

BETTER THAN BOURBON¹

I have learned a special kind of dark²
In life's monotony and hardening of heart
I could write a novel now with nothing profound³
Surrounded by the bottles I alone have emptied out⁴

But You are better than bourbon
Better than whiskey, better than wine⁵

We know that life is hard, so God made the moon to shine
But there's not a shot glass on earth that could save me tonight
I have searched the corners, turned the cupboards upside down
Only to find my Maker's now the One who marked me out⁶

For all that I had thought a myth, Your grace and mercies crown⁷
For all of my anxieties, Your comforts hound me down⁸
I could never hide my shame from the One who made my skin⁹
You know every hair on my head;¹⁰ every shower I have collapsed in

You are the Father of lights, Father of glory¹¹
You can brighten up the thousand shadows in me¹²

But You are better than bourbon
Better than whiskey, better than wine
And You're better than life¹³

¹ SONG OF SOLOMON 1:2

² SONG OF SOLOMON 1:5-6; EPHESIANS 2:1-4

³ ECCLESIASTES 1:1

⁴ ISAIAH 55:2A; JEREMIAH 2:13

⁵ SONG OF SOLOMON 1:2; PSALM 16:11; JOHN 17:24

⁶ ROMANS 8:29-30; EPHESIANS 1:5-11; 2:5-10

⁷ PSALM 18:19, 35; 65:11

⁸ PSALM 23:5-6; 94:19

⁹ GENESIS 2:5-7; 3:1-10

¹⁰ PSALM 139:1-18; MATTHEW 6:25-34

¹¹ JAMES 1:17; EPHESIANS 1:17

¹² SONG OF SOLOMON 1:5A; EPHESIANS 1:18

¹³ JOHN 10:10; REVELATION 12:11

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SHE'LL¹⁴

A pistol and a wallflower's love child
Rodeo temper but a bit of a coward
And you don't know what she does in the dark

She'll run you around
And she'll drink you down
But she'll never leave this town

¹⁴ BASED LOOSELY ON SONG 1:6 AND 8:8-9; SOMETIMES THE GREATEST OPPOSITION WE FACE AS WE BEGIN TO FOLLOW JESUS IS IN OUR HOMES AND HOMETOWNS (SEE MATTHEW 13:57; MARK 6:4; LUKE 4:24; JOHN 4:44). ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THOUGH, WE WILL ALL FIND OURSELVES IN THE CROSSHAIRS OF THE ACCUSER; WE CAN TAKE COURAGE IN HOW THE LORD WILL DEFEND US IN HOW HE DEFENDS JERUSALEM FROM THE ACCUSER (SEE ZECHARIAH 3:1-5).

HARD THINGS

Yeah I'm the first to say I appreciate the shade¹⁵
But there's no easy day when there's so much at stake
I can hear it in the wind, the tide pulling on the waves
But I can see the fear in your eyes tempting you to stay¹⁶

Love is patient and kind,¹⁷ and I can't force you to decide
Where you want to be in the days before you die
I got all the time in the world to age this new wine¹⁸
But I can't stick around, even if you stay behind

If love is better than your hardest drink¹⁹
Then get on in, honey, come with Me
We were never for a life of ease²⁰
There's a steeper cost to know beauty²¹
But I've seen your sunburn, girl,²² and I know
You can do hard things

You could lose all your time looking for water for your soul²³
So lean your ear in, darlin—you've gotta listen close²⁴
A love worth your life, it's gonna cost you your home²⁵
But you're the bone of My bone—you're never gonna be alone²⁶

There's a wider world across the sea
Cross the water, girl
To the world's last stand with Me²⁷

¹⁵ SONG 2:3; PSALM 17:8; 36:7; 91:4; MATTHEW 23:37-39

¹⁶ LUKE 9:23-27; 57-62

¹⁷ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

¹⁸ LUKE 5:36-39

¹⁹ SONG OF SOLOMON 1:2; 4:10

²⁰ LUKE 14:25-33

²¹ PSALM 27:8; PROVERBS 25:2; LUKE 18:18-30

²² SONG OF SOLOMON 1:5-6

²³ JEREMIAH 2:13; JOHN 4:7-26

²⁴ PSALM 45:10A

²⁵ PSALM 45:10B; LUKE 14:26

²⁶ GENESIS 2:23; EPHESIANS 5:31-32

²⁷ REVELATION 12:11; 19:7; 21:1-5

THE DOOR²⁸

From dust you came and to dust you'll go²⁹
And you're already poor, naked, miserable³⁰
But come to the vineyard, come to the Feast³¹
There's bread and there's plenty, fill your pockets unempty³²

If you want more, you can get warm³³
If you want more, you can get warm
I can show you the door, the door, the door³⁴

Who has thread a camel through the eye of a needle?³⁵
Who has crucified the cares that choke out the seed sown?³⁶
Who has walked the narrow way despite all the trouble?³⁷
If you want a surplus, then just seek first the Kingdom.³⁸

Suddenly we need to leave? Are You so uncaring?³⁹
You don't need to hike a summit just to be with me⁴⁰
You who can do anything, do You hear what You're asking?
I know the sky'll split one day and You can come get me⁴¹

If You want more, You can find more
If You want more, You can find more
You can turn out the door, the door, the door

²⁸ SONG OF SOLOMON CHS. 2-3; JOHN 10:9

²⁹ GENESIS 3:19; PSALM 90:3; ECCLESIASTES 3:20; JOB 10:9; 34:15

³⁰ REVELATION 3:15-22

³¹ ISAIAH 25:6-9; MATTHEW 22:1-14; 26:26-29; REVELATION 19:6-9

³² ISAIAH 55:1-3

³³ DEUTERONOMY 4:29; PROVERBS 8:17; MATTHEW 7:8; 21:22; MARK 11:24; LUKE 11:10

³⁴ REVELATION 3:20-4:1

³⁵ MATTHEW 19:24; MARK 10:25; LUKE 18:25

³⁶ MATTHEW 13:1-9; 18-23; MARK 4:3-9-20; LUKE 8:4-8

³⁷ MATTHEW 7:13-14; LUKE 13:24

³⁸ MATTHEW 6:33

³⁹ SONG OF SOLOMON 2:13B-14

⁴⁰ SONG OF SOLOMON 2:16-17

⁴¹ MATTHEW 19:26; MARK 9:23; 10:27

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You can turn out the door, the door, the door

I can hear you singing in a not-so-distant day⁴²
But right now you are choking on a thousand other names⁴³
So I'll meet you in the desert, in all your barren place⁴⁴
I will speak tenderly to your deepest shame⁴⁵

If you want more, you can hope more⁴⁶
If you want more, you can hope more
I will show you the door, the door, the door
I will show you the door, the door, the door

I have shown you the door, the door, the door
Come and open the door, the door, the door.⁴⁷

⁴² HOSEA 2:14-23

⁴³ HOSEA 2:2-7

⁴⁴ HOSEA 2:1-14

⁴⁵ SEE THE EVENTS AT ACHOR IN JOSHUA 7

⁴⁶ ROMANS 5:1-5; 15:13; TITUS 2:13

⁴⁷ REVELATION 3:20-4:1

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WILD WIND⁴⁸

Yeah, the wind it comes and goes,⁴⁹ like eternity in time⁵⁰
But I'm looking for the One I love,⁵¹ lest in regret I die⁵²

If heaven can be taken by violence⁵³ in the night
I will rise and I will seek, until Him I find⁵⁴

But these streets are dark without sunlight
And Jesus, we are gonna dance or fight tonight⁵⁵

⁴⁸ SONG OF SOLOMON 3:1-5

⁴⁹ JOHN 3:8

⁵⁰ ECCLESIASTES 3:11; ISAIAH 57:15

⁵¹ SONG OF SOLOMON 3:1-4; 5:4-8

⁵² 1 JOHN 2:28

⁵³ MATTHEW 11:11-12

⁵⁴ SONG OF SOLOMON 3:2

⁵⁵ SEE GENESIS 32:22-32; SONG OF SOLOMON 5:4-8; MATTHEW 21:44; LUKE 20:18; GALATIANS 5:17

FOXES, WEEDS, AND JEALOUSY

My mind is spinnin', hon
I got more thoughts than these grains this sun⁵⁶
Is bleeding red, here in this wilderness⁵⁷

But you've got all these other trusts
In your confused heart's allegiances
But not one belongs inside this hedge⁵⁸

I'll bind up every lust you've found
And I'll strike a match and burn them to the ground⁵⁹

Better not to take a vow than make and not keep it⁶⁰
Do not awaken love before it pleases⁶¹
Two things that show no mercy
Three that devour everything
Foxes, those thieves⁶²
And suffocating weeds
But none can stand the fury of a Husband's jealousy⁶³

They say that bitterness
It'll be the death of fallen flesh but I have seen
Ego do the very same thing⁶⁴

Even all your hidden thoughts⁶⁵
Every decision you think I'm not
Aware of—in all the tangles you've been caught

I'll string up every fox you've fed

⁵⁶ PSALM 139:17

⁵⁷ HOSEA 2:14

⁵⁸ PSALM 139:5; HOSEA 2:6

⁵⁹ PROVERBS 6:34; ISAIAH 63:4; LUKE 21:20-28

⁶⁰ ECCLESIASTES 5:4-5

⁶¹ SONG OF SOLOMON 2:7; 3:5; 8:4

⁶² SONG OF SOLOMON 2:15

⁶³ PROVERBS 6:34; 27:4; SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6-7; NAHUM 1:6; MALACHI 3:2; REVELATION 6:17

⁶⁴ JAMES 3:16

⁶⁵ PSALM 139:1-6

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Idolatrous dreams that want to see you dead⁶⁶

I'm not here to lead You on
I'm just not ready to abandon
Everything You've already entrusted to me⁶⁷

Even once I heard You speak⁶⁸ but
Sleep is where voices and dreams
Compete for love and clarity

I'm already all settled in
How could You ask me to uproot again?⁶⁹

All healthy things grow⁷⁰
Get pruned so you go⁷¹
He has His Day⁷²
He'll have His way⁷³

So give up what you cannot keep⁷⁴
Cling to what you cannot lose⁷⁵
Beloved, don't be a fool
Beloved, don't be a fool.⁷⁶

⁶⁶ **ROMANS 6:23**

⁶⁷ **LUKE 16:10**

⁶⁸ **SONG OF SOLOMON 3:1-5**

⁶⁹ **SONG OF SOLOMON 5:1-3**

⁷⁰ **JOHN 15:5**

⁷¹ **JOHN 15:16; MATTHEW 28:18-20**

⁷² **ISAIAH 2:12**

⁷³ **ISAIAH 14:27**

⁷⁴ **MATTHEW 10:39; 16:25; MARK 8:35; LUKE 9:24; 17:33; JOHN 12:25; PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11**

⁷⁵ **SONG OF SOLOMON 3:4**

⁷⁶ **MATTHEW 7:24-27; 25:1-13**

BURNING LEAVES⁷⁷

As the colors ignite, I know coming is the night
As the winds remove all the fallen, once alive
My lungs are growing tighter with every other breath
So I wait for love to resurrect my life again

O, how I've kicked my feet through these burning, falling leaves
O, how my heart so dreads the land soon laden with snow
O, how I long to hear Him sing,
"Darling, the winter is gone—today begins the spring."⁷⁸

The moon is gaining slowly its place in the sky
Its crescent bearing all the light entering my eye
And wisdom whispers lower to my heart again,
"Even in the winter, there is still mercy."

It's all I can do to avoid collecting dust
Presently accumulating on words once often touched
Ever-near me now, this haunting ghost of offense
But I'll give the pain my "yes" if it'll bring You back again

I've strolled these city streets⁷⁹
I've heard that Word call clear to me⁸⁰
Drawing me to places where we before have met
And in those memories, it's as if You never left

⁷⁷ SONG OF SOLOMON 5:2-8

⁷⁸ SONG OF SOLOMON 2:10-15

⁷⁹ SONG OF SOLOMON 3:1-4; 5:2-7

⁸⁰ DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5; PSALM 95:7-9; HEBREWS 3:15

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& THERE SHE WILL SING⁸¹

Yeah, it's a long road between
The shore where she first felt free⁸² and
All the ground we're conquering⁸³
And it's a long row of stones to see⁸⁴
All broken vows and infidelity⁸⁵
But in the graveyard of her deepest grief⁸⁶
This is where, this is where she'll sing⁸⁷

A city of war, known for her swords⁸⁸
For every man, a cup of stupor⁸⁹
But she and the world will be reborn⁹⁰
When the afflicted one is tossed no longer⁹¹
Life will pasture even in Achor⁹²
Tilled with guns that could not prosper⁹³

The Son of Man'll stand on the Olivet⁹⁴

⁸¹ ISAIAH 54:1; HOSEA 2:15; ZEPHANIAH 3:14-15

⁸² EXODUS 15:1-21

⁸³ SEE THE BOOK OF JOSHUA; IT IS ONE THING TO BE LIBERATED FROM BONDAGE. IT IS ANOTHER TO REMOVE OBSTACLES, OPPOSITION, AND DISMANTLE STRONGHOLDS (C.F. 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5) AND LIVE IN THE FREEDOM GOD INTENDS FOR YOU (GALATIANS 5:1).

⁸⁴ THE PENALTY OF ADULTERY WITHIN THE SINAI COVENANTAL LAWS REQUIRED DEATH BY STONING (LEVITICUS 20:10-12; DEUTERONOMY 22:22-24) BUT JOHN 8:1-11 BUILDS A PILE OF STONES IN FRONT OF THE MAN IN WHOM THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION (ROMANS 8:1).

⁸⁵ JEREMIAH 2:2-3:10; HOSEA 2:5-13

⁸⁶ SEE JOSHUA 7; HOSEA 2:15

⁸⁷ HOSEA 2:14-23

⁸⁸ JERUSALEM HAS BEEN THE EPICENTER OF WARS SINCE 70AD. THE ROMAN EMPIRE, THE JEWISH REVOLTS, THE MUSLIM INVASION AND CONQUESTS, THE CRUSADES, AND MORE RECENTLY THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE AND ONGOING INTERNATIONAL CONTROVERSY....ETC.

⁸⁹ ZECHARIAH 12:1-3

⁹⁰ ROMANS 11:15

⁹¹ ISAIAH 54:11

⁹² HOSEA 2:14-23

⁹³ ISAIAH 2:1-4; 54:16-17; MICAH 4:1-5

⁹⁴ ZECHARIAH 14:3-4

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He'll come on the clouds just the way He went⁹⁵
On David's steady throne He will sit⁹⁶
A holy day to never to forget
When the city who killed the prophets⁹⁷
Is forever known as THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS⁹⁸

Every word she spurned in suffering⁹⁹
Every womb she knew was empty¹⁰⁰
Every embrace she refused from Me¹⁰¹
But blessed, blessed, blessed is she
When she sings "blessed, blessed, blessed is He"¹⁰²
Every crime, every rebellion, every front page accusation
Every good thing I have promised is true¹⁰³
And blessed, blessed, blessed are you
When you sing "blessed, blessed, blessed Yehu"

I can name and number every star in sight¹⁰⁴
The foundations of the earth are Mine¹⁰⁵
If anybody wants to pick a fight¹⁰⁶
Meet Me where I was crucified
And watch Me turn My brand
Plucked from the fire¹⁰⁷ into a bride¹⁰⁸
Over her, over her I'll sing¹⁰⁹

⁹⁵ DANIEL 7:13-14; ACTS 1:9-12

⁹⁶ PER THE DAVIDIC COVENANT OF 2 SAMUEL 7, GOD PROMISED HIM THAT ONE OF HIS DESCENDANTS WILL SIT ON HIS THRONE FOREVER. THIS IS A COMMON TOPIC OF DAVID'S SUBSEQUENT PSALMS, AND THE EARLY APOSTOLIC PRESENTATIONS OF THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM (SEE ACTS 2, 3, AND 7; SEE ALSO PSALM 110 AND JEREMIAH 33:17).

⁹⁷ MATTHEW 23:37

⁹⁸ JEREMIAH 33:16

⁹⁹ ISAIAH 6:9-13

¹⁰⁰ ISAIAH 54:1B, 6

¹⁰¹ MATTHEW 23:37-39

¹⁰² MATTHEW 23:39

¹⁰³ JEREMIAH 33:8-17

¹⁰⁴ PSALM 113:5-6; 147:4

¹⁰⁵ GENESIS 1:1-2:3; PSALM 104:5; PROVERBS 8:29; ISAIAH 51:13-16

¹⁰⁶ JEREMIAH 31:37; 33:20-26

¹⁰⁷ ZECHARIAH 3:1-10

¹⁰⁸ REVELATION 21:9-22:7

¹⁰⁹ ZEPHANIAH 3:16-17

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MYRRH¹¹⁰

I had a dream about the sea
I was a lighthouse, You were calling to me
I was living in retreat
Hiding from Poseidon's fury

I saw the last sands of time
When the unprepared will beg the wise¹¹¹
I reached for my lamp to light
To look for oil but found the fool in mine

But wisdom will be justified by
What she bears over her life¹¹²
So break my leg, my name decide¹¹³
That I'll emerge unrecognized¹¹⁴

The water came in slow
Great the fall, my tower buckled¹¹⁵
I had let my love grow cold¹¹⁶
As accusations plundered all my hope¹¹⁷

I woke rattled to my core
Of my life deluded meant for more
If it's You or the shore
I am Yours, I am Yours

But wisdom will be justified by
What she bears over her life
So break my leg, my name decide
That I'll emerge unrecognized
Mine will be a vessel shattered¹¹⁸

¹¹⁰ SONG OF SOLOMON 4:6; 5:5, 13

¹¹¹ MATTHEW 25:1-13

¹¹² LUKE 7:35

¹¹³ GENESIS 32:22-32

¹¹⁴ SONG OF SOLOMON 8:5

¹¹⁵ MATTHEW 7:24-27

¹¹⁶ MATTHEW 24:12

¹¹⁷ GENESIS 3:1; PROVERBS 13:12; 2 PETER 3:4

¹¹⁸ 2 CORINTHIANS 4:7; PHILIPPIANS 2:17

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Every drop poured o'er my Lover¹¹⁹
So bring the floods, bring the fire¹²⁰
I am Yours, hell or high water

I will ne'er again retreat
From the Gethsemane in which You're leading me¹²¹
To Golgotha, unto death¹²²
For You will triumph o'er all defeat¹²³

"In spite of sorrow, loss, or pain
Our course be onward still
We sow on Burma's barren plain
We reap on Zion's hill"¹²⁴
I had a dream about the sea
I was a lighthouse, You were calling to me

You have a dream for You and me
You are the lighthouse, Your light beckons to me

¹¹⁹ MATTHEW 26:7-13; MARK 14:3-9

¹²⁰ PSALM 66:12; SONG 4:16; PHILIPPIANS 1:21; 4:11

¹²¹ MATTHEW 26:36; MARK 14:32

¹²² MATTHEW 10:38; 16:24; MARK 8:34; LUKE 9:23; 14:27

¹²³ JOHN 16:33; REVELATION 11:15

¹²⁴ THIS VERSE WAS WRITTEN BY ADONIRAM JUDSON, PIONEER TO BURMA

BETTER WINE¹²⁵

There was once a Garden sin and shame eroded¹²⁶
If I close My eyes, I can feel the implosion
Yet in the holy mind, not a day is wasted¹²⁷
To dig the buried wells¹²⁸ for the water of Eden

I could spend eternity without you by My side
But we would miss the whole point of this sacrificial life¹²⁹
Hidden in the Vine are the deepest mysteries¹³⁰
Eve was just a shadow of the bride made ready¹³¹

I am your better wine¹³²
And darlin, you are Mine¹³³

It's in the way you choose to think of all things good and true¹³⁴
The way you serve and nurture everyone surrounding you¹³⁵
How you're given to Me with no hesitations
Fidelity is best expressed in free obedience¹³⁶

We have come so far from where we started out from
Every valley and mountain where you learned to trust
I can feel the cost—I know the weight of your cross¹³⁷
But you have got Me wrapped up, dear—it only takes one look¹³⁸

¹²⁵ SONG OF SOLOMON CHS. 4-5

¹²⁶ GENESIS 2:15-3:24

¹²⁷ 2 PETER 3:8-10

¹²⁸ GENESIS 26:18-26

¹²⁹ ROMANS 5:14; EPHESIANS 5:31-32

¹³⁰ PSALM 42:7; PROVERBS 25:2; JOHN 15:1-17

¹³¹ MATTHEW 22:2; REVELATION 19:7

¹³² JOHN 2:1-11

¹³³ SONG OF SOLOMON 2:16; 6:3; 7:10

¹³⁴ SONG OF SOLOMON 4:1; PHILIPPIANS 4:8

¹³⁵ SONG OF SOLOMON 4:5

¹³⁶ PSALM 32:8-9

¹³⁷ HEBREWS 4:15

¹³⁸ SONG OF SOLOMON 4:9

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Even when you don't get it right, I see every time you try
And in My best bottles, I've kept every tear you've cried¹³⁹
Bathe in this "better word," abide in this Vine¹⁴⁰

¹³⁹ PSALM 56:8

¹⁴⁰ HEBREWS 12:24; JOHN 15:1-11

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COST

Wait, o wait

Take a step back, now
Before you cast your crown¹⁴¹
And leave your only hometown

Why this waste¹⁴²

Girl it was cute at the start
But now it's breaking your heart
And your alabaster jar¹⁴³

¹⁴¹ REVELATION 4:10

¹⁴² MATTHEW 26:8; MARK 14:4; JOHN 12:5

¹⁴³ MATTHEW 26:7-13; MARK 14:3-9; JOHN 12:1-8

MORE THAN¹⁴⁴

There are a thousand songs of the same refrain
None of them stand with me in the darkest night
Singing of the times I gave myself away
My love cast off to an idol's fame

So I've been running myself into the ground
To put You together, to figure You out
But Your heart is like poetry, more like a song to sing
I've been out-of-key and off-beat all along

There are a thousand reasons You should give up
Namely, to grow weary of how often I run
From this dance of You teaching me nothing less than how to love
By Your gentleness, all my defense is undone¹⁴⁵

There are a thousand angels who know my name
For all the times You've called them to the lines for me¹⁴⁶
Proving You are stronger than relentless shame
Your words dripping grace, I know I'm finally safe

My eyes are beginning to find
Your words have no laces or traces of lies
Every action in Your pursuit after me
Is forged in the furnace of a holy jealousy

There are a thousand other loves who've known my touch
I know better than all the debt of their cost¹⁴⁷
I left them all when You raised my dirty eyes from the dust¹⁴⁸
There have been a thousand, but You are more than all

You are more than all.¹⁴⁹

¹⁴⁴ SONG OF SOLOMON 5:9-16

¹⁴⁵ PSALM 18:35

¹⁴⁶ PSALM 91:11-12

¹⁴⁷ PSALM 6:23

¹⁴⁸ JOHN 8:1-11

¹⁴⁹ SONG OF SOLOMON 5:9-16

DEATH WITHOUT REGRET¹⁵⁰

There is a cup before me¹⁵¹
And a crown if I don't quit¹⁵²
One day I'll shine just like my Father¹⁵³
When I reign with Him¹⁵⁴
So I will pay the cost of every loss¹⁵⁵
To gain what I can't miss¹⁵⁶
Because it's death before disobedience

There is now no condemnation¹⁵⁷
For any son an heir¹⁵⁸
So with my numbered days of conquering¹⁵⁹
I'll bust this alabaster¹⁶⁰
So when the trumpet sounds, my body's found¹⁶¹
And my rotten coffin splits¹⁶²
I'll know it's death
To kill disobedience

Of His sovereignty, what can we say?¹⁶³
We are sheep yet led to slaughtering
For a man cannot escape the grave¹⁶⁴

¹⁵⁰ SONG OF SOLOMON CHS. 7-8

¹⁵¹ MATTHEW 20:22-23; 26:27, 39; MARK 10:38-39; 14:23, 36; LUKE 22:17-20; JOHN 18:11

¹⁵² PHILIPPIANS 3:12-16

¹⁵³ DANIEL 12:3; MATTHEW 13:43

¹⁵⁴ REVELATION 2:26-27; 20:4-6

¹⁵⁵ PHILIPPIANS 3:3-10

¹⁵⁶ MATTHEW 10:39; 16:25; MARK 8:35; LUKE 9:24; 17:33; JOHN 12:25

¹⁵⁷ ROMANS 8:1

¹⁵⁸ ROMANS 8:14-17; GALATIANS 3:29-4:7

¹⁵⁹ PSALM 90:12

¹⁶⁰ MATTHEW 26:7-13; MARK 14:3-9; JOHN 12:1-8

¹⁶¹ 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16

¹⁶² 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-49

¹⁶³ ROMANS 8:31-39

¹⁶⁴ PSALM 44:22; ROMANS 8:36

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Death has claim on everything¹⁶⁵

But love is a holier flame—¹⁶⁶
Its jealousy cannot be tamed¹⁶⁷
And when I die
I will regret nothing

You shall love the Lord your God with all
Your heart soul strength and mind¹⁶⁸

There is a cup before me
And a crown if I don't quit
One day I'll shine just like my Father
When I reign with Him
It is God who justifies and binds¹⁶⁹
Not a damned thing could then divide¹⁷⁰
And I'll die
Before I disobey

You shall love the Lord your God with all
Your heart soul strength and mind

¹⁶⁵ ROMANS 8:12-21

¹⁶⁶ SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6-7

¹⁶⁷ ISAIAH 66:15-16; 2 THESSALONIANS 1:5-12

¹⁶⁸ DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5; MATTHEW 22:37; MARK 12:30; LUKE 10:27

¹⁶⁹ ROMANS 3:26; 1 CORINTHIANS 4:2-5

¹⁷⁰ ECCLESIASTES 4:12

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OLD WINE¹⁷¹

I have stared down the barrel to see the joy beyond¹⁷²
This path I've paved and sown in pain, the nights I've spent alone
Carnality won't hold Me when I weep¹⁷³
It'll lay out its branches, crucify Me in a week¹⁷⁴
But tarry in the Garden—can you pray¹⁷⁵
To lead My beloved out of all her caves and graves

You have done such great things for me¹⁷⁶
Out of fire, into fullness with a song as I lean¹⁷⁷
Every promise is paid for in tears¹⁷⁸
When hope deferred breaks you down¹⁷⁹ o'er an age's worth of years
Yet every drop shed clarifies my eyes
To see and bear the burden You ransomed with Your life¹⁸⁰

HaShem never cuts covenant ending in divorce¹⁸¹
Sing to Yerushalayim the end of all her wars¹⁸²
“Blessed is He who comes;” no knee will have a choice¹⁸³
He'll split apart the Olivet and comfort with a Voice¹⁸⁴
That'll bring to the time of birth and cause delivery¹⁸⁵

¹⁷¹ LUKE 5:39; MANY THANKS TO ALLEN HOOD FOR THIS MESSAGE, WHICH HELPED THREAD THESE LYRICS TOGETHER [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/YY6LFWLNRZE](https://youtu.be/YY6LFWLNRZE)

¹⁷² HEBREWS 12:2

¹⁷³ MATTHEW 26:41; MARK 14:38

¹⁷⁴ JOHN 12:13; 19:6, 15

¹⁷⁵ MATTHEW 26:36-46; MARK 14:32-42

¹⁷⁶ PSALM 126:1-3

¹⁷⁷ PSALM 40:1-3; SONG OF SOLOMON 8:5; JEREMIAH 29:11; HOSEA 2:14-20

¹⁷⁸ PSALM 126:5-6

¹⁷⁹ PROVERBS 13:12

¹⁸⁰ JEREMIAH 31:31-40; MATTHEW 23:37-39; ROMANS 11:25-36; HEBREWS 13:20; REVELATIONS 5:9

¹⁸¹ HOSEA 3:1

¹⁸² ISAIAH 40:1-2

¹⁸³ MATTHEW 23:37-39; PHILIPPIANS 2:9-10

¹⁸⁴ ISAIAH 40:1-2; ZECHARIAH 12:1-14:9; ACTS 1:9-11

¹⁸⁵ ISAIAH 66:7-14

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Draw Eden from the wilderness and let a barren woman sing¹⁸⁶

For I want a love that survives a lifetime
Don't give Me a weak drink—I want the old wine¹⁸⁷

¹⁸⁶ ISAIAH 51:3; 54:1

¹⁸⁷ LUKE 5:37-39

LEGENDS, LEGACIES, AND LAST WORDS

Love can be a war just to believe
It's no small thing when you can't see
It's dark where I am, darling; and I have to lean¹⁸⁸
On Your heart; on Your arm

Narrow is the road, and difficult to find
But we'll be hand-in-hand at the finish line
I will be your seal,¹⁸⁹ the last Name on your mind
On your heart; on your arm

For Death is not the only one consuming all in view
Jealousy's a holy fury when it is set on you
In the Day of Reckoning, He will have everything
He will have everything¹⁹⁰

May the Lamb receive in me
Reward for all His suffering¹⁹¹

¹⁸⁸ SONG OF SOLOMON 8:5

¹⁸⁹ SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6

¹⁹⁰ PROVERBS 6:34; SONG OF SOLOMON 8:6-7

¹⁹¹ THIS PHRASE IS ATTRIBUTED TO MORAVIANS WHO LEFT HOME TO BRING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM TO UNREACHED AND UNENGAGED PEOPLES.

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THE PARABLE¹⁹²

Well let me say it clearly¹⁹³
So you don't miss anything you've heard¹⁹⁴
We'll close this age for the Garden¹⁹⁵
There's no "end of the world"

See what happened in Eden
Was a glimpse of all to come¹⁹⁶
Word,¹⁹⁷ light,¹⁹⁸ life,¹⁹⁹ covenant²⁰⁰
Covering²⁰¹ and confession²⁰²

Our Mother of All Living²⁰³
She was promised then a Son
Who will war against the liar's seed
And triumph over all²⁰⁴

The first man in the Garden

¹⁹² MATTHEW 22:1-14; ROMANS 5:14; EPHESIANS 5:31-32

¹⁹³ HABAKKUK 2:2-3; EPHESIANS 6:19-20

¹⁹⁴ SEE REVELATION 21-22

¹⁹⁵ REVELATION 19:7 TELLS US WHEN THE BRIDE HAS "MADE HERSELF READY," THE LORD WILL RETURN. HE IS THE "BETTER BRIDEGROOM," AND WE WILL RULE AND REIGN WITH HIM IN THE GARDEN WITH REINSTATED ACCESS TO THE TREE OF LIFE.

¹⁹⁶ PAUL TELLS US IN EPHESIANS 3:8-12 THAT THE WHOLE POINT, THE "FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY, WHICH FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE AGES HAS BEEN HIDDEN IN GOD WHO CREATED ALL THINGS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST," WAS SO THAT "THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD MIGHT BE MADE KNOWN BY THE EKKLESIA [THE 'ONE NEW MAN' OF EPHESIANS 2] TO THE PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES, ACCORDING TO THE ETERNAL PURPOSE WHICH HE [THE FATHER] ACCOMPLISHED IN JESUS [THE MESSIAH] OUR LORD" (NKJV, EMPHASIS AND NOTES ADDED). JESUS IS THE "LAMB SLAIN FROM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH" (REVELATION 13:8) AND "SHED THE BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT" (HEBREWS 13:20). THIS IS NOT 'PLAN B.' THIS IS THE FORE-ORDAINED PLAN A PUT INTO PLAY BEFORE HE EVER UTTERED "LET THERE BE LIGHT" IN GENESIS 1:1.

¹⁹⁷ SEE GENESIS 1 AND JOHN 1

¹⁹⁸ GENESIS 1:3-5; ISAIAH 24:23; REVELATION 21:22-23; 22:5

¹⁹⁹ GENESIS 1:20-2:1, 8-9; JOHN 3:16; REVELATION 21:4

²⁰⁰ GENESIS 2:21-25; REVELATION 19:6-9; 21:9-11

²⁰¹ GENESIS 3:21; HEBREWS 12:24; REVELATION 7:1-17; 19:6-9

²⁰² GENESIS 3:9-13; REVELATION 12:11

²⁰³ GENESIS 3:20

²⁰⁴ PSALM 2:110; REVELATION 19:11-16

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Was a type of Him to come²⁰⁵
From his side, a bride who died²⁰⁶
Joined in the grave by her husband²⁰⁷

Adam's treason was his failure²⁰⁸
And hers to buy deception²⁰⁹
But the better Word that washes her²¹⁰
Will bring us to the resurrection²¹¹

Don't ignore your invitation²¹²
Or despise the mysteries
He set the stage of the ages
To display manifold glory²¹³

One day soon He'll set the feast
The finest wine, the fattest meats²¹⁴
But to enter this Garden you must confess
The only King of Heaven, Earth, and Jerusalem²¹⁵

From the highways and byways
Compel them all to come²¹⁶
Come to the wedding
The joy of the righteous One

In Egypt every firstborn
Was spared when Death passed by²¹⁷
But the bloody Lamb is the bloody Man²¹⁸

²⁰⁵ **ROMANS 5:14B**

²⁰⁶ **GENESIS 2:21-3:13; JOHN 19:34**

²⁰⁷ **ROMANS 5:6-21; GALATIANS 2:20**

²⁰⁸ **GENESIS 3:12, 17-19**

²⁰⁹ **GENESIS 3:13, 16**

²¹⁰ **HEBREWS 12:24**

²¹¹ **DANIEL 9:24; 12:1-3, 13; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-28; 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17**

²¹² **MATTHEW 22:5, 14**

²¹³ **EPHESIANS 3:8-12**

²¹⁴ **ISAIAH 25:6-8; LUKE 22:17-18; REVELATION 19:6-8**

²¹⁵ **PSALM 2; 48:2; 2 SAMUEL 7; ISAIAH 66:1; JEREMIAH 33:17; ACTS 2:29-36; 7:49; MATTHEW 5:35**

²¹⁶ **MATTHEW 22:1-14; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:14**

²¹⁷ **SEE EXODUS 12**

²¹⁸ **SEE ISAIAH 53:1-12; MATTHEW 26:55-27:54**

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Who stood in when Abraham gained a ram²¹⁹

The One Zipporah wouldn't know²²⁰

The Bridegroom of Blood Ruth welcomed²²¹

The price Hosea paid for Gomer²²²

What Judas Iscariot made as a traitor²²³

Immanuel's veins are the fountain

Perfect Judge, the better Flood

In His Name you are rescued

From self-wrought destruction

Yet if you are not covered

If you have not yet confessed

You've not yet known the One

Who rescues in the wilderness

For when this show crescendos

When Zion is saved from the sword

In the Greater Exodus

Every eye alive will see the LORD²²⁴

Come to the wedding

For the Kingdom of Heaven

Is like a prodigal God²²⁵

Preparing a wedding

For His beloved Son²²⁶

Maranatha, marry us.²²⁷

²¹⁹ **GENESIS 22:8-14; JOHN 1:29. SEE KING OF SHADOWS 01 // THE SLAUGHTER AND THE HILL (FAI STUDIOS, 2018) FREE ON YOUTUBE.**

²²⁰ **EXODUS 4:24-26**

²²¹ **RUTH 1:16-17; 3:1-9; 4:13-17**

²²² **HOSEA 1:1-3; 3:1-3**

²²³ **MATTHEW 26:1-16**

²²⁴ **DANIEL 7:13-14; ZECHARIAH 12:10; MATTHEW 24:23-27; REVELATION 1:7**

²²⁵ **LUKE 15:11-32 IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE PARABLE OF THE "PRODIGAL SON," IN THAT THE YOUNGER SON LIVED IN EXCESS. OXFORD DEFINES "PRODIGAL" AS SOMEONE WHO SPENDS RESOURCES "FREELY AND RECKLESSLY; WASTEFULLY EXTRAVAGANT." TIM KELLER RAISES THE EXCELLENT POINT THAT, IN THAT CASE, THE PARABLE IS ALSO (AND PERHAPS CENTRALLY) ABOUT A PRODIGAL FATHER. SEE "THE PRODIGAL GOD: RECOVERING THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH," (2011) BY TIM KELLER.**

²²⁶ **MATTHEW 3:17; 17:5; 22:2; MARK 1:11; 9:7; LUKE 3:22; 9:35; 2 PETER 1:17**

²²⁷ **1 CORINTHIANS 16:22; REVELATION 22:17**