

CD Song Lyrics: Witness, Year Blue, Semester 2, Grades 5–8

Track 1: Prepare the Way for Love
Contributor: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan
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Chorus

Prepare the way so God can get through
Prepare the way so God can get through
Prepare the way so God can get through
Prepare the way for Love

John came outta the wilderness to do it
John came outta the wilderness to do it
John came outta the wilderness to do it
To prepare the way for Love

Chorus

John said to share, be fair, and be kind
Share, be fair, and be kind
Share, be fair, and be kind
That's how you prepare the way for Love

Chorus

John said, "It ain't me but the Lord is coming soon.
"It ain't me but the Lord is coming soon.
"It ain't me but the Lord is coming soon.
So prepare the way for Love."

Chorus

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Track 2: Lead Us Not
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He got mad
He got sad
Just know when you're angry that it's not bad

He had days,
Kinda bad days
When he wasn't in the mood to give his dad praise

Just know when you're feeling alone
Trying to get home you won't hit your foot on the stone
Jesus can comfort us when we need help
Because he felt the things we felt
Like being abandoned by your best friend
Like being tempted just to give in

It doesn't mean that life will be clean
But we can't treat God like a Pez machine

Do not put your Lord to the test
God's there for you but you gotta do the rest
He know what it's like when your life's a mess
He was tempted in the wilderness

Jesus got into temptation
Lead us not into temptation

If we get tempted
You will be there
All God's children
Get your hands in the air

The Spirit led you to a place where you didn't want to go
It was there you met somebody that you didn't want to know
He told you to make the bread out of stone
You told him that we don't live on bread alone

He said I'll give you all the fame

You said you worship only one name
He said pull yourself down from this mess
You said don't put your God to the test

You know what it's like when life's a mess
Cause you were tempted in the wilderness

Jesus got into temptation
Lead us not into temptation

If we get tempted you will be there
All God's children get your hands in the air

If you overcome temptation
Then we can overcome temptation

You've been in the wilderness
We've been in the wilderness
We know you're feeling us
So glad to know that you're still with us

We've been in the wilderness
You've been in the wilderness
We know that you're feeling us
So glad to know that you're still with us

Put your hands down if you've never been bad
Put your hands up if you feel glad
That you are forgiven
You are forgiven
You are forgiven
You are forgiven

Put your hands down if you've never been bad
Put your hands up if you feel glad
That you are forgiven
You are forgiven
You are forgiven
You are forgiven

If you've ever been scared, make some noise
If you've ever been tempted, holler at your boy

He knows what it's like so the fear's destroyed
If you know he's with you say joy.

If you've ever been scared, make some noise
If you've ever been tempted, holler at your boy
He knows what it's like so the fear's destroyed
If you know he's with you say joy.

C'mon everybody

Jesus got into temptation
Lead/Leave us not in temptation

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Track 3: Hometown
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Chorus

Nobody likes you in your own hometown
They shake your hand and then they throw you out
You're not supposed to let it bring you down
Nobody likes you in your own hometown

So when I got back home to Galilee
I went to church to see who I could see
A lot of people there had heard of me
And they let me read the scroll

Isaiah wrote the Spirit of the Lord
Anointed me to preach unto the poor
Good News and healing, freedom, even more
They asked me to go on.

Chorus

I told them that the Scripture was fulfilled
They said I spoke with grace and taught with skill
But when I wouldn't do a miracle
They quickly changed their tune

They chased me up a hill and to the cliff
They said I didn't deserve to live
But God was with me and he helped me slip
Right on past, right on through

Chorus

Nobody likes you in your own hometown
Just ask Elijah and Elisha now
You'll do much better if you just branch out
Nobody likes you in your own hometown

Chorus

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Track 4: The 12welve
Contributor: HappyFunTime
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Contributor Information

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Track 5: Not Today
Contributor: Justin Roberts
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There was a man on the road
Robbed and beaten I'm told
A priest saw him and cried
But crossed to the other side

Chorus
And said Not Today, Not Today
I've got people to see and bills to pay
Not Today, Not Today
I'm sure somebody else will pass this way

Then another walked by
Saw the man and sighed
I'd like to help don't you see
But they might get me

Chorus
So Not Today, Not Today
I've got people to see and bills to pay
Not Today, Not Today
I'm sure somebody else will pass this way

Then a man with a sack
From the wrong side of the tracks
Saw the hurting and cried
I could just pass by

Chorus
But Not Today, Not Today
I'm sure nobody else will pass this way
Not Today, Not Today
I'm sure nobody else will pass this way

There was a man on the road
Robbed and beaten I'm told
Then another passed by

And he stopped and he cried

Chorus

Not Today, Not Today

I'm sure nobody else will pass this way

Not Today, Not Today

I'm sure nobody else [but me] will pass this way

Contributor Information

Justin Roberts is an award-winning Chicago-based singer/songwriter who tours nationwide playing songs from his four children's albums. "Not Naptime" was a recipient of a 2003 Parents' Choice Gold Award. His latest release is "Way Out."

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Track 6: Clever Twist Zone
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Track 7: More
Contributor: Cathy Pino
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Runnin' all around today
You don't have time to stay
Let alone to pray
You gotta get up
And get on your way
To first place
Set the pace
Run the race
Did you ever wonder what it's for?
Is it just for the score?
Maybe there could be more
Did you ever stop to think
Think to stop
Stop to look
Look it up in the Book
What's it all for?

Chorus
More time, more space, more money, and more stuff
No "Stop and wait" more "Go!" to fill me up
I can do it all myself
I don't want anybody's help
Yeah, I know just what I need

Verse
It's a time clock, shock
Rock around the clock
'Til you got a piece of the pie in the sky,
Never stop, never stop,
Gotta go, go to get, get it all,
And for what?

Don't you ever wanna
Kick back, relax
Be where the party's at
Sleep late, rearrange,

Make a change
Step back, turn around
Rest, on the solid ground
Get sleep, breathe deep
Learn to fly, get life?

Chorus

More time, more space, more money, and more stuff
No "Stop and wait" more "Go!" to fill me up
I tried to do it all myself
I could use a little help
Yeah, I think that's all I need

Verse

What is under the why of your life?
Runnin' all around
'Til you're underground
Under all the pavement you pound
There is more to be found
While you're up in the air
Find a balance up there

Come and sit at the feet of the Lord
Come and hear a good word
Stop and listen
Hear what you're missing
Come start your day
Start with the way
Start at first place
When you learn to pray

Chorus

More of you
More stop and wait, more you to pull me through
I can't do it all myself
I sure could use a lot of help
Yeah, I think that all I need

Is more of you
More stop and wait, more you to pull me through
I can't do it all myself
I sure could use a lot of help

Yeah, I know that all I need
Is more of you

Contributor Information

Cathy Pino is a musician/writer from Minneapolis. She began her career journey as an English teacher in Milwaukee, then detoured into mission work with Youth Encounter, an international ministry organization. In addition to contributing to Augsburg Fortress education curriculum, Cathy directs Youth Encounter's worship and creativity workshop called Youth Create and shares her own music at camps, churches, and youth events nationwide.

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Track 8: The B-Squad
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Track 9: All the Money in the World

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Track 10: Stand Up!
Contributor: Dave Scherer
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Party people put your hands to the sky
Party people get your hands up

Jesus stormed the temple
He was like whoa
Jesus stormed the temple
He was like whoa
Jesus stormed the temple
He was like whoa
You ain't spreading love
You just trying to get dough

So many people that need money
What we gotta do is feed the hungry
So God help lead the country
To a place where people can run free
And not worry about their next meal
Help us to feel what you feel
And that's anger towards injustice
Party people help me while I bust this

We get angry
When we see injustice
When we see poverty
We need to get angry

Chorus
Jesus stormed the temple
When we hear injustice
When we see poverty
We need to get angry

Do you like poverty — Oh no
Do you like poverty — Oh no
Do you like poverty
Oh no
It makes me so mad that I scream like whoa

Stick it for injustice
Uh huh yep yep
Stick it for injustice
Uh huh yep yep
Stick it for injustice
Uh huh yep yep
Instead of getting mad about it we just slept

But that's not what makes me mad
We got kids are starving and crying cause they're sad
But that's not what I'm mad for
We got so many kids that are poor
But that's not what makes me want to shout
Some people don't have food in their mouth

But that's not what makes me sting
It's that we watch all this
And we don't do a thing

When you see injustice
When we see poverty
When we see injustice
We need to get angry

Chorus

So when you're at school and you're seeing
Someone treating another less than a human being
Stand up for people and what you believe in
You might just help free them

Chorus

Stick it for injustice
Uh huh yep yep
Stick it for injustice
Uh huh yep yep
Stick it for injustice
Uh huh yep yep
Instead of getting mad about it we just slept

Put yo hands up
Put yo hands up
Put yo hands up
C'mon

Stand up for peace if you believe in it
Stand up for peace if you believe in it
Stand up for peace if you believe in it
Now sit down and chill for a minute

Chorus

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Track 11: Donkey Song
Contributor: John Hermanson
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I was tied to a sycamore tree
I was tied to a sycamore tree
When the disciples came and said they needed me,
I was tied to a sycamore tree

People lay their robes on the ground
People lay their robes on the ground
And they sang out loud, "Hosanna!" was the sound
People lay their robes on the ground

Chorus Sing Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!
Sing Hosanna! Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!

And we rode through the middle of them
Yes, we rode through the middle of them
And I carried the Lord into Jerusalem
And we rode through the middle of them

Chorus

When we came to the center of town
When we came to the center of town
The Pharisees said, "Quiet them down!"
When we came to the center of town

Don't you know what this is about?
Don't you know what this is about?
If the people were quiet, the stones would shout it out
Don't you know what this is about?

Chorus

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Track 12: The Resurrection
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Track 13: To Emmaus
Contributor: Trish Bruxvoort Colligan
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One foot in front of the other
In time with my brother
Down this long, dirt road
Shared misery
How could it be
That our Jesus is gone?

We said goodbye on the hill
Hand in hand, stricken still
By disbelief in it all

Now we walk
Heads hung low
Going home
To Emmaus

Suddenly, out of the blue
Another man is walking, too
Now we are three on the road
He asks, "What's this story you tell
Of your sad farewell?"
I say, "Our Jesus is gone!"

We said goodbye on the hill
We're sorrowful and stricken still
By disbelief in it all

Now we walk
Three on the road
Going home
Home to Emmaus

In Emmaus
We share a meal together
Our new friend breaks the bread in prayer
And with his blessing
Our eyes are unclouded

And we see
We said goodbye on the hill
Under that moon so dark and still
But that was not to be the end

He's alive
Here in our hearts
Close and near
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Trish Bruxvoort Colligan is a touring musician and songwriter. She and her husband Richard (also a Witness contributor) comprise the acoustic duo, The River's Voice. Together they travel throughout the United States offering worship, retreats and workshops for people of all ages and all faith traditions. In addition, Trish is a trained spiritual director specializing in healing and retreats for women. Along with their two cats, Trish, Richard, and their 3-year old son Sammy live in a century-old house in the sweet little town of Strawberry Point, Iowa.

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Track 14: He Is Among Us
Contributor: Lost and Found
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Came and walked among us
Emmanuel
Lifted from the spell
He conquered death and hell

And he was lifted up
Upon the sacred tree
Rose and set us free
Ascended gloriously

Among us

Chorus
He is among us
As we gather in his name
May the Spirit fan the flame
Of God among us
He is among us
He is risen and ascended
And his Spirit is extended
Here among us

On the river bank
His journey had begun
Then the three in one
This is my beloved son

Church and family gathered
On a Sunday morn
Child of God is born
Here amid the storm
He is among us

Chorus

Round the table gathered
After all were fed

A new covenant he said
"My body is this bread."

Around the altar gathered
In every place and time
Simple yet divine
In the bread and wine

Chorus

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Track 15: I Believe I'm a Believer
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Chorus

I believe I'm a believer
I believe what you just said
All my life I've worshipped God
And now I know the rest of it

By this river outside city walls
I've heard the truth tonight and I believe it all
Renew my spirit and my soul
Baptize me in the water and let me come up whole

Chorus

Now let me take you to my house
If you believe the things I've said
You will not turn me down
This Jesus that you preach to me
Forgiveness of my sins
What greater gift could there be?

Chorus

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