

# Nightlights LYRICS

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## 1. Moving To Zion

### Lyrics:

I was born on the mountain of Sinai  
Made my home on the old stubborn hill  
Spent my life and these times always runnin'  
And I'm runnin' still

There were four men that lived up above me  
There were six more that lived down below  
And I hated all ten  
'Cause they just told me the mess I's in  
That's when I knew I had to go

### Chorus:

So, now I'm moving, moving to Zion  
Where there's rest for these weary bones  
Oh, there on that mountain I'll be rejoicin'  
'Cause in Jesus I will find my home

I was raised up by Daddy Moses  
And you know I'm the bondwoman's son  
And my family ain't no bed of roses  
So I have to find a new one

Well, I found Grace she became my mother, yes she did  
And her daughter is Faith in the One  
And that girl took me in like her brother  
And we've only just begun

### (Chorus)

These thunder stormings and trumpet warnings  
Will not scare me at all this time  
'Cause I'm moving to Zion  
Where the Lamb and the Lion reside

### (Chorus)

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## 2. Being Small

### Lyrics:

Why I wanna be a hurricane when I'm barely a breeze?  
'Cause I've already seen Your storm bring me down to my knees  
Just when we think we've made it high enough  
You knock us back to the ground  
We're all trying to move up fast, can't see the contrast  
Of how the King came down

'Cause I can't build my towers higher  
And live inside your fire  
No no, no no no

### Chorus:

Whenever I climb too high  
Keep my feet on the ground  
And when I get full of me  
Turn me upside down  
You know pride and not just summer  
Come before the fall  
So if it's You that's gettin' bigger I don't mind  
Being small

Maybe if I shout real loud maybe then I'll draw a crowd  
And then they'll finally cheer  
Or maybe I should tone down, never make a sound now  
Anything to draw them near  
Maybe there's more to life then trying to make a name  
Even though they say it ain't so  
So maybe I should step on down  
Hand off the King's crowns  
To the God on the throne

'Cause I can't build my towers higher  
And live inside your fire  
No no, no no no

### (Chorus)

These people won't miss me  
I'll be out of their memories  
The ground will forget me for sure  
Only one is remembered  
One name to be treasured is Yours

### (Chorus)

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### 3. Yours To Take

#### Lyrics:

This is my second chance  
This is no song and dance  
You came in and renewed a right spirit  
This is grace at its best  
This is taking a restless, messed up heart  
And having you clear it

I can feel the weight is lifting  
I'm barely staying on the ground  
And, I can feel the wait is over  
Finally the lost is found

#### Chorus:

So this is what it feels like to live life  
So this is breathing air for the very first time  
The Son of man He came here to give life  
And in return He's asking for mine  
Well, I've been captured by grace  
I'm not going away  
I'm Yours to take

I was down for the count  
I was all but knocked out  
When I heard, pardon for the interruption  
Then like out of the blue, out came glorious You  
You picked me up with barely any introduction

You won my heart by a landslide  
You tend to do that every time  
So everything I have is Yours now  
Even my very life

#### (Chorus)

Your kindness leads me toward repentance  
Leads me to the cross  
Which leads me to forgiveness  
So I am counting it all as loss

#### (Chrous)

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## 4. The Reason I Sing

### Lyrics:

If it's just to top a song chart  
To feed the kids and get a bigger car  
The sky's already got enough stars  
And they all sing Your name  
And if I'm here to write a number one  
To get a gold or maybe platinum  
Make me a singer who is unsung  
'Cause You won't share Your fame

### Chorus:

'Cause even accolades some day will fade away  
Just like me  
Yes, everything but You  
Many years from now it won't matter how  
I write the rhymes I do  
Help me get back to the reason I sing for You

I'm always looking for the limelight  
To dim the house and make the stages bright  
Compared to You I'm just a nightlight  
Against the blazing Sun  
I enter rooms and hope they notice me  
To fill my social insecurities  
I'm asking is there any hope for me?  
'Cause there's only room here for one

### (Chorus)

Why are we so convinced a bigger audience  
Is simply common sense to have?  
Maybe success is measured best by nothing less than our obedience

So if I'm destined for a small stage  
The small crowds and the small pay  
And maybe even in a small way  
I can bring You fame

### (Chorus)

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## 5. Right Where You Are

### Lyrics:

I understand what I've been told  
You're what I've learned but barely known  
Like a man who's mastered every tongue  
But never left his home  
My hungry heart is discontent  
With petty thought and argument  
So they can keep their sermonettes  
I want the Christ not just His silhouette

### Chorus:

Take me above the Sun, Moon and stars  
There's so much more I could see if you would just carry me  
Up to the place where You are  
Take me, my Love  
Escape with my heart  
And chasing You I will run right past the radiant Sun  
Until I find myself right where You are

I want to board the northbound train  
And go on up to Heaven's gate  
You said to seek and I will find  
Well here I come no turning round this time  
I want to taste the height and depth  
And live inside Your width and breadth  
And comprehend with all the saints this wild love that's never left

### (Chorus)

I'm not an orphan I'm a runaway  
You've always been there for me  
So if you're willing to receive a stray  
I will gladly run into your arms  
It's exactly where I always want to be

### (Chorus)

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## 6. Steal Away

### Lyrics:

Well you've done it again  
Got my heart in detention  
Got my head in the clouds  
Do you feel the ascension?  
O blessed suspension, I'm floating on air  
As the wife of my youth with your countenance fair  
And your eyes lit ablaze  
How I wait for you there  
In the patience-less place between longing and needing  
My heart starts to beating, I wait for you there

### Chorus:

Let's steal away together  
Cloudy days don't get much better than this  
'Cause I want more of our jet plane romances  
Let's steal away together  
And we could find our own way  
Away from down  
Where we're not weighed down  
Let's steal away, let's steal away

Chances are birds on the branches are no match for  
Soaring hearts caught in romance  
Is there anything stronger or higher than love when it's true?  
So true  
And the glorious thing is that when we get wings  
We can soar in the place where the daydreamers dream  
Let's refuse to stay here on the floor  
When there's more to be had we must see what's in store

### (Chorus)

And if they try to tie us down to earth  
And if they say we can't go higher  
They can never break joy's golden wings  
We will fly

### (Chorus)

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## 7. Part The Clouds

### Lyrics:

I like, like to be liked  
And no one likes to hear the truth  
And I've seen what the truth can do  
So I tried, tried to downsize  
The part of you that's hard to tell  
But the layoff didn't go so well

I beat around the burning bush  
'Til that fire went away  
God was once so palpable  
Before the shades of grey

### Chorus:

We might as well just fold our hands  
If we can't call a spade a spade  
'Cause we will miss the heart each time  
If we won't ever shoot them straight  
These pleasantries have shaded me  
And you too long  
Let's part the clouds and show the world the Son

We think, think we're helping  
By giving you a little flare  
But it doesn't matter what you wear  
'Cause runways aren't your forte  
You prefer the narrow road  
Even though it's not en vogue

The Gospel looked so very cold one night as I passed by  
So I gave it my best sugar coat and dressed it in a lie

### (Chorus)

This living water will not quench us if it's watered down  
It's not our place to hide again this treasure that we've found

### (Chorus)

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## 8. Grace Amazing

### Lyrics:

You found my heart in a tomb  
Wrapped up all lifeless and bruised  
I was the living dead, couldn't even lift my head  
To see you enter the room

That's how it is with us all  
We weren't just damaged we fell dead at the fall  
Only the innocent can breathe the air again

Underground, over my head  
I'm almost sure I'm dead, unless

### Chorus:

You breathe life into me  
I won't ever feel a dead heart beating  
But You opened these blind eyes to see  
That's what makes Your grace amazing

No one can come to the Son  
Unless the Father compels him to come  
Our hearts are bottomless  
If we're autonomous  
Why do we choose corruption?

Underground, over my head  
I'm almost sure I'm dead, unless

### (Chorus)

Who's equipped for replacing this heart of stone?  
Christ, the name that I'm calling on, calling on  
He's the hope for the hopeless, ya'll  
We were saved when He chose and called

Where is life if it's not in the King?  
You're the God giving life to all things  
There's One, the Son

### (Chorus)

*You might've heard I was dead in the grace  
With some shackles on my wrists, I was very enslaved  
To the lusts and the passions and various ways*

*That are found in the hearts of the dead and depraved  
My sight wasn't just blurry and vague  
I was blind as a bat, couldn't thoroughly gaze  
At the glory of Christ, or His story of life  
The Father said to come to Him but I hurried away  
I was stuck couldn't choose to be found  
Tell me, when the last time you seen a dead man moving around?  
Couldn't buy my freedom, I was truthfully bound  
Couldn't give myself sight, I was shooting Him down  
Only the Gospel of Christ has the great might  
Cuz only the words of God can create life  
Give joy, remove shackles, and replace sight  
I was raised by His grace and I praise Christ*

**(Chorus)**

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## 9. How Sweet It Is

I needed the shelter of someone's arms and there you were  
I needed someone to understand my ups and downs and there you were  
With sweet love and devotion  
Deeply touching my emotion  
I want to stop and thank you baby  
I want to stop and thank you baby

### **Chorus:**

Oh yes, how sweet it is to be loved by you  
Feels so fine  
How sweet it is to be loved by you

I close my eyes at night  
Wondering where would I be without you in my life  
Everything I did was just a bore  
Everywhere I went it seems I'd been there before  
But you brighten up for me all of my days  
With a love so sweet in so many ways  
I want to stop and thank you baby  
I want to stop and thank you baby

### **Chorus**

Oh yes, how sweet it is to be loved by you  
Like sugar sometimes  
How sweet it is to be loved by you

You were better for me than I was for myself  
For me, there's you and there ain't nobody else  
I want to stop and thank you baby  
I want to stop and thank you baby

### **Chorus**

How sweet it is to be loved by you  
My honey from the bee  
How sweet it is to be loved by you  
How sweet it is to be loved by you

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# 10. Miss A Thing

## Lyrics:

Last night I dreamed that I was sneaking up on Babylon  
I awoke to find it was the very street I'm on  
I close my eyes but what I see won't go away  
The city closed the shelter down the street  
We'd rather pay to save a tree than give our brother something warm to eat  
It breaks my heart that we're so incomplete

## Chorus:

Maybe there's a reason for it  
But it's so hard to see  
So many broken people  
Living in this lonely city  
When it feels right to give up  
I get up and realize Your blood can cover all these stains  
And You don't ever miss a thing

I catch the news on channel 3 about once a week  
But you see so much more  
You see the husband flee the scene  
You hear the woman hit the floor  
Crying out, "Can You still save me, Lord?"

## (Chorus)

You see it all 'cause there is nothing You can't see  
And You can free us all 'cause there is nothing You can't free  
And even when we fall You come and meet us at our knees  
You don't ever miss a thing

## (Chorus)

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# 11. Just A Heartbeat

## Lyrics:

With a word you made the stars  
Spoke and boom the Moon and Mars  
So who can say that there's no way  
It's obvious You're far from done  
And the best is yet to come  
Anything is possible with You

## Chorus:

You can do a lot with just a heartbeat  
Give it two feet and suddenly you got me  
Top it off with ears that listen closely  
Then speak into me and put my mouth on repeat

So it is with me oh my  
Half the time I forget that I  
Should trust in You  
Nothing else will do  
Then have a willing heart and leave the rest of it to you

## (Chorus)

You can do wonders with a broken heart  
Turn people into works of art  
You can do more than we imagine  
More than we can fathom  
If we just let You

## (Chorus)

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# 12. Light Of Day

## **Lyrics:**

There's a road I'm walking on  
Full of promise and of woes  
And the fog has not yet gone  
Oh no, but as it goes  
I want you to know

## **Chorus:**

Wherever I go I will take your hand baby  
Into the light of day  
'Cause we'll never see just how far we've come baby if we stay  
And nobody knows just where this road will lead  
But I'll take your hand as He's leading me  
We'll walk on the shores of His beautiful sea  
And into the light of day

There's a season for us all  
Life can spring as people fall  
And the wonder of it all  
Is as it goes  
You can still know

## **(Chorus)**

And I won't let go, no never  
We'll weather any storm  
And if lightning lights our way tonight  
We will carry on, we will carry on

## **(Chorus)**

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## 13. Nightlights

Be Thou exalted over my reputation  
'Cause applause is a poor form of soul medication  
And I've tried it for years but my symptoms remain  
Still fretting the day that they'll misplace my name  
Still selling my soul for American fame  
Treating the promotion of Jesus like a well oiled machine  
Advancing His kingdom just to snag some acclaim

Now, I'm both comforted and haunted that it isn't just me though  
I see a nation of people needing to feed their own egos  
Parading status like steeples  
Do we not know it's evil to love ourselves more than both God and His people?

But see, here's where you turn this poem on it's head  
'Cause the greatest among us came as servant instead  
And You humbled Yourself to the point of Your death  
Apparently love for the Father's glory runs red

So friends, will we point to the Son till our own flames grow dim?  
Will our bright lights become merely nightlights near Him?  
Words echo once, let them echo again  
Be Thou exalted over my reputation

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