

Words to the Songs in If It Be Thy Will

1) God Wants You To Succeed

There are people who would like to see you fall
There are people who would cut you down so small
There are even those who'd like to see you bleed
But God wants you to succeed.

God wants you, God wants you,
God wants you to succeed.

I've heard folks say that their fate has been unkind
Now those folks don't even bother trying
I think they're wrong 'cause I firmly believe
That God wants you to succeed.

God wants you, God wants you,
God wants you to succeed.

Losers aren't born, they're made every day
Made when good people let faith fade away
You've got the power to rise if you please
'Cause God wants you to succeed.

God wants you, God wants you,
God wants you to succeed.

2) I Shall Learn

If you've been hurt but have overcome
You are among God's chosen ones
If you've been burned but love in return
You are my teacher, from you I'll learn.

I shall learn from all of these
Of faith and compassion, of courage and deed
I shall learn and grateful be
You've lifted my soul, you've fortified me.

If you have failed, but rise again
You've helped me mend, you are my friend
If you've been tried but did not spurn
You are my teacher, from you I'll learn.

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3) Our Kind

There's too much mistrust of the other guy
If he's different from us we all wonder why
What's he got up his sleeve, what's going on in his mind?
Must be something wrong with him
Cause he's not our kind.

Our kind...he's OK so long as he's our kind
Our kind...he's welcome here anytime.
Seems it's always us and them
They're the foes, we're the friends
One of these days the whole wide world will be our kind.

Isn't it sad how folks today treat a stranger
Yesterday he was a guest, today he's danger.
Close the door, slide the bolt and draw the blinds
Go away don't come again, you aren't our kind.

Our kind...

Yes, one of these days there's going to be a revelation
Folks everywhere are going to have a permanent place in
A world reborn, all hate and fear left behind
What a happy day when all God's children will be our kind.

4) Since You Came In

I was burdened but now I'm free
The light was shining but not on me
For all my trying I could not win
But now I'm happy since You came in.

Gone the sorrow, gone the pain
In my life there's joy again
All the sadness that once had been
Has turned to gladness since you came in.

Since You came in, I'm on my way
Since You came in, seen brighter days
Since You came in, I hope and pray
You're going to stay
I feel so good now that You're here
Just like I should, it's all so clear
I've learned to sing since You came in.

The sun still rises the river roars
And life goes on much like before
The only difference is within
It's so much better since You came in.

5)The Court on High

When I'm standing before that court up on high
And they ask me if I've lived a righteous life
Will the answers I give them satisfy
Will they get me inside paradise.

When they ask me if I gave love enough
Will I answer them affirmative
Will I stand up before my Master's gaze
Or realize the folly of my ways.

How can I know, Lord, how can I know
Give me a sign, Lord, and help me to know.

Will I find the decisions I made in life
Were the right ones, good in Thy sight
Did I do all I could to ease another's pain
Will I come back and do it all again.

How can I know, Lord, how can I know
Give me a sign, Lord, and help me to know.

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6) Bless Us, O Lord

Bless us, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance
Send forth thy mercy
Render thy love.

Open our eyes to behold thy guiding power
Lead us, inspire us, lift us to thee.

Keep us from harm
Lord protect us from evil
Teach us thy wisdom
Let us walk in thy ways.

Bless us, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance
In the light of thy countenance, bless us O Lord.

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7) Wish I Was More Like Joseph

Wish I was more like Joseph, he did not bear a grudge
Wish I was more like Joseph, overcame evil with love.

His brothers sought to slay him in their jealousy
They could not bear to listen to the dreams that Joseph dreamed
They sold him into slavery at Reuben's command
Took him down to Egypt in a traveling caravan.

Wish I was more like Joseph, he did not bear a grudge
Wish I was more like Joseph, overcame evil with love.

There he rose to power over all of Egypt's land
Pharaoh placed old Egypt into Joseph's hand
The famine soar was raging and Israel was doomed
Jacob told his sons, boys, head south to bring back food.

Wish I was more like Joseph, he did not bear a grudge
Wish I was more like Joseph, overcame evil with love.

When Joseph's brothers met him, they knew not it was he
But Joseph recognized the ones who'd caused him misery
He might have done away with them, it would have served them right
But he said the good Lord brought you here that I might save your lives.

Wish I was more like Joseph, he did not bear a grudge
Wish I was more like Joseph, overcame evil with love.

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8) If It Be Thy Will

I may yet live to see a world of harmony
If it be Thy will.
A world so blessed with peace all strife and hate shall cease
If it be Thy will.
We've come a long, long way since those first early days
But there's so much remaining still.
Hide not Thy face, send forth Thy grace
Oh Lord above if it be thy will.

The mighty river flows and knows just where to go
In answer to Thy will.
A billion glimmering stars in countless worlds shine bright
In answer to Thy will.
How can I not believe when I but gaze about
And marvel at Thy grandeur and Thy skill.
With trust and faith my heart will fill
Oh Lord above if it be Thy will.

9) O Lord, Don't Turn Away

O Lord, don't turn away from me
Stand by and comfort me
Don't turn away.

And though I am not worthy
Lead me on and encourage me
Don't turn away.

Don't turn away from Your creation
Lord have mercy and be gracious
Don't turn away, don't turn away.

Just a little more time and we can make it
Oh Lord won't You be patient
Don't turn away, don't turn away.

O Lord, don't turn away from us,
There's none else we can trust
Don't turn away.

This world stands so in need of You
Show us what You can do
Don't turn away.

Don't turn away from Your creation
Lord have mercy and be gracious
Don't turn away, don't turn away.

Just a little more time and we can make it
Oh Lord won't You be patient
Don't turn away, don't turn away.

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10) Maybe Now I Can Begin

Now that the ground beneath me has been cleaven asunder
And there's no place left where I can stand
As I walk that lonesome valley I know the Lord up above me
Is just checking to see what kind of man I cam.

Now that the road before me has grown brambled and thorny
And the old familiar path is not there to find
As I'm groping in the darkness trying to find my way before me
I know my Lord will not leave me behind.

As I stand alone and naked and there's no chance to fake it
And I have lost all hope of my reward
In that place where judgment hails me and my pretense won't
avail me
Maybe now I can begin to serve my Lord.

11) Blessings In Disguise

Tomorrow's sorrows are never far from sight
Each dawning day seems to bring new ones to light
But through our sorrows the Master makes us wise
Yesterday's sorrows are blessings in disguise.

Yesterday's sorrows are blessings in disguise
It took me a long while but now I've realized
Day after day, time again, still I find
Yesterday's sorrows are blessings in disguise.

There's none among us who is spared from pain and woe
It matters not who you are or where you go.
Happy you'll be when you've found the faith inside to know
that
Yesterday's sorrows are blessings in disguise.

Yesterday's sorrows are blessings in disguise
It took me a long while but now I've realized
Day after day, time again, still I find
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