

**DVD** SPECIAL GIFT PACK **CD**

# footprints

songs that reflect the heart of the timeless poem

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### Track 10: *He Who Dwells*

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Songs have always been a way of expressing the moods and weathers of the human spirit, and exploring life's meaning. So often it is listening to a song that reassures us that someone, somewhere knows just how we feel and just what we're going through.

In the Scriptures we read about the story of David, his humble beginnings as a shepherd boy, and his wonderful skill as a musician. The story tells how, when King Saul was tormented in mind and spirit, listening to David play the harp would soothe his troubled soul. David's name is especially connected with the book of Psalms, which was the song book for the Temple at Jerusalem.

The Psalms are holy songs, but they are not full of pious platitudes and false serenity. In the Psalms are all the outpourings of human fear and longing, faith and doubt, exaltation and distress. Psalm 84 makes the profound statement *How blessed are those who, going through the Valley of Baca, can make it a place of springs.* The Valley of Baca means a place of aridity and disillusionment, of grief and bitterness and suffering; a dark and weary journey. But the secret and the mystery of God's love is that, even in these terrible times of testing and disappointment and despair, the hidden springs of refreshment and comfort and grace are there for us, if we look.

Margaret Fishback-Powers, who wrote the wonderful poem *Footprints*, which has strengthened and comforted so many people, and has been the inspiration behind this album, was, like the Psalmists, writing out of the passion and depth of human experience. It was through her own suffering and times of trial that she came at last to this vision of the love of God which never, never deserts us; and of God's faithfulness which goes with us and upholds us, sometimes unrecognised, as we face the ordeals of bereavement, sickness, anxiety, or distress.

These songs are here to help you rediscover God's love; or find for the first time trust in God, whose love is sure and steadfast, and whose grace is able to carry us through.

In the following lyric sheet there are words of scripture to help you explore the Christian message within these songs of hope and comfort.

## YOU CARRIED ME

'I look back and ...  
realise You were there beside me every single day.'

*I took them in my arms; yet they have not understood  
that I was the one looking after them... ...I was like  
someone who lifts an infant close against his cheek...*

*(Hosea 11.3 & 4 JB)*

It's only when I look back and trace the way  
My crooked path has wandered  
I see the footprints in the sand and I realise  
You were there beside me  
Every single day

(You carried me) Through all my trials  
(You carried me) When I was troubled and alone  
When my strength had gone  
Couldn't get along without You  
(You carried me) So I wouldn't stumble  
(You carried me) Just when I needed someone there  
Who would be a friend and I reached the end  
Because He carried me

And now as I turn to face the narrow way  
With shadows growing longer  
I know my Savior's by my side  
Always there for me and He'll care for me  
When the enemy draws near

(He carried me) Through all of my trials  
(He carried me) When I was troubled and alone  
When my strength had gone  
Couldn't get along without Him  
(He carried me) So I wouldn't stumble  
(He carried me) Just when I needed someone there  
Who would be a friend and I reached the end  
Because He carried me

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## THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD / I AM NOT AFRAID

(A song from Psalm 23.)

'With You by my side, Lord... I am not afraid'

*I am the good shepherd... my sheep hear my voice and I know them... and no-one shall  
snatch them out of my hand (John 10)*

The Lord is my Shepherd  
I don't need a thing  
I slumber in the meadow  
Cool water I drink  
And when I am rested  
And He's quieted my fear  
He sends me back out walking  
My path straight and clear

And I am not afraid  
Your rod and staff protect me  
No evil will I fear, Lord  
As I'm walking through the valley  
And I am not afraid ,  
I know it's me You carry  
With You by my side, Lord  
I'll make it through the valley

My daily bread and water  
Will surely fill me up  
But You bring me a feast, Lord  
And an overflowing cup, so...

No I am not afraid  
Your beauty's all around me  
With You by my side, Lord  
I am not afraid

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## I WAS THERE

'When the darkness falls and you find you ache  
And the path is hard, too hard for you to take...  
...I'll be there'

*Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of time  
(Matt 28.20)*

I was there when you took your first steps  
You were holding out your hands to stop  
yourself from falling  
I was there when you skinned your knees  
the first time  
Trying to run before your tiny legs would carry  
Did you see me no  
Did you see me no

But I was there and I listened for your cry  
Held you close and gently wiped your eyes  
I was there and the Father ever sees  
All His children and listens for their needs

And I was there when you ran far ahead of me  
You turned to look for me  
Afraid that I was missing  
Was I missing no  
Was I missing no

When the darkness falls and you find you ache  
And the path is hard too hard for you to take  
And you look and find you're on your knees  
You cry out to me cry out to me

When the darkness falls and you find you ache  
And the path is hard too hard for you to take too  
hard for you to take  
I'll be there and I'll listen for your cry  
Hold you close and gently wipe your eyes  
I'll be there for a Father ever sees all  
His children  
And listens for their needs  
I'll be there and I'll listen for your cry  
Hold you close and gently wipe your eyes

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## I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

'I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford'

*In God alone there is rest for my soul,  
from Him comes my safety;  
with Him alone for my rock, my safety,  
my fortress, I can never fall. (Ps.62.1 JB)*

I need Thee every hour most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford

I need Thee O I need Thee every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now my Savior I come to Thee

I need Thee every hour in joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide or life is vain

I need Thee every hour teach me Thy will  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfil

Annie S Hawkes (1835-1918)  
Dr Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

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## LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

'What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms'

*The eternal God is your dwelling place, and  
underneath are the everlasting arms. (Deut.33.27)*

What a fellowship what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning leaning  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so dear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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Anthony J Showalter (1858-1924)  
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## JESUS I AM RESTING

'Keep me ever trusting, resting,  
Fill me with Thy grace.'

*Thou, O Lord, art a shield about me;  
my glory, and the lifter of my head. (Ps. 3.3)*

Jesus I am resting resting  
In the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee  
And Thy beauty fills my soul  
For by Thy transforming power  
Thou hast made me whole

Oh how great Thy loving kindness  
Vaster broader than the sea  
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness  
Lavished all on me  
Yes I rest in Thee Beloved  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine  
Know Thy certainty of promise  
And have made it mine

Ever lift Thy face upon me  
As I work and wait for Thee  
Resting 'neath Thy smile Lord Jesus  
Earth's dark shadows flee  
Brightness of my Father's glory  
Sunshine of my Father's face  
Keep me ever trusting resting  
Fill me with Thy grace

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## BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD (Instrumental)

'I am the Lord that healeth thee'

*He healeth the broken in heart and  
bindeth up their wounds (Ps. 147.3)*

Be still and know that I am God x3  
I am the Lord that healeth thee x3  
In Thee O Lord, do I put my trust x3

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Arr. Eric Wyse.  
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## OUT ALONG THE BEACH

'Out along the beach... that is where You find me...'

*It was light by now, and there stood Jesus on the  
shore... (John 21.4 JB)*

Out along the beach that is where my life  
leaves patterns  
Heading out of reach far into the wide tomorrow  
That is where You find me  
That is where You come alongside me  
That is where I see Your footprints  
Walking next to mine out on the beach

Out along the beach cooling breezes soothe my mind  
And washing o'er my feet the water drifts and flows  
about me

That is where You'll find me  
That is where You come alongside me  
That is where I see Your footprints  
Walking next to mine

But when the tide is high  
I sometimes think that maybe  
You're not with me  
The spray that blinds my eyes  
Will hide the traces of Your feet  
Or maybe You just carried me  
Out on the beach

But when I close my eyes  
I sometimes think that I can feel You near me  
Your heartbeat close to mine  
I feel Your arms are holding me  
And I gaze along life's pattern  
Out on the beach

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## LOVE SEES LOVE HOLDS

'In the dark I will find love carries me.'

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me. (Ps. 23.4)*

Love sees love holds  
Love hears me and knows  
Love will reach and enfold  
Love will carry me

Love is there at my side  
For me a place to hide  
In the dark I will find  
Love carries me

And in Your arms I'm at rest  
Like a child held to Your breast  
Held secure through the test  
Love carries me

On the path I'm alone  
Far from help and far from home  
If I look back time will show  
Love carried me

And in my heart I can hear  
Your love calling through my fear  
Telling me You are near  
Love carries me

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## HE WHO DWELLS IN THE SHELTER OF THE LORD

(A song from Psalm 91.)

'He who dwells in the shelter of our God will find rest...'

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Ps. 46.1 )*

He who dwells, he who dwells  
In the shelter of our God  
Will find rest in the shadow of the Lord  
He who lives, he who lives  
In the practice of the presence  
He will find his soul restored

Our refuge, our fortress, Almighty God  
We put our trust in You  
Defender, protector, our faithful shield

Our rescue, our ransom, unchanging God  
We put our trust in You  
Safe harbor, safe haven, peace in the storm

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## JUST A CLOSER WALK

'I am weak but Thou art strong...  
as I.. walk close to Thee'

*In You, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever  
be put to shame...*

*Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress  
to save me. (Ps.31.1&2)*

Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be dear Lord let it be

I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk dear Lord close to Thee

Through this world of toils and snares  
If I falter Lord who cares  
And who but Thee my burden shares  
None but Thee oh Lord none but Thee

When my weary life is o'er  
Pain and suffering are no more  
Who will lead me safely o'er  
Canaan's shore that sweet Canaan's shore

Trad folk song  
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## LOVE LIFTED ME

'He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves'

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
(Isaiah 43.1 JB)*

I was sinking deep in sin far from the peaceful shore  
Very deeply stained within sinking to rise no more  
But the Master of the sea heard my  
despairing cry  
From the waters lifted me now safe am I

Love lifted me Love lifted me  
When nothing else could help  
Love lifted me

All my heart to Him I'll give ever to Him I'll cling  
In His blessed presence live ever His praises sing  
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's  
best songs  
Faithful loving service too to Him belongs

Souls in danger look above Jesus completely saves  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves  
He's the Master of the sea billows His will obey  
He your Savior wants to be saved today

James Rowe (1866-1933) Howard E Smith (1863-1918)  
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O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO  
(Instrumental)

'O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close  
my heart to thee'

*Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in  
the morning (Ps.30.5)*

O love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee:  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee:  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee:  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee:  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
—Life that shall endless be.

George Matheson (1842-1906)  
Music: St. Margaret Albert Peace.  
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LOOKING BACK  
(I SEE THE FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND)

'And when the waves crashed down.....  
You held me in Your arms,  
Until the sun shone again'

*Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods  
drown it.' (Song of Songs/Salomon 8.6 NRSB)*

Along this beach we walk together  
The sands of time beneath our feet  
And we will walk this beach forever  
The Savior of the world and me

And the journey may be long  
But with You I can face it  
You've been with me all along  
Every step that I've taken

And looking back I see  
The footprints in the sand  
The path that we have walked  
Together hand in hand  
And when the waves crashed down  
And heavy storms blew in  
You held me in Your arms  
Until the sun shone again

For I have walked this beach with others  
But now their prints are washed away  
And as I look back on our journey  
I still see every mark You made

And the journey has been long  
But together we've made it  
You've been with me all along  
Every step that I've taken

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CARRY ME

'When I'm weary, O Lord, carry me.'

*Come unto me all You that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give You rest. (Matt 11.28)*

When I am burdened a weight that I feel  
When all of my troubles seem so real  
When I am weary and there's no place to lie  
No time to rest my heart O Lord hear my cry

Carry me carry me  
When I'm weary Lord carry me  
Carry me carry me  
When I'm weary Lord carry me

When I am lonely love's so far away  
When no-one will hear me hear me I pray  
Something is missing when life falls apart  
Your grace will anoint me and fill my heart

Carry me carry me  
When I'm lonely Lord carry me  
Carry me carry me  
When I'm lonely Lord carry me

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## FOOTPRINTS POEM

'I dreamed I was walking along a beach with my Lord...'

*For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor anything else in all creation, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8.38 & 39 JB alt.)*

One night a man had a dream  
He dreamed he was walking  
Along the beach with the Lord

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life  
For each scene he noticed two sets  
Of footprints in the sand one belonging  
To him and the other to the Lord

When the last scene of his life  
Flashed before him he looked back at  
The footprints in the sand he noticed  
That many times along the path of his life  
There was only one set of footprints  
He also noticed that it happened at the  
Very lowest and saddest times of his life

This really bothered him and he  
Questioned the Lord about it  
Lord You said that once I decided to follow  
You, You'd walk with me all the way  
But I have noticed that during the most  
Troublesome times in my life there is only  
One set of footprints I don't understand  
Why, when I needed You most  
You would leave me

The Lord replied my precious precious  
Child I love you and I would never leave you  
During the times of trial and suffering  
When you see only one set of footprints  
It was then that I carried you

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## My companion on the journey.

'If I flew to the point of sunrise, or westward across the sea,  
your hand would still be guiding me, your right hand still holding me.' (Ps. 139.9-10 JB)

"Look, I am standing at the door, knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share his meal, side by side with him". (Rev.3.20 JB)

The love God offers us in Jesus is unconditional; we don't have to earn it. It would not be possible for anything you could do to make God love you more than you are already loved: totally, without question.

All that love ever asks is an answering love. The life that turns to Christ, that opens in answer to his love knocking on our door, welcomes healing, hope, and peace. When we invite his presence into our hearts, we find he is able to transform even the jagged places of our bitterest sorrow into something beautiful, by His grace. He will never force you, but He holds out to you the offer of His joy.

'You don't have to do what everyone else does, and who you are doesn't have to be dictated by your circumstances. It's possible to change your whole life if you are willing to think in new ways.'

(Rom.12.2: paraphrased Wilcock)

'Jesus.....himself is our peace...'(Eph.2.13-14 paraphrased Wilcock)