

# Cockeyed Homilies



1 Cor 9:22b

## Just the Words

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## Rollercoaster Year

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### Chorus

Rollercoaster year  
Turned me upside-down and twisted me  
Dropped me down and lifted me  
To heights I'd never known  
I know you, not me, were at the controls.

### Verse 1

Never would have chosen to take this ride at all  
But you're the operator and it's your call.

When I bought this ticket I promised I would believe.  
You know what you're doin' despite what I see.

(to Chorus)

Maybe I was thinking this was the merry-go-round.  
I thought that I could handle the ups and downs.

All the twists and turns they have trashed my stomach and back.  
By your grace I never fell off the track

### Bridge

Though sometime it felt like I would  
I was sure that I would  
But again my emotions lie

But you make the plans  
The controls in your hands  
So I'll go for another ride

(to chorus repeating the last line and changing "I know" to "so glad")

## **My Little White Dog**

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My little white dog is always excited to see me  
Or anyone else who might come to the door  
It doesn't really matter who it is  
My little dog wants to give 'em kisses  
Until something else gets her attention (Spoken: SQUIRREL!)

My little white dog is always very obedient  
Until there's something else that she'd rather do  
I call her and she's standing in the yard  
She's staring at me and it isn't that hard  
To imagine that she's grinnin' ...as she runs away

### **Chorus I**

Surely I am not like that; My devotion to the Master never wains!  
Surely I am full of it! So use whatever you will to make a change

Like a little white dog, with whom you're always teaching me lessons  
Like how un-white she is when she goes out in the snow  
Next to purity you see her stains.  
Trying to get her that white is in vain.  
Regardless of all the scrubbin' (chicka-chickaa)

And that little white dog, if somehow I was able to do it  
I know exactly what her inclination would be  
She'd go find somethin' stinky down the street  
And roll in it till she's repulsive to me.  
And when she'd cuddle up beside me I'd send her away!

### **Chorus II**

Surely I am just like that; the only thing to get me clean is in the Master's veins!  
I am so thankful for it. I will get so excited when He come's....like a little white dog,  
(Spoken: Aww, and I know you love me Lord...even more than I love that little dog.)

## **Dam Up My Mind**

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I want to set it all aside  
Tenacious little thoughts drifting in with the tide  
Poisoning the water I need to refresh me

I've tried to send them back to sea.  
But things keep clogging up and it runs back to me  
Lord you are the water I need to sustain me...So

### **Chorus**

Dam up my mind  
Let it run dry  
Clean it up and fill me again with waters of life

Fresh water flowing to the Sound  
But salt mixes in as I drift farther down  
Straying from the source only makes me more thirsty

I need to strain against the flow  
Easier to float, but where I'll end who knows  
Lord I know you do that's the reason I need you...To

**Smile For...**

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Now I lay you down to sleep  
I pray the Lord that He will keep  
My heart from breaking as you cry

Cuz when you cry I'm saddened too  
It's| Frightening to know that you  
Could have this power over me  
And

**Chorus**

When you smile for your daddy  
it's a little bit easier to get through the day  
And when you smile for your mama  
All the little things that mean so little fade away  
When you're eyes begin to shine  
And the corner of your mouth curls it's a brighter world  
Little One

God has placed you in my care  
And he hears our every prayer  
The same as I can hear your cries

He |feels our joys and sorrows too  
And he knows when to comfort you  
And when to let you cry it out

And I |Know He'll give me wisdom so that I can do the same

## **Aroma**

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When the tide comes in and the waters rise I am carried by waves of your love  
When the tide goes out and the marsh is exposed I'll tell you what I think of

I grew up in a tidal town so the smell it reminds me of home  
But my friends who came from far away walked away holding their nose

### **Bridge 1**

We can be like that; we don't want to deal with anything that offends us at first.

### **Chorus**

We're the aroma of Christ to this world, to believers and to the non  
To one of them the sweet aroma of life and death to the other one

When the incense burned in the House of God all the people remembered the smell  
'Cause it filled the air and got into your clothes so all those who met you could tell

That you'd spent time in the Father's presence, for nowhere else was it allowed.  
Now his Spirit is the essence, how will they perceive it now?

### **Bridge 2**

Will we exude it from all of our being or faintly so no one can tell?

**Even Wazungu!**  
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My camel ride has been cancelled  
But that's alright  
For I have no needle  
Through which to ride.  
I hear that it's easier, as rich as I am,  
Than getting into heaven.

She was sincerely amazed that  
We who need not  
Wanted to praise and  
honor you God  
We were all speechless when  
This sweet African  
Woman said with great delight...

**Chorus**

Jesus can save even white people.  
Who woulda thought?  
Lord my heart is full of  
praise for you  
Even wazungu can be saved!  
Now *that's* amazing grace!

When I was planning to come here  
I was hopin'  
Somehow the curtain  
Would be opened  
Now that I've seen behind  
It's burned in my mind  
So I will not forget it.

Lord, show me how you intended  
Me to live as  
Your hand extended  
And your witness  
Depending on you to grease  
The needle for me  
And to shrink that camel down  
The angels rejoice with them  
The sweet African's  
When they learn what you're about!

## **What are You Doin'?**

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I couldn't love you more were you my own flesh and blood, bro  
That being said, I need to ask you...  
What are you doin'?

You told me to ignore what I would see, but I saw, bro  
You're treading dangerous ground. Boy,  
What are you doin'?!

### **Chorus**

And I have been worried about you  
And I know you'd tell me now to  
But I will keep prayin' for you  
As long as the Lord keeps laying you on my heart.

I didn't want to be the one who said all these things, bro  
But when I've tried to walk away He said;  
"What are you doing?"

I know you think no one is being hurt by your fun, bro  
But you're growing calloused to the Call!

### **Chorus**

And I'm getting worried about you  
And I know you'd tell me now to  
But I will keep prayin' for you  
As long as the Lord keeps laying you on my heart.

**I Love the Way You**

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*For Mindy on our wedding day.*

I love the way you look at me  
I love the way you make me smile  
I love that fact that you're content just pray with me for a while.

I love the way you touch my hair  
I love how you express surprise  
I love the way your eyes enhance the beauty of candlelight.

**Chorus**

And I love that I feel like a wanted man  
Because you're in my life  
I can't tell you how that feels!  
And I feel like I'm truly loved by a woman for who I am  
Can't believe this dream is real!

I love the way you flirt with me  
I love the way you kiss me too  
I love the fact that every day I fall more in love with you.

I love that you are standing here  
I love that you are dressed in white  
I love that you will steel be near when we kiss goodnight  
Tonight and every night  
For the rest of our lives  
'Cause today you're my wife!

## **Semper Fi (Bill He)**

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Bill he never backed down from a fight  
Bill he wasn't afraid to start it.  
Bill he'd take a left to deliver a right  
Bill he fell in love with carnage

Bill he took a bullet 'fore he carried a gun  
Just to entertain his brother  
Parris Island taught him to shoot and to run  
So he wouldn't take another

### **Bridge**(Rapped)

In a bar in Okinawa; took a mug to the head  
12 staples what it cost him and the blood that he bled  
He's the kind of guy that's what it would take to take him down  
So if we('re) ever in a fight...I want him on my side!  
Semper Fi!!!

### **Chorus**

Always Faithful!  
Learned obedience through what he suffered  
Got his orders from above.  
I am grateful!  
For the service that he offered  
Would lay it all down for those he loves.

Jesus never backed down from a fight  
And he wasn't afraid to start it.  
Gladly humbled those who believed they were right  
But they would respond with carnage.

### **Bridge II (Rapped)**

On a hill outside the city; you should see what they did  
3 spikes are what it cost him and the blood that he bled  
And his blood would wash away the sins of those-oo (who) know its true  
So when I stand before the throne...I'm glad he's on my side  
Semper Fi!

**Between Us**

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*For Mindy*

I have always been a really sensitive guy  
I've always made decisions with my heart  
But the heart's deceptive so it's led me astray  
So I swore this time I'd be on my guard.

I know you see through me but I think it's okay  
I trust you cuz you're walking in his light  
I have been so blessed to see the Jesus in you.  
It makes me feel like something here's right!

**Chorus**

When I look into your eyes and I'm melted by your smile  
Stay with me a while, we'll talk to Jesus  
Place your precious hand in my own  
Close those pretty eyes  
Breathe contented sighs  
He is between us

I am who I am but I'm not who I will be  
On the day that I see Him face to face.  
While I'm stranded here I'll strain for glimpses of Him.  
It's not hard when we are in the same place.

For when we're together He is there with us too  
'Cause we always seek to honor his name.  
But there is this bonus you are beautiful too  
And the heart that beats inside you's the same

And I feel so blessed of God!

## **Not the Girl**

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I was so in love with her  
At least I thought I was  
I thought she was the woman of my dreams  
And every time I thought of her, which was most of the time  
I vacillated between 2 extremes

I wanted to sing with her about your perfect love  
And help her on her path toward things divine  
But every time I looked at her, though I fought, my mind would long  
To hold her perfect body next to mine

So Michael placed a sign above my bed based on a song  
But now that I look back on it, the lyrics were all wrong.

### **Chorus**

From a distance is not true  
He is right here and he loves you (*2<sup>nd</sup> x: You are right here and I love you.*)  
When I've thought of that I've thought of my behavior  
But the part that I had missed  
Your desire for relationship  
Now my heart's on intimacy with my Savior  
Not the Girl

The truth is that I live by my emotions most of the time  
It's hard for me to live what I don't feel  
And I admit the chorus of this song's where I want to be  
The "often unattainable ideal."

Like the night I was alone with her and she looked into my eyes  
She spoke and I could taste your bitter sorrow.  
She said: tonight I feel like I could be in love with you forever.  
But I can't promise how I'll feel tomorrow.

And for the night I had the love I was always longing for  
But in the morning she was distant...  
I don't want to do that to you any more!

**All of the Above**

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*To Mindy on our First Anniversary and to our unborn daughter*

Little girl, I am sitting in your room; outside the wind's blowing softly through the trees  
Like the wind, just the simple thought of you  
It move's me

Little girl, sitting in this rocking chair where very soon I'll be rocking you to sleep  
Whispered thought, telling me it's time for prayer  
And it moves me  
To pray for you

**Bridge**

So Father God I come to You  
In the name of Christ your Son  
And I lift to You our little girl  
Even now before she comes

**Chorus**

I...Pray that she will love you more than  
We have ever been able  
I...Pray that you will keep her clothed and  
Food upon her table  
And I pray that she will never question whether she is loved  
And I pray that You will use her mother and I to answer  
All of the above

Little girl, as I'm singing you this song I'm sure that there will be many more to come.  
What a thought! Maybe you are singing too!  
'Cause you're moving inside your mama

**Bridge**

As the Father God is knitting you  
Together in her womb  
I will make this promise little girl  
I will always pray for you

**Chorus**

I...Pray that you will love God more than  
We have ever been able

I...Pray that He will keep you clothed and  
Food upon your table

And I pray that you will never question whether you are loved

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