

**Words and stories**  
**behind the songs on**  
**Seasons of Hope**

**Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)**

**<sup>23</sup> Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. <sup>1</sup>**

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)**

**<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.**

**<sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.**

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<sup>1</sup> Tyndale House Publishers. (2004). *Holy Bible : New Living Translation*. (2nd ed.). Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale House Publishers.

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# **You are Faithful and True**

*Words and music: David F. Anderson ©:October 18 – 26, 2008 T.A.D.A. Music.*

**I started this song just before I left the hospital after my first chemo treatment. Through the years and even now, I am finding God is faithful and true.**

**In the midst of troubled times, You are faithful Lord  
When it seems that all is lost, You're the one who can restore.  
I need not fear or be in want, cause You supply my needs  
When I hunger deep inside, You're the one who feeds.**

**Chorus:**

**You are faithful to me, and Your faithfulness I see  
Looking all around, there's no one else who fills my every need  
You are faithful and true, so I give my cares to You  
Heaven and earth may pass away, but I'll continue to trust in You  
You are faithful and true.**

**In a time with so much change, You are constant Lord  
We try so hard to cling to things, but You supply much more  
You're the one who has created us, the world, and all we see  
You are my God, in whom I trust, the one who sets me free. (chorus)**

**Yesterday, today, forever, You are sovereign Lord  
I take rest within your hands, cause you know what's in store  
Though there's many things I do not know, I know Your word is true  
You're in control of everything, and You're making all things new.  
(chorus)**

# **God has a purpose**

Words and music: David F. Anderson

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This was written after a friend had a miscarriage and thinking about how God has a purpose behind everything, even when we don't understand.

At times it can be a struggle just living day to day  
So many people asking questions, with their lives in disarray  
You can spend your whole life searching for the answers till you die  
But many things you cannot know, no matter how you try.

**Chorus:**

God has a purpose and God has a plan  
Maybe someday we may understand  
But for now just remember, in all you go through  
God is always there with you.

There's many things that happen to you as you live this life  
But Jesus gives you peace inside, even when there's strife  
If it seems like you won't make it through, remember that He's there  
And He will give you strength so don't despair

As you live your life and years go by, you'll see more clearly  
That the things you questioned long ago,  
Are the things you now can see  
If you knew the answers all the time,  
Would you have come to Him in prayer?  
And seen his faithfulness was working there.

## **Seasons of Hope**

Words and music: David F. Anderson

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I wrote this song thinking about the title of my chemo class book. I liked the title and God gave the words from that point. Knowing that God knows the future, does give hope. I would not trade that for anything.

**Life takes turns that you do not expect  
And it feels like it's out of control  
But there's a purpose for every season of life  
Though at times you may not see or know. but...(chorus)**

**Chorus:**

**God knows my future and He knows my past  
And the present is in His control  
So I rest in the promise that He knows what's best  
and that fills me with seasons of hope,  
Yes, that fills me with seasons of hope.**

**Changes in life are often hard to accept  
And it seems like we can't take the strain  
But hard times come to both the good and bad  
And to grow you need both sunshine and rain. and...(chorus)**

**Bridge:**

**Though storm clouds gather, and fear fills your heart  
take courage for you are not alone.  
And God will supply everything that you need  
With a strength that you never have known. cause...(chorus)**

## **Open Ways to Him**

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The path God takes us may not always be familiar to us, but He knows all paths and is faithful to guide us through any darkness.

**What room is there for fear, when I know my Lord is near  
For He will be my light that I may clearly see the way  
There need be no bewilderment,  
to the one who goes where he is sent  
The trackless plain is set with signs so that he won't go astray.**

**Chorus:**

**My path may cross a waste of sea,  
but that need never frighten me.  
The river may be full to the very brim,  
but those rivers become open ways to him.**

**My path may lead through woods at night,  
where there is neither moon or light  
A guiding star, a beacon shine, He will not let me stray  
Lord grant to me a quiet mind, trust thee for thou art kind  
That I may go on without fear, for You my Lord are near.  
(Chorus)**

**What room is there for fear, when I know my Lord is near  
For He will be my light that I may clearly see the way**

# **FROM GOD ALONE (PSALM 62)**

**WORDS:** *Adapted from Psalm 62 by David Anderson*

**MUSIC:** *David Anderson ©: March 14, 1995 T.A.D.A. MUSIC*

*Through out the psalms and other places in the bible, God is pictured as our rock, rescuer, defense, fortress. ALL THESE PICTURES GIVE US HOPE.*

**I STAND SILENTLY BEFORE YOU LORD  
WAITING FOR YOU TO RESCUE ME.  
FOR SALVATION COMES FROM YOU ALONE  
YES, YOU ALONE ARE MY ROCK. (CHORUS)**

## **Chorus:**

**YOU'RE MY ROCK, MY RESCUER, DEFENSE AND FORTRESS  
WHY THEN SHOULD I BE TENSE  
WITH FEAR WHEN TROUBLE COMES  
YOU'RE MY ROCK, MY RESCUER, DEFENSE AND FORTRESS  
MY PROTECTION COMES FROM YOU ALONE.**

**I POUR OUT MY LONGINGS BEFORE YOU LORD  
FOR YOU WILL SURELY HELP ME NOW.  
FOR THE GREATEST, AND THE LOWEST  
WHO ARE HUMBLE IN HEART  
YOU WILL ANSWER THEIR CRY. (chorus)**

## **OUR GREAT SAVIOR**

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1859–1918 music: David F. Anderson ©: 2008 T.A.D.A. Music.

*I read the words to this song in a devotional and I started playing some music and it all came together. I like it because it reminds me of my great Savior who is able to help in trouble, weakness and sorrow. And with that, bring comfort and hope.*

**Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul.  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me; He, my Savior, makes me whole.**

**Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;  
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.  
(chorus)**

**Chorus:  
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

**Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,  
even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.**

**Jesus! what a guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,  
storms about me, night o'er-takes me, He, my Pilot, hears my cry.  
(chorus)**

**Jesus! I do now receive Him; more than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness; I am His, and He is mine.  
(chorus)**

# **Seasons of Life**

Words and Music: David F. Anderson ©November 8,2001 T.A.D.A. Music.

This was written thinking about the different seasons in our lives. I know that if it were up to us to plan our paths, we would try to avoid much of what we go through in life. But God does have a purpose to each season in our life, and we need to thank God for the wisdom He has and for each season of life, even if we do not understand it.

**Sometimes I question why things are happening to me  
I cannot find a reason for it all.  
But as the time goes by, I see more clearly  
That You were there and heard my every call. (chorus)**

**Chorus:**

**I thank you my God, for these seasons of life  
The good and the bad, times of joy and of strife.  
I am learning to trust You in every circumstance,  
And I thank You for the seasons of my life.**

**There's a time for laughing, a time to morn,  
A time for life, a time to die.  
So I will not think it strange when I do not understand  
Cause every situation's in Your hands. (chorus)**

**And as each day passes, I will rejoice  
For you've given this pathway I see.  
Even though I don't know what's around the next bend  
I am safe cause I know you will lead.**

**As the seasons come and go, and the colors quickly change  
My life is moving swiftly toward that final day.  
And as I live each day, I know You're with me all the way  
And there is only one thing left I can say...(chorus)**



# **You will see it through**

Words and music: David F. Anderson

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Sometimes we feel real down. But God is there even when we don't see or feel Him.  
Faith is trusting even when we don't see.

Sometimes I feel so down and out, lost in my despair  
Questions shouting deep inside, that wonder if you're there  
But I know that You are faithful, and I know Your word is true  
And all that You've begun in me, You will see it through.

Why is it so hard at times to find Your will for me  
It seems that when I pray so hard, I should begin to see  
But even though I seem so lost, still I will put my faith in only You  
Cause all that You've begun in me, You will see it through

**Bridge:**

I don't know what tomorrow brings, but I'm sure that I'll be fine  
Cause even if my light feels dim, with You I'll always shine.

Thank you for Your love for me, It's been there from the start  
I know You'll work Your will in me, I know it in my heart  
And even though I may have questions,  
About the things that You will do  
Let Your work begin in me, cause You will see it through.

## **Yes, I will trust**

Words and Music:David F. Anderson ©:Oct 16-17, 2008 T.A.D.A. Music.

The first verse and chorus was started waiting for diagnosis in the hospital, The rest was finished the next day after finding out the diagnosis of diffuse large B cell lymphoma in the hospital. God used this song even in the hospital as I sang it probably to at least 40 nurses and a few patients.

**When things are unknown, they're still known by You  
When I cannot see, I can see through Your view.**

**Chorus:**

**So I will trust in You, Yes, I will trust in You.**

**When fear fills my heart, You come with Your peace  
When imprisoned by thoughts, You come and bring release.  
(chorus)**

**Bridge:**

**Your love for me is great, how could I ever doubt  
You're with me through each circumstance  
And You will help me out.**

**When darkness surrounds me, Lord, You are my light  
When I'm too weak to stand, You help in the fight.(chorus)**

## **Beyond Today**

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*The words to this song were in a devotional from 1900. My wife had just had knee surgery and was recovering in the hospital. I was at my mothers house and reading this old devotional for morning devotions and the music just flowed with the words. It was encouraging the way it came. The book was my grandmothers and was given by a friend in Canada, when she moved to Minnesota. See did not want to move here, but God had a plan, even though see could not see it then. In the end she knew God's way was best.*

**If we could see beyond today, as God can see  
If all the clouds should roll away, the shadows flee  
O'er present griefs we would not fret,  
Each sorrow we would soon forget  
For many joys are waiting yet, for you and me.**

**If we could know beyond today, as God doth know  
Why dearest treasures pass away, and tears must flow  
And why the darkness leads to light,  
Why dreary paths will soon grow bright  
Some day life's wrongs will be made right  
Faith tells us so.**

**If we could see, if we could know, we often say!  
But God in love a veil doth throw, across our way  
We cannot see what lies before,  
And so we cling to Him the more,  
He leads us till this life is o'er, Trust and obey.**

# ***You've Been Good to Me***

Words and Music: David F. Anderson April 12, 2001 T.A.D.A. Music.

**This song was written thinking about my Grandmother, who went to be home with the Lord in February. She was 98 years old. This was kind of her quote in later life. She would say "You know it's been a good life, God has been so good to me". I agree, God has been good to me.**

**Before the world began, You formed me and You knew  
That I must walk this path, all the things that I go through.  
Though times there has been hurt, sorrow and great pain  
Yet even when I failed you, Your love has still remained.**

**Chorus:**

**All the blessings in my life,  
Have opened up my eyes to see  
That when all is said and done,  
My God, You've been good to me.**

**You have given everything, my home and family  
But Your greatest gift of all, was when Jesus died for me.  
(chorus)**

**When I take my final breath, and the color leaves my face  
Life's been good because I've tasted of Your amazing grace  
(chorus)**

## ***I am amazed that You love me***

Words and music: David F. Anderson ©: September 15,2004 T.A.D.A. Music

As I read the bible, I am continually amazed at how God loves me. Throughout time, as we have been sinful and gone to do our own thing, God continually reaches out. And that gives me peace and hope.

Chorus:

I am amazed that You love me  
I stand in awe of Your grace  
I am amazed that You love me  
Lord, I will seek Your face.

When I was lost, You came and sought me  
I was alone and afraid  
You wrapped Your strong arms around me  
And I've been pulled from the miry clay. (chorus)

When I am down, You bring comfort  
When in distress, You bring peace  
You meet my needs completely  
You give my soul release. (chorus)

# **Let Everything (psalm 150)**

*Adapted from psalm 150. words and music: David F. Anderson ©: 2008 T.A.D.A. Music.*

God's people have always been and will always be a "praising people." God created and chose us in order that we "might be for the praise of His glory," the sum of all that God is and does. The song of praise began at creation when "the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). It was furthered during the Old Testament period by the Israelites, who were widely known for their "singing faith." The song of praise was echoed by the angelic chorus announcing Christ's birth. It has been proclaimed and published by pastors, hymn writers, and singers throughout the centuries. And it is rehearsed each week by worshiping believers everywhere as they prepare for the new song of praise and worship that will continue throughout eternity.<sup>3</sup>

**I have learned that I need to praise God in the midst of difficulty and trouble, as well as in good times. So I included this song as a song of praise because His faithfulness continues for all time.**

**Praise God in his holy house of worship  
Praise Him under the open skies  
Praise Him for his mighty acts of power  
for His goodness, no one can deny**

**Chorus:**

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord  
Let everything, praise the Lord!**

**Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet  
Praise Him guitar and on the harp  
Praise Him with the tambourine and dancing  
We'll give you praise and tell how great you are.**

**Come enter His gates with thanksgiving  
And come into His courts with songs of praise  
Give thanks unto Him and praise His name  
His faithfulness continues for all time.**

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<sup>3</sup>Osbeck, K. W. (1990). *Amazing grace : 366 inspiring hymn stories for daily devotions*. Includes indexes. (336). Grand Rapids, Mich.: Kregel Publications.

## **My Hope Resting in You**

Words and Music: David F. Anderson ©: Nov. 12, 2008 T.A.D.A. Music.

I wrote this song as I was thinking how I would face life and the things that come if I didn't have hope. Many people go through life without hope. So this is a testimony that because of what Jesus has done on the cross, we can have hope. Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. If you do not have that hope in you, Ask God to send you that hope, through Jesus.

**When I am down, feeling so low  
You give me comfort the world cannot know  
So I ask you to come, move within me  
Jesus may you shine that everyone sees.**

**Chorus:**

**You are the hope for a world in despair  
Nothing else matches Your love and your care  
I cannot imagine what I would do  
If I didn't have my hope resting in You.**

**Nothing can come that can take me from You  
You are a friend who is faithful and true  
You do not fail from beginning to end  
And You're in control of the how, why, and when. (Chorus)**

**Ending: No I cannot imagine, what I would do  
If I didn't have my hope resting in You.**