

Love Songs

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It would be very interesting to know the number of songs that are written each year. You might almost think that we would run out of combinations of the words in our language, but new songs are being produced all the time. I wonder if sometimes the exact same poem could come out of two different minds. This never seems to happen. Or if something close to it does, the lawyers have a field day.

I'm not really nuts about poetry, but I do enjoy it if the language is especially beautiful or the rhyming scheme is good. I even write some occasionally. But I love playing a little game sometimes with when I hear a song. I think about a love song and try to apply it to Christ or God. Now it can't be one of those suggestive songs, or a 'somebody-done-me-wrong' song, but with the right material it can be fun to see how well the words fit.

As an example, I would like to use the song You Needed Me which was made popular a few years ago by Anne Murray. Here are the words:

*I cried a tear, you wiped it dry; I was confused, you cleared my mind.
I sold my soul, you bought it back for me; And held me up, and gave me dignity;
Somehow... You needed me.*

*You gave me strength to stand alone again, To face the world out on my own
again.*

*You put me high upon a pedestal...So high that I could almost see eternity.
You needed me... You needed me.*

And I can't believe it's you, I can't believe it's true;

I needed you, and you were there.

And I'll never leave, why should I leave?

*I'd be a fool! 'Cause I finally found someone **Who really cares.***

You held my hand, when it was cold. When I was lost, you took me hold.

*You gave me hope when I was at the end, And turned my life back into truth
again,*

You even called me friend!

*You gave me strength to stand alone again, To face the world out on my own
again.*

You put me high upon a pedestal... So high that I could almost see eternity.

You needed me... You needed me.

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I put in bold type the words that are the most applicable. The overall sense of the song is that we were weak and now through Christ we can be made strong. Indeed our tears will be wiped away (Revelation 21:4) and there will be no sorrow in heaven. Our soul was redeemed by Christ (Galatians 3:13) and we no longer are in the hold of Satan.

We are given strength to do whatever it takes to be God's servant (Phillipians 4:13). When we need God, he is always there (Psalms 46:1). God cared enough to sacrifice His only Son to die on a cross that we might live eternally (John 3:16). Jesus calls us friends if we obey Him (John 15:14). And finally, Christ has placed us in a position of honor by calling us His children (Romans 8:16-17). We are heirs of God who will live with Him in his eternal kingdom.

See how the game goes? We should not just rely on the official "Hymns of the Church". By using our imagination we can be enriched by taking secular things and turning them into ways in which we can glorify God. Try it out on your own sometime.

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