this world plays
Never said there's another ocean that I could be swimmin' in
So I'm done bein' trapped and lonely
Found a new life and I scrapped the old me
Made a scrapbook called a testimony
If you knew me, the new me is how you know me
Tell them false hopes don't call or phone me
Tell Hollywood that I know she's phony
I was once lost, now I'm found
I couldn't look up, but God looked down*

(Chorus)

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2. If I Ever Needed Grace

Lyrics:

It still feels like yesterday
A lifetime of empty days
My hungry heart was desperate for a meal
I feasted on the Bread of Life
Forgiveness pierced me like a knife
Your breath filled up my lungs and I could feel
I was broken and all I could say was

Chorus:

If I ever needed grace, it's now
You are strong when I am weak, somehow
I am weak enough to see
I need You to cover me
If I ever needed grace, it's now

I met the woman of my dreams
Wanted to give her everything
Then fear came like a thief in the night
But my journal pages prophesied
That one day I'd make her my bride
Soon my best friend was wearing white
With our lives ahead all I could say was

(Chorus)

In every joy and pain
Whatever comes my way
God I need Your grace

Nine short months 'til she arrived
Little hands and lions eyes
And I'm so scared I don't have what it takes
But I hear Your voice "Son, lean on Me"
Father give me eyes to see
All I need's the power of Your name

(Chorus)

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3. Daddy's Baby Girl

Lyrics:

They said you have me wrapped around your finger
Like the ribbons that you wear in your hair
Maybe 'cause when I see your little fingers holdin' onto mine
I don't have a care
You've got me buyin' you bows and dresses
Oh, what a beautiful mess that this is

Chorus:

I think I'm in love
She's two foot three
Eyes blue and green
I just can't get enough
She got my heels over my head
Or better yet, she got me movin' to the beat of her drum
And if love were time, I would spend all mine
Just livin' inside her world
'Cause she's daddy's baby girl

They warned that you'd demand all my attention
Not to mention you're my very first child
It's true I'm spending nearly half an hour
Making faces just to get you to smile
You've got me doing these silly little dance moves
I hope this don't make it onto YouTube

(Chorus)

Soon she'll crawl, then walk, then talk, she's here for a while
Then sweet sixteen, and like a dream, she's down the aisle

(Chorus)

She may leave, but she'll always be my world
'Cause she's Daddy's baby girl

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4. Rock Bottom

Lyrics:

I've never seen anything like Your fountain
Comin' down from the tip of the mountaintop
And it goes, never stops, only overflows
I've never met anyone with the power
To make a desert bloom like a flower
Up and it goes, where it stops, only Heaven knows
Never known anyone as wonderful as You are

Chorus:

Over and over
You fill my heart with wonder
You take me by surprise
I can't believe my eyes
Wider and deeper
Just when I think I've seen You
Like a stone thrown into the ocean water
I could search Your depths
And never hit rock bottom

How can the God of the galaxies
Have a care for the little things
Every tear that I cry, every time that I smile
Deep in me You've created a fire
Like a friend You keep taking me higher
Up and it grows, where it stops, only Heaven knows
Never known anyone as wonderful as You are

(Chorus)

Even though I'm plungin' in the depths of Your love
I'm just scratchin' the surface of who You are
All the seas in all the world cannot contain all that You are
You captivate my heart

(Chorus)

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5. Stay (feat. Lizi Bailey)

Lyrics:

You lead me like the dawning of the day
You lead me like April leads into May
You lead me like the stone You rolled away
You take my hand and we will run away

Just like a child I rest upon Your knee
Just like a song, Your love, it sings to me
Inside Your arms I find a symphony
You take my hand and then we run away

Chorus:

To the place where my fears have no voice at all
The only sound in my ear, the whisper of Your call
This moment is frozen
I'm not going anywhere
I'd linger forever
If only I could stay here

Remember all those years ago we met
All I recall are days of past regret
And You felt so far but I had never left
Just wanting You to take my hand and run

(Chorus)

In the place where my fears have no voice at all
The only sound in my ear, the whisper

(Chorus)

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6. In The Middle

Lyrics:

I remember it was later in December when we got the call
Dead of winter cut deep like a splinter from the weight of it all
When the news came, for me the hardest part of all
Was to see you sitting there so brokenhearted

I'd forgotten how it felt to hit the bottom when you suffer pain
It was like tryin' to run a hundred miles in the pourin' rain
But the truth is not even storms can kill this flame
My promise to you always remains

Chorus:

In the middle of the cold, dark night
In the middle it'll be all right
I will be there, I will be there
And if pain is the ocean you are swimmin' in
If I can't pull you out, I'm divin' in

Never thought I could love anyone the way that I loved you
And if it took my life I'd fight to protect you, too
But I was helpless and there was nothing I could do
So I'll just wrap my arms around you and say

(Chorus)

I believe that God was there
Watching over us
I believe He heard our prayers
He cried along with us
Even when our hearts are scared
He's closer than He seems
And I can hear Him sing

(Chorus)

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7. Arrows

I see You hidin' there
Behind the orphan's stare
Every time I breathe the air
There's no denyin'
From the oceans wide
To the star-filled sky
To my baby's cry
Oh, You're everywhere
There's nowhere I go Your glory isn't revealed
I just look up and see it

Chorus:

Everywhere I go I see arrows
Pointing the way back to You
Everything I see grabs ahold of me
Leading me straight back to You

Maybe Plato's right
There is more than meets the eye
What I witness with my eyes
Tells a bigger story
Like the serpent on the staff
Like the ark that Noah had
You're painting pictures that
Echo Your glory
When Moses struck the rock the secret was spilled
'Cause the spring is Jesus

(Chorus)

Make me an arrow
Put me in Your bow
Pull back and let go
And send me wherever You want me to go
I'll be Your shadow
You lead I'll follow You

(Chorus)

Everywhere I go I'm an arrow
Leading the way back to You
In pleasure or in pain
Just like sunshine and rain
I'll be an arrow for You
I will follow You

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8. My Victory

Lyrics:

Never turning back to the way things were
I'm stronger now than I was before
I hear the sound that freedom brings
It's ringing loud
Now I am free to lift my eyes
For grace is alive

Chorus:

You are the hope that broke the dark in me
You are the light that shines when I can't see
You are, You are, You are my victory

My weakness Yours, Your mercy mine
My God You're not the leaving kind
I sing the song that freedom brings
It's ringing loud
Now I am free to lift my eyes
For grace is alive

(Chorus)

In times of trouble
When I'm not able
You are, my God, You are

My chains are broken
Your gates are open
Hallelujah

(Chorus)

You are my victory, God you deliver me, You are my victory

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9. The Only One

Lyrics:

Under every tree
On top of every hill
You have found me there
Begging for a thrill
Drinking from the vine
Eating from the tree
You swore on Your life
Would be the death of me

'Cause all of my lovers are found in my billfold
They rest on my mantel
I can't get a handle on what satisfies to me

Chorus:

If You're the bread then fill me up
If You're the water fill my cup
'Til lesser loves are washed out to sea
Why can't I see, oh, You're the only one who satisfies me

Well the news has spread
Men ain't meant for bread
But for every word
Coming from Your head
But my head and heart
Are very different things
One tells me to run
And one tells me to cling

'Cause all of my gods they have at signs and hash tags
But I'm raisin' my white flag
'Cause I'm needin' what You have to give me

(Chorus)

I've drank water
From sewers and gutters
Too shameful to utter
But You're not like the others

(Chorus)

You're the only one
Father, Spirit, Son
Who satisfies me

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10. Clear The Stage

Lyrics:

Clear the stage and set the sound and lights ablaze
If that's the measure you must take to crush the idols
Jerk the pews & all the decorations, too
Until the congregations few, then have revival

Tell your friends that this is where the party ends
Until you're broken for your sins, you can't be social
Then seek the Lord & wait for what He has in store
And know that great is your reward so just be hopeful

Chorus:

'Cause you can sing all you want to
Yes, you can sing all you want to
You can sing all you want to
And still get it wrong;
Worship is more than a song

Take a break from all the plans that you have made
And sit at home alone and wait for God to whisper
Beg Him please to open up His mouth and speak
And pray for real upon your knees until they blister

Shine the light on every corner of your life
Until the pride and lust and lies are in the open
Then read the Word and put to test the things you've heard
Until your heart and soul are stirred and rocked and broken

(Chorus)

We must not worship something that's not even worth it
Clear the stage, make some space for the One who deserves it

Anything I put before my God is an idol

Anything I want with all my heart is an idol

Anything I can't stop thinking of is an idol

Anything I give all my love is an idol

(Chorus)

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