

Celebration of Life

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LYRICS & READINGS

LYRICS: "Calling All Angels" by Celtic Angels

A man is placed upon the steps, a baby cries
And high above the church bells start to ring
And as the heaviness the body
Oh the heaviness settles in
Somewhere you can hear a mother sing

Then it's one foot then the other As
you step out onto the road
How much weight? How much weight?
Then it's how long? And how far?
And how many times before it's too late?

Calling all angels
Calling all angels
Walk me through this one
Don't leave me alone
Calling all angels
Calling all angels We're crying
and we're hurting And we're
not sure how...

And every day you gaze upon the sunset
With such love and intensity
Why it's...almost as if
If you could only crack the code
Then you'd finally understand what this all means

But if you could...do you think you would Trade
it in all
All the pain and suffering?
Ah, but then you'd miss
The beauty of the light upon this earth
And the sweetness of the leaving

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READING: "He is Gone" by *David Harkness*

You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

LYRICS: "Go Rest High on That Mountain" by Vince Gill

I know your life
On earth was troubled
And only you could know the pain
You weren't afraid to face the devil
You were no stranger to the rain

Go rest high on that mountain
Son your work on earth is done
Go to heaven a-shouting
Love for the Father and the Son

Oh, how we cried the day you left us
We gathered 'round your grave to grieve
Wish I could see the angels faces
When they hear your sweet voice sing

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LYRICS: "This Side of Heaven" by Riley Clemmons

You promised to save me a seat
Somewhere up there next to Jesus
And I promised you I'd try to be
Strong when you had to leave us
But you're probably keeping yours
While I'm down here breaking mine
Don't know how this world without you
Will ever feel alright

This side of heaven, I'm missing you
Figuring out how to make it through
Another day without you here
Breath by breath and tear by tear
This side of heaven, my heart still aches
Even though I know you're in a better place
It's hard sometimes to sing "It Is Well"
When it still hurts like hell

I ask God how you're doing
Every single time I pray
And I think I'll always do it
Even though I know you're okay
Wish I could hear your voice
Wish I could hold your hand
But until my soul comes home
And I see you again

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This side of heaven, oh
On this side of heaven, I miss you, yeah

And I remember at your lowest
You would smile at me and say
God made this life worth living
Even on our hardest days
And you meant those words that you told me
'Cause you were fighting through the pain
Oh God, I pray you'd give me
That stubborn kind of faith

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'Cause this side of heaven, my heart still aches
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It's hard sometimes to sing "It Is Well"
When it still hurts like hell
This side of heaven
Mm-mm-mm

IF
By Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools, Or
watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings

And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

LYRICS: "Dancing in the Sky" by Dani and Lizzy

Tell me, what does it look like in heaven?
Is it peaceful? Is it free like they say?
Does the sun shine bright forever?
Have your fears and your pain gone away?

'Cause here on Earth it feels like everything
Good is missing since you left
And here on Earth, everything's different
There's an emptiness

Oh-oh, I
I hope you're dancing in the sky
And I hope you're singing in the angel's choir
And I hope the angels know what they have
I'll bet it's so nice up in Heaven since you arrived

So tell me, what do you do up in Heaven?
Are your days filled with love and light?
Is there music? Is there art and adventure?
Tell me are you happy? Are you more alive?

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LYRICS: "Smile" by Nat King Cole

Smile though your heart is aching
Smile even though it's breaking
When there are clouds in the sky, you'll get by
If you smile through your fear and sorrow
Smile and maybe tomorrow
You'll see the sun come shining through for you
Light up your face with gladness
Hide every trace of sadness
Although a tear may be ever so near That's
the time you must keep on trying Smile,
what's the use of crying?
You'll find that life is still worthwhile
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