



Song by Song

The Day That You Found Me-

Have you ever had a dynamic encounter with the Living God? *I saw a flash of light, and I heard the sound of a voice like thunder shake the ground!* When I first met God, it didn't look anything like that. But when I relive that moment in my spirit I realize that was truly what it felt like and did to the inside of me. It wasn't about me "finding" God, as if He hadn't been there all along. It was a whole lot more like simply waking up; like He'd reached down into the room and made Himself known.

What Life Would Be Like-

The chorus to this song was birthed whole in seconds. I couldn't write it down fast enough! I was writing with my friend Don Chaffer, and he is the best I've ever seen in stepping back from a song and really pulling the essence of that song out from your heart. This may be the most honest and transparent I've ever been in the writing process. We often talk about grace and being set free from the law, but there seems to be an underlying message that we still have to somehow measure up to God's perfection. The reality is we all fall down, but Grace says we don't have to stay that way. We can open up our lives and let the Holy Spirit live there. God's not looking for folks who will just try a little harder to get it right next time. I hope the honesty of this song will resonate in the hearts of those who hear it.

We Want the World to Hear-

This was a congregational worship song that was written by my friend Chris Kuti. The song points out how awesome and uniquely holy the Lord is. When you experience those attributes of God you can't help but be blown away. You can't wait for everyone else to know Him. I can't wait to take this song out on the road with us.

Revive Us Again-

Every generation requires a fresh expression of worship, and the contemporary church is appropriately embracing modern worship music at an unprecedented rate. While we love modern worship I think it's important not to forget where we came from. It's easy to get caught up in the raw emotion of worship and lose our focus. I think it is imperative that we tie our passion for God to the Word of God. That's the only way our worship will ever truly mean anything. Many of the traditional hymns of the Church are not only rich in theology, but tie us to our spiritual heritage.

Blue Skies-

The second verse of this song contains some of my favorite lyrics on this record. I'm not trying to say that the Christian life will never be difficult. But I am saying that blue skies on the inside come even in the lion's dens and fiery furnaces when we find Emmanuel, God with us!

Another Day In Paradise-

I think it's safe to say that most of us in the band are pretty big Phil Collins fans. Our growing belief in and involvement with World Vision over the past few years made this song stick out in my mind. I asked my brother Jay if anyone had ever covered it. A few days after that conversation someone from World Vision

called the label and asked, 'Do you think Big Daddy Weave would consider recording a version of **Another Day in Paradise?**' Ooh... chill bumps.

Right With You-

When my wife, Kandice, heard the first verse she said, “Steven Curtis Chapman can release an entire record of love songs for his wife, but the first time you mention me in a song, it’s about us arguing?” What can I say? Sorry, babe.

This song is all about relationships when things aren’t quite right. You don’t always get to be right, but that’s okay. It’s not about *who* is right; it is about *what* is right. What is paramount in marriage is being right with one another. Some of the musical ideas of this song came from time spent with my friend Andy Gullahorn who, to this day, remains one of my songwriting heroes.

Falling Into You-

It can be scary to get to the place of letting Jesus live through us because His Word says that means we’ve got to lose our own lives. But scary or not we have to come to the point where we can give up and let Him have His way. Letting go that way can feel like jumping off a cliff into the unknown, but knowing in our hearts that He is there to catch us. If there is such a thing as a traditional Big Daddy Weave song, this is it.

From Here-

Buff has been one of our biggest supporters, encouragers, and friends since the beginning of Big Daddy Weave. Buff’s mom died a few years ago. She was an amazing woman. When Buff got engaged to be married he asked if I’d be willing to write a special song for his wedding that would act as a remembrance for his mom. I had never written anything like this before. Fortunately, we were on tour with Mark Shultz, who is the master of these types of songs. He was an amazing teacher and his help on this song has given me even greater respect for the amazing songs he writes.

Just Like Jesus-

If we are children of God and covered by the blood of Jesus, then when God looks at us He sees the perfection of the sacrifice of Jesus. When He sees us we look just like Jesus. For those of us stuck in the same-old same-old, one of the biggest obstacles preventing us from stepping into the new life that Christ offers is keeping our eyes on our failures of the past. Our challenge is to realize that who we are in Him isn’t the same as who we are in the natural. We *are* the righteousness of God *in* Christ Jesus. We can now live lives in the natural that reflect the work that Christ has already accomplished in the Spirit.