

A close-up photograph of two hands, one from the top left and one from the bottom right, reaching towards each other. The hands are illuminated from the side, highlighting the skin texture and the tension in the muscles. The background is a deep, dark black, making the hands stand out prominently. The overall mood is one of hope, connection, and reaching across a divide.

Bridging the Unbridgeable Chasm – Beyond Polarization

2023 OST Summer Institute

I WILL MAKE THIS DAY MY PRAYER

Based on The Morning Offering by David Kauffman

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Refrain

I will make this day my prayer,

I will give you everything that I am and do today.

I will give you all my cares, all my joys and sufferings.

I will make this day my prayer.

BE STILL

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**Be still my love, know that I am God.
Be still my love, know that I am God.**

1. The mountains shake, the waters roar,
the valleys tremble with fear.
And yet our strength, our refuge sure,
whispers in our ear.

2. Though nations fight, though kingdoms fall,
though spiteful hearts will harm.
Your mercy holds us, we hear your call,
we linger in your resting arms as you say.

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**Be still my love, know that I am God.
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3. Behold the works our Lord has done,
to change these hearts of stone.
God breaks our arrows, God breaks our bows,
God calls us chosen, calls us God's own.

TRUE LOVE ARISE

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From this side of the chasm
You use words like weapons
All my mates and patrons
But I can't let you see...that

I feel the rush of hate
To crush me you can't wait
Are dying from heartache
I'm about to break

I want more, something more

I want more, something more

From this side of the chasm
You don't really want to talk
All my friends and neighbors
But I will keep the secret

I only feel disgust
You'd rather I was dust
Are tired of the fight
That I don't care who's right

I want more, something more I want more, something more

True love arise May our hearts see There is no them There's only we
I love you more Than we disagree There is more us Than there is me
True Love Great True Love Wise True Love Arise

“Only I can save you” That's how I see and hear
But once I looked into your eyes That all disappeared
It turns out you're a person Pretty much like me
The chasm can't contain us Unless we let it be

We want more, something more We want more, something more
REFRAIN

Who took love out of the equation?
Who knew healing starts with conversation?
TO REFRAIN

BEHOLD (MAGNIFICAT)

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Behold, Behold, the mighty one has done great things for me.

Behold, Behold, the mighty one has done great things for me.

And holy is Your name, and holy is Your name.

My soul exalts you, behold my Lord, whose mercy lies on me.

1. My soul magnifies the Lord.

My spirit rejoices in my Savior.

He looks at me with kindness, as with holy eyes of blindness,

And all will call me blessed.

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2. Compassion inhabits those who fear Him.
He has done great deeds with His arm.
Scattered the proud, rulers all brought down,
And He has lifted the humble.

3. He has filled the hungry with good things,
And sent away the selfish empty handed.
He has helped His servant, in remembrance of His mercy;
And He has kept His promise.