

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, creating strong highlights and deep shadows against a dark, almost black background. The fingers are slightly curled, and the palms are facing each other, suggesting a gesture of reaching, offering, or bridging a gap.

Bridging the Unbridgeable Chasm – Beyond Polarization

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DWELL WITHIN MY SOUL

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**Christ be with me, Christ be in me, Dwell within my soul.
Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ to make me whole.**

1. Hear O Lord my cry, be gracious and answer me;
Your face, O Lord, do I seek, do not hide your face from me.
2. In my troubled days, he will shelter me;
He will conceal me under cover, and set me on a high place.
3. I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord.
I will wait for the Lord and take courage.
4. One thing I ask the Lord, to dwell within his house,
To live inside, yes, all my days, and behold his beauty.

I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

Based on Isaiah 43:19

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In the desert I make a river

In the wasteland I make a way

See I make all things new

1. You, my precious and holy child
Do not be afraid
I am restoring your very life
This is the promise I made
2. I am gathering your heart again
Your past has surrendered to me
Loosen your stronghold on unbelief
Open these new eyes to see

**In the desert I make a river
In the wasteland I make a way
See I make all things new**

3. I would trade nations for you, stop the wind to restore you
Oh hear me now calling your name
Today I will mend you, today I'll defend you
Tomorrow, I'll do the same

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