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Crowded Table

You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed

Yeah I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

The door is always open
Your picture's on my wall
Everyone's a little broken
And everyone belongs
Yeah, everyone belongs

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done
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Songwriters: Brandi Carlile / Lori McKenna / Natalie Nicole Hemby
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Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;

Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

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An Affirmation

I believe in God the Creator,
who designed all good things,
including people of all gender expressions and sexual orientations.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's perfect Child,
who came to earth to live among us.
Jesus was born into a non-conventional family who adored Him even when
they did not understand Him.
He confounded authorities and comforted the oppressed.
Because He represented the marginalized, He was crucified, His body
mocked by others, died and was buried.
He knew personal Hell.
On the third day God celebrated the wonder of the human body and raised
Jesus from the dead.
Jesus ascended into the realm of beauty, continually moving among us,
blessing and sustaining us.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
all music, wonder and strength.
I am a member of the Body of Christ.
I cherish the communion of the saints,
live because of the forgiveness of sin,

emulate the resurrection of the Body
and already experience life everlasting. Amen

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Shine

Give me a word, give me a sign
Show me where to look and tell me, what will I find?
What will I find?
Lay me on the ground
Fly me in the sky
Show me where to look and tell me, what will I find?
What will I find?
Yeah, oh

Heaven let your light shine down, oh
Heaven let your light shine down, oh
Heaven let your light shine down, oh
Heaven let your light shine

Love is in the water
Love is in the air
Show me where to go and tell me, will love be there?
Will love be there?
Teach me how to speak
Teach me how to share
Teach me where to go and tell me, will love be there?
Will love be there?
Yeah, oh

Heaven let your light shine down, oh
Heaven let your light shine down, oh
Heaven let your light shine down, oh
Heaven let your light shine

Give me a word, give me a sign
Show me where to look and tell me, what will I find?
What will I find?
Lord, teach me how to speak

Teach me how to share
Teach me where to go and tell me, will love be there?
Will love be there?
Yeah, oh

Heaven let your light shine down, oh
Heaven let your light shine down, oh
Heaven let your light shine down, oh
Heaven let your light shine

Songwriters: Steve Taylor / Peter Furler
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Upside Down

Who's to say
What's impossible? Well, they forgot
This world keeps spinning, and with each new day
I can feel a change in everything
And as the surface breaks, reflections fade
But in some ways, they remain the same
And as my mind begins to spread its wings
There's no stopping curiosity

I wanna turn the whole thing upside down
I'll find the things they say just can't be found
I'll share this love I find with everyone
We'll sing and dance to Mother Nature's songs
I don't want this feeling to go away

Who's to say
I can't do everything? Well, I can try
And as I roll along I begin to find
Things aren't always just what they seem

I wanna turn the whole thing upside down
I'll find the things they say just can't be found
I'll share this love I find with everyone
We'll sing and dance to Mother Nature's songs
This world keeps spinning

And there's no time to waste
Well, it all keeps spinning, spinning 'round and 'round
And upside down
Who's to say what's impossible and can't be found?
I don't want this feeling to go away

Please don't go away
Please don't go away
Please don't go away
Is this how it's supposed to be?
Is this how it's supposed to be?

Songwriters: Jack Johnson/Ben Harper
Lyrics © 2006 Brushfire Music / Universal Music / Columbia Music

Fly From Heaven

Paul is making me nervous
Paul is making me scared
walk into this room and swaggers
like he's god's own messenger

changed the name of my brother
changed the things that he said
says he speaks to him
but he never even knew the man
but i'd give my life for him

Like water through my hands
you'd give him any ending
but if he's all you say
would he fly from heaven
to this world again
to this world again

Take whatever you're needing
take whatever you can
we are broken from within
run to another land

Like water through my hands
or is it just beginning
but if he's all you say
would he fly from heaven
to this world again
to this world again

They took my brother
they ripped him from me
to twist his words as they did his body
denied his family
denied his beauty
to lie him down at the feet
of those he couldn't save
couldn't save, couldn't save

Will it be the end
or is he still ascending
but if he's all you say
would he fly from heaven
to this world again
to this world again

Writer(s): Glen Richard Phillips
Lyrics © 1994 Columbia Music

A Conversation

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Lyrics: Eleanor H. Hull
Translation: Mary E. Byrne
Tune: SLANE

Benediction

Leader: Beloveds in the Christ we are brought into the family of God. In this family, some are queer, and some are straight. Some are trans and some are cisgender. The Body of Christ is rich in divine creativity: a community of people of many genders and races, abilities, sizes—Each a glimpse of God from a different angle.

Congregation: God claims each of us with delight. And we claim one another as companions in faith. We affirm the divine nature of our LGBTQ+ siblings and ask God to keep forming us into advocates for justice, love and inclusion. Amen.

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Take Me Home Country Roads

Almost Heaven, West Virginia
Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River
Life is old there, older than the trees
Younger than the mountains, growin' like a breeze

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads

All my memories gather 'round her
Miner's lady, stranger to blue water
Dark and dusty, painted on the sky
Misty taste of moonshine, teardrop in my eye

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads

I hear her voice in the mornin' hour, she calls me
The radio reminds me of my home far away
Drivin' down the road, I get a feelin'
That I should've been home yesterday, yesterday

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads

Take me home, (down) country roads
Take me home, (down) country roads

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