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In This House, Working for Shalom

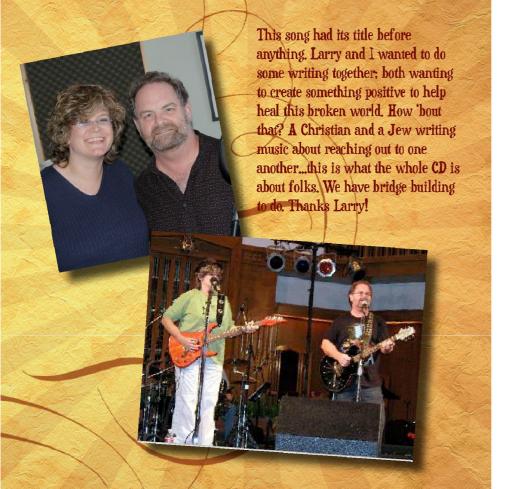
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# **Build That Bridge**

Lyrics and Music by Beth Schafer & Larry Hoppen © 2006

We all have two eyes, do we see the same things? We all have two ears, do we hear the songs the other sings? Sit down at the table and share a meal with me Let us raise a cup to how things will be

## **CHORUS**

Build that bridge with elbow grease and the words we pray Build that bridge. It ain't easy...do it anyway Build that bridge. Gonna work all night 'til the morning comes Build that bridge. And keep on building 'til the work is done.

We all have our problems, there's enough to go around. How do we solve them? Got to find the common ground. When we stay in our dark corners we invite cold and fear. The glow of peace is warmer. Let's meet in the middle, hope is here.

# **CHORUS**

Build that bridge—with our spirit and faith the foundation Build that bridge—are we humble enough to forgive? Build that bridge—for the sake of the next generation. Build that bridge, build that bridge, build that bridge.

# A Way to Say Ah

Lyrics and Music by Beth Schafer © 2001

A miracle happened today. Was I aware, did I even care? A miracle happened today. And did I pause enough?

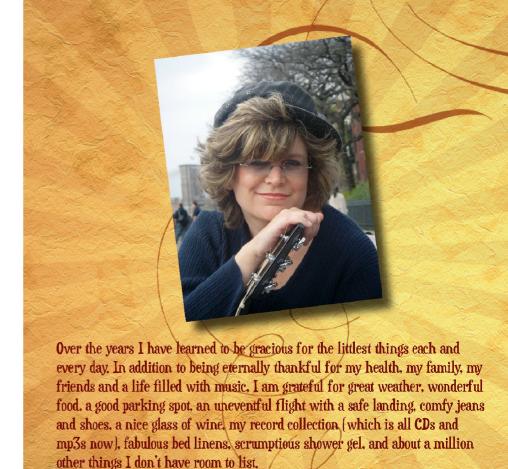
## **CHORUS**

To find a way to say ah, a way to say mmm A way to say "Oh, thank God I've arrived" A way to say ah, a way to say mmm A way to say "Oh thank God I'm alive"

A coincidence happened today.
Was this circumstance happening by chance?
A coincidence happened today.
And did I pause enough?

#### **CHORUS**

A way to sanctify the time to remember That on our journey we are not alone A way to not allow my senses to be dulled to the wonders I will be shown





Taken directly from the holiness code in Leviticus 19:18. We need to approach and treat every person as we wish to be treated. It is a love of life itself that allows us to love someone we may not agree with. It starts at home with how we speak and treat one another and ripples out from there.

I LOVE YOU!

# **Love Your Neighbor**

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It seems so perfectly simple, we make it so complex What should come naturally to us leaves us unnaturally vexed

Dismissing those who are different, we barely know their names Believing our own propaganda when we're the ones to blame

#### CHORUS

Love your neighbor (love your neighbor)
Love your neighbor (as yourself)
Do the world a favor love your neighbor as yourself
Love your neighbor (love your neighbor)
Love your neighbor (as yourself)
Do the world a favor love your neighbor as yourself

No one said it'd be easy, we can agree to disagree But holding each life sacred will set our souls free

# **CHORUS**

It starts in your home with your brother and sister Don't forget the classroom and the boardroom, mister Spreads over the land, and over the seas, And when we run out of places, well, we get world peace

# Lev B'Lev

(Hebrew for heart in heart) Lyrics and Music by Beth Schafer © 1998

When we look for God we very often look above But that seems to be so very far away In spending time with you I realize God is in our love Fueling the fire of our lives from day to day

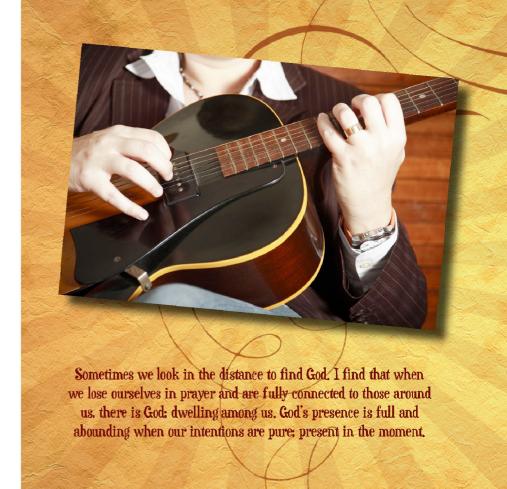
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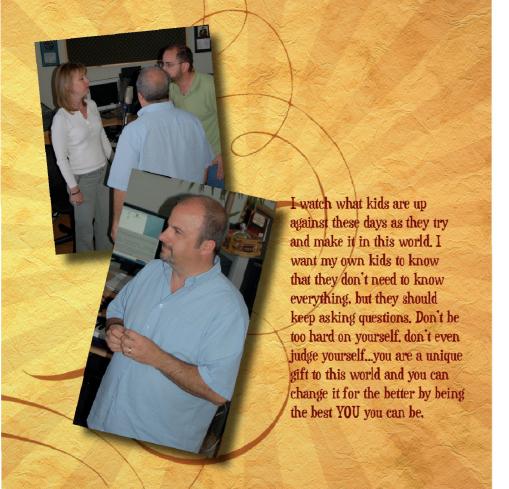
Lev B'Lev, heart in heart, where my hand stops your hand starts in a circle of love that has no end
Lev B'Lev, heart in heart, God's been with us from the start
In this complicated world you'll need a friend
So I'll keep you close to me Lev B'Lev
TAG (last time) And God will be with us, as together we will stay
Lev b'Lev

When we listen for God's voice we hope we'll hear it loud and clear Like a giant clap of thunder from the sky But in singing songs with you it is the most attentive ear That knows God dwells 'tween the words for us to find

## **CHORUS**

When we yearn for God's touch we hope all pain will go away In an instant, in a moment, be renewed But as we work together, toward that sacred, peaceful day We find God heals each of us through me and you





# **Good Enough**

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It's a rough world full of long, fast days
It's a tough world keeping with the latest craze
Every morning brings another mountain to climb

It's a hard life remembering all you've been taught It's a scarred life learning from the battles you've fought Every evening can be a restless time

# CHORUS

You don't need to think that you're better You need to believe that you're good enough And you don't need to know all the answers Just ask the questions and that's good enough for me

Well it's a fine time for us to try and make our way The rules change fast and almost every day We can count on plans we made will likely change

In the long run you've got to stick to what you know Give your love for free and go with the flow Despite bad weather you've got to play your best game

# **CHORUS**

Don't be afraid don't even worry for your sanity's sake You are the only judge and jury...give yourself a break

# **Still Small Voice**

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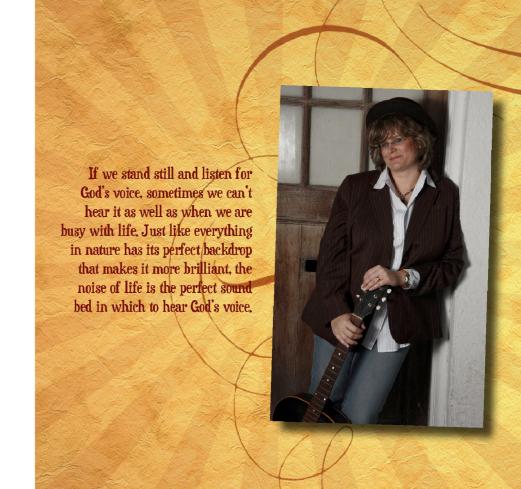
The sun is much more brilliant shining on the ocean. The rain is more majestic beating on the ground. A flower paints it's colors blooming in the desert. A tear can warm my cheek as it trickles down.

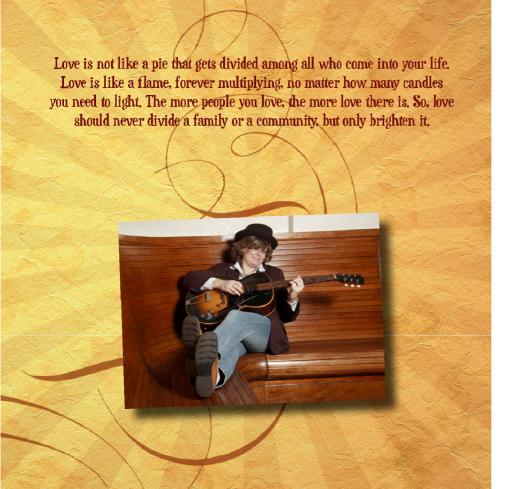
I hear Your still, small voice whispering in the West wind, rushing down the mighty river, rising with the dawn. I hear Your still, small voice in every precious minute, but when I stop to listen it's gone.

The sacred conversation happens without planning. In the theatre of the holy the script ceases to be. Suspended in the moment, time is hardly standing. Measured by awareness You are measuring me.

The momentum of the spirit shouldn't be disturbed. In the noise of life You live if only to be heard.

I hear Your still, small voice whispering in the West wind, rushing down the mighty river, rising with the dawn. I hear Your still, small voice in every precious minute, but when I stop to listen it's gone.





# **Love Multiplies**

Lyrics and Music by Beth Schafer © 2005 THIS SONG TOOK  $2^{\rm ND}$  PLACE IN THE 2006 AMERICAN IDOL UNDERGROUND FAITH BASED COMPETITION

Abraham was a desperate man, longing for a son. To pass along the word of God was his destiny. Two were born, one was scorned, to the desert he would run. Two fathers of two nations from one family.

You're ok in your father's eyes, love doesn't divide, love multiplies You're ok in your mother's eyes, love doesn't divide, love multiplies Families fall, and families rise, love doesn't divide, love multiplies Love your God and you'll be wise, love doesn't divide, love multiplies

A little town was bound to grow, destined to be more Every year another church would claim its place on the road Each Sabbath day the folks would pray behind their bolted doors And the air would fill with notes of hope only who would know

You're ok in your neighbor's eyes, love doesn't divide, love multiplies You're ok in the stranger's eyes, love doesn't divide, love multiplies Cities fall, and cities rise, love doesn't divide, love multiplies Love your God and you'll be wise, love doesn't divide, love multiplies

A mother holds her little girl who is the world to her But she knows another baby will be coming soon This one-on-one little love affair will have to end for sure How could my full heart come up with any more room?

You're ok in your daughter's eyes, love doesn't divide, love multiplies You're ok in that baby's eyes, love doesn't divide, love multiplies Keep on going and claim your prize, love doesn't divide, love multiplies Love your God and you'll be wise, love doesn't divide, love multiplies

# Children of Freedom

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Delivered on shores still with sand in our shoes Homeward bound Survivors in spirit with nothing to lose We have found a land, a life

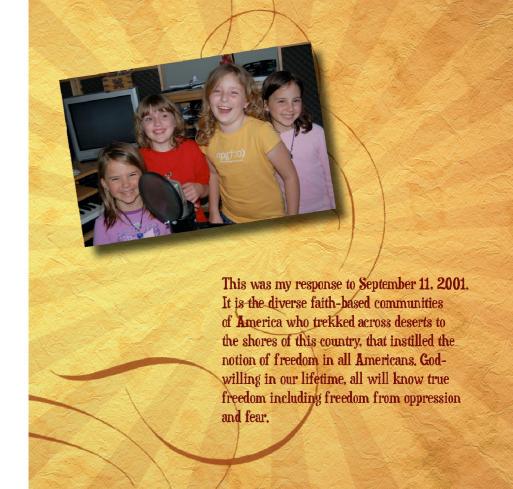
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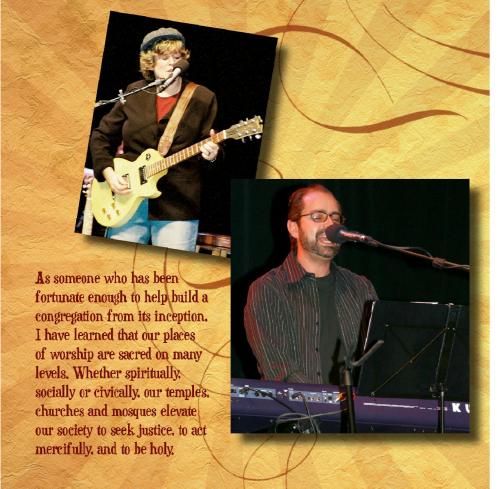
Children of Freedom sing
That freedom must always ring
Children of Freedom rise
Repairing the world through freedom's eyes

Living the hope of American dreams We rejoice We honor the struggle that's our history Hear our voice, our prayer our song

## **CHORUS**

We look to the desert, to the roots of our tree We look back on Philly and the branches we see Are fruited with olives, but yield apple pie A harvest of peace set on tables of pride





# **In This House**

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In this house beats the heart of a family
In this house is the center of a community
We study and we pray, find meaning in each day
In this house, in this house, in this house

In this house is a spark of God's creation In this house there is joy and celebration By song or by word, your prayers will be heard In this house, in this house

## CHORUS

In this house, in this house, it all comes together in this house In this house, in this house, it all comes together in this house of God

In this house we can shelter, we can clothe and feed In this house there is always help for those in need A stranger makes a friend, becomes inspired again In this house, in this house

### CHORUS

A house of study (in this house), a house of prayer (in this house) A house of gathering (in this house), from everywhere (in this house) How lovely (in this house) is your dwelling place, O Jacob (in this house) Blessing (in this house) upon blessing fills these walls (in this house)

# **Working for Shalom**

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In the garden Adam had no worries. In that world there was no word for war Now banished, incomplete and full of fury, with no garden anymore.

Hurtful words are coming from the writers, money meant for learning funds defense.

Graceful moves come only from the fighters. Instead, let's get out and dance!

#### CHORUS

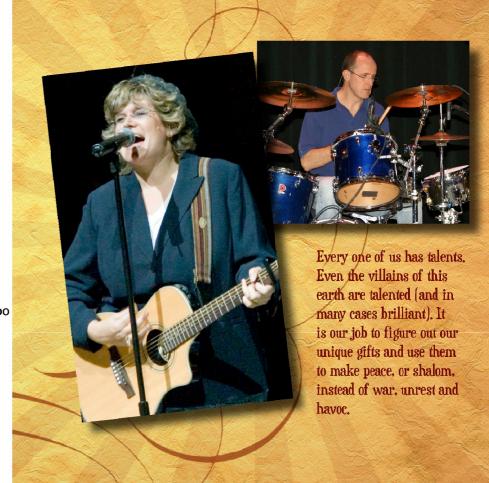
I'm working for Sha – lom. I'm praying for Sha la la la la la la la la lom. I'm singing for sha- lom, sha la la la la la la la lom.

Misdirected talent fuels the fire hungry but not knowing what we crave Sends us 'round in circles 'til we tire with only our souls to save

One day we will leave our doors wide open; on that day our hearts will open too Until that time is here I'll just keep hopin' that we will know what to do

## **CHORUS**

Who is brave enough to be humble? Who stands tall enough to sit down? Who can use their power to be quiet 'til the others come around?



# Unsung

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Don't let words of praise go unsaid Don't let bells of freedom go unrung Don't let hearts of gold go unlead Don't let songs of hope go unsung

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This is my prayer. Despite all the obstacles between faith and racial communities, we need to find a way to hope together. Please. God, let it be. Don't let these songs go unsung.

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