Songs of Lament

The below is also available as a playlist in Spotify:

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3cSPkXYbpRzDZJFnCfvvhe?si=xp0l2RzbSrCdVQ-aM51UUw

Walk With Me, Lord • https://youtu.be/fsixjKOXpVc

How Long O Lord • https://youtu.be/ anmR EeFxA

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel • https://youtu.be/lBpx-OCFHKY

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot • https://youtu.be/z9Y GLT4 9I

By the Waters of Babylon • https://youtu.be/B11KZxvRIJE

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended? • https://youtu.be/CSN3oSOjInE

O Sacred Head Now Wounded • https://youtu.be/Pdlwr8lAJ1E

Were You There • https://youtu.be/owqqhWnDxlk

My Shepherd Will Supply all of My Needs • https://youtu.be/fPwz-O3bXEU

Here I Am, Lord ● https://youtu.be/mSzm7rEkmEU

We Are Standing on Holy Ground • https://youtu.be/ZdminhRbHvE

Shelter Me, Oh God • https://youtu.be/ROUr4fTlgIM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel • https://youtu.be/XF8jtLC4UPo

Rivers of Babylon • https://youtu.be/ta42xU2UXLA

Why Stand So Far Away, My God? • https://youtu.be/8IXwfPvCYu0

My God, My God, why (Psalm 22) • https://youtu.be/DGW7DKP1twE

In the Presence of Your People • https://youtu.be/tPJNR4T43CI

It Is Well With My Soul • https://youtu.be/Zs-D6vwvgLs

Tears From Heaven • https://youtu.be/X5DXKz0iXOo

Sad Songs Say So Much • https://youtu.be/X23v5 K7cXk

Green River Blues • https://youtu.be/fswDAlmwskQ

St. Louis Blues • https://youtu.be/5Bo3f 9hLkQ

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen • https://youtu.be/jzaWFfyh1N4

The Way We Were • https://youtu.be/ifWOSnoCSOM

I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry • https://youtu.be/y9oa_BOS2KA

Send in the Clowns • https://youtu.be/31i5hD9YSbQ

Stone Cold • https://youtu.be/B5qULV6x cE

Strange Fruit • https://youtu.be/Web007rzSOI

Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain • https://youtu.be/crgtWomWg90

I Can't Make You Love Me • https://youtu.be/nW9Cu6GYgxo

Poor Wayfaring Stranger • https://youtu.be/PluWTkRvn00

Lonesome Dove • https://youtu.be/zF3XgnuEEJY

Good Hearted Woman • https://youtu.be/swRJeMsk21g

Unbreak My Heart • https://youtu.be/tBmKWSz09oE

Christmas Shoes • https://youtu.be/XenT7Hj2FQg

Water Over Stones • https://youtu.be/2xPq1AKnG0c

Heartbreak Hotel • https://youtu.be/e9BLw4W5KU8

Cry Me A River • https://youtu.be/wSw8KaZIzYg

You'll Never Walk Alone • https://youtu.be/G1WpGqEOCOg

All Who Love and Serve Your City • https://youtu.be/H1jabmxxZF8

In The Arms of an Angel • https://youtu.be/Uch3EFnwu I

Someone Like You • https://youtu.be/h4bZYcq4qeE

Maria (West Side Story) https://youtu.be/Jy2VGRDxSvU

I Cried a Tear • https://youtu.be/cRjnV0DcAwE

Hello After Goodbye • https://youtu.be/1zn0s8qY6bM

Hard Times Come Again No More ● https://youtu.be/H6FVvh7vjwc

What a Wonderful World • https://youtu.be/CWzrABouyeE

Last Kiss • https://youtu.be/4447IT5GQOk

A Water Over Stone • https://youtu.be/5L3qkx4I5RE



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Parts of a Biblical Lament

- 1. Address to God
- 2. Description of the situation leading to lament
- 3. Statement of trust in God based on past relationship (distant past/recent past)
- 4. Call on God to act
- 5. Assurance that God will hear

Psalms of Lament

Individual Laments: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9-10, 13, 14, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27*, 28, 31, 36*, 39, 40:12-17, 41, 42-43, 52*, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61, 64, 70, 71, 77, 86, 89*, 120, 139, 141, 142

Communal Laments: 12, 44, 58, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, 85, 89*, 90, 94, 123, 126, 129

Penitential Laments: 6, 32*, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

Imprecatory Laments: 35, 69, 83, 88, 109, 137, 140

*These psalms can be categorized as more than one type of psalm, not just lament.

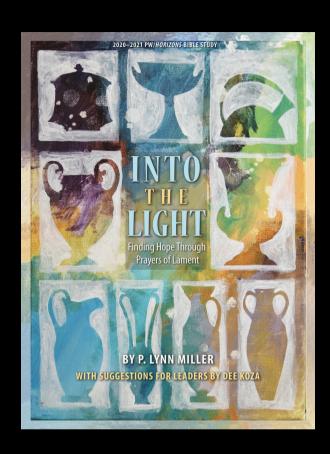
The neuroscience of singing:

https://www.amazon.com/This-Your-Brain-Music-Obsession/dp/0452288525

Singing in times of stress:

https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20200518-why-singing-can-make-you-feel-better-in-lockdown





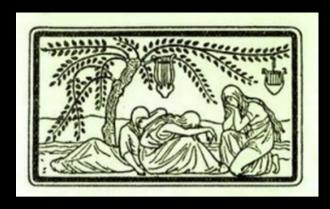
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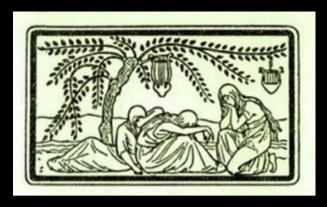


If someone else is suffering enough to write it down, When every single word makes sense, Then it's easier to have those songs around. The kick inside is in the line that finally gets to you And it feels so good to hurt so bad And suffer just enough to sing the blues. So turn 'em on, turn 'em on Turn on those sad songs. When all hope is gone, Why don't you tune in and turn them on? They reach into your room, oh oh oh Just feel their gentle touch (gentle touch). When all hope is gone You know sad songs say so much

-Bernie Taupin"Sad Songs Say So Much"



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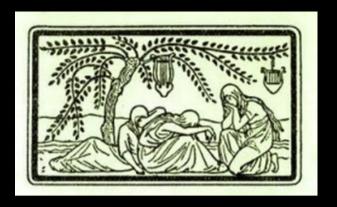


Topical Index in Glory to God

Lament (individual hymns)
Lament and Longing for Healing (section 775-800)

- •after Justice and Reconciliation
- before Living and Dying in Christ

•Also a Scripture Index



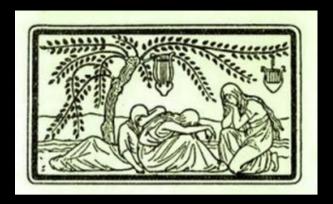
Hymn 775

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me; When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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Hymn 777

How long, O Lord, will you forget an answer to my prayer? No tokens of your love I see; your face is turned away from me; I wrestle with despair.

How long, O Lord, will you forsake and leave me in this way? When will you come to my relief? My heart is overwhelmed with grief, by evil night and day

How long, O Lord?
But you forgive with mercy from above.
I find that all your ways are just;
I learn to praise you and
to trust in your unfailing love!

(Psalm 13)

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Psalm 22

1My God, my God,
why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far
from helping me,
from the words
of my groaning?
2 O my God, I cry by day,
but you do not answer;
and by night,
but find no rest.

3 Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the
praises of Israel.
4 In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted,
and you delivered them.
5 To you they cried,
and were saved;
in you they trusted,
and were not put to shame.

Hymn 210

Verse 1
Lord, why have you
forsaken me,
And why are you
so far away from
my complaint
And my distress
Poured out before you
night and day

Verse 4
Yet you, O Lord,
have been my God
and only hope
since I was born.
With trouble near me,
none can help.
My Savior,
leave me not forlorn.

Hymn 631

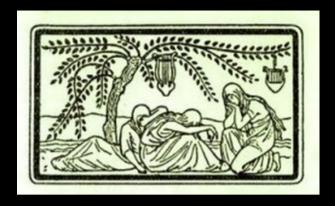
Verse 1
In the presence
of your people
I will praise your name,
For alone you are holy,
enthroned on
the praises of Israel.
Let us celebrate your goodness
and your steadfast love;
May your name be exalted
here on earth and in heaven above.

Biblical Lament

2. Description

1 Address

Verse 3
All who seek your rule
will praise you and be satisfied;
for alone you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
All the peoples of the nations
will bow down to you;
May your name be exalted
here on earth and in heaven above



Individual issues/lessons:

Topical Index (page 949): Grief, Injustice

[Lesson 1: Individual]

[Lesson 2: Communal]

[Lesson 3: Women (There is a section titled Women, but there are no laments)]

Lesson 4: Death (Living and Dying in Christ, Dying in Christ, Death, Funeral)

Lesson 5: Life (Living in Christ, though a quick glance shows no laments)

Lesson 6: City (Social Concerns may have some)

Lesson 7: Creation (Animals, Care of Creation, Creation, Creation and Providence)

Lesson 8: God Laments

(There is a section titled God's Love for Us, but few if any

laments are listed; more along the lines of "What Wondrous Love is This")

Lesson 9: Hope, A New Heaven and a New Earth



Nobody knows the trouble I've been through Nobody knows my sorrow Nobody knows the trouble I've seen Glory hallelujah!

Glory hallelujah! Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down Oh, yes, Lord Sometimes I'm almost to the ground Oh, yes, Lord Although you see me going 'long so Oh, yes, Lord I have my trials here below Oh, yes, Lord If you get there before I do Oh, yes, Lord Tell all-a my friends I'm coming to Heaven! Oh, yes, Lord

-Published 1867

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Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace Then why not every man?

I set my foot on the gospel ship and the ship began to sail. It landed me over on Canaan's shore and I'll never come back no more.

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

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Chorus: (Sung in Unison)
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel,
Deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel,
Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel,
And why not every man?

1. He delivered Daniel from the lion's den,Jonah from the belly of the whale,And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace,And why not every man? [Chorus]

2. The moon run down in a purple stream, The sun forbear to shine, And every star disappear, King Jesus shall be mine.

[Chorus]

[Chorus]

3. The wind blows East, and the wind blows West, It blows like the judgment day, And every poor soul that never did pray 'll be glad to pray that day. [Chorus]

4. I set my foot on the Gospel ship,
And the ship it begin to sail,
It landed me over on Canaan's shore,
And I'll never come back any more.

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The blues are that mood which owes its origins to powerlessness in the face of trouble.

James H. Cone, The Spirituals and the Blues, 123



I see a river rollin' like a log I wade up Green River, rollin' like a log I wade up Green River, Lord, rollin' like a log

Think I heard the Marion whistle blow I dreamed I heard the Marion whistle blow, And it blew just like my baby gettin' on board

I'm goin' where the Southern cross the Dog2 I'm goin' where the Southern cross the Dog I'm goin' where the Southern cross the Dog

Some people say the Green River blues ain't bad Some people say the Green River blues ain't bad Then it must-a not been the Green River blues I had

It was late one night, everything was still It was late one night, baby, everything was still I could see my baby up on a lonesome hill How long evenin' train been gone?

How long, baby, that evenin' train been gone?
You know I'm worried now but I won't be worried long

I'm goin' away, but may get lonesome here I'm goin' away, baby, you may get lonesome here Yes, I'm goin' away, baby, it may get lonesome here **Biblical Lament**

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Charlie Patton
Green River Blues



I hate to see that evening sun go down I hate to see that evening sun go down Cause my baby, he's done left this town

If I feel tomorrow like I feel today Feelin' tomorrow like I feel today I'll pack up my truck and make my get-a-way

St. Louis woman with her diamond rings
Pulls that man around by her apron strings,
'Tweren't for powder and her store-bought hair
That man I love wouldn't go nowhere, nowhere

I got the St. Louis blues, I'm as blue as I can be He's got a heart like a rock cast in the sea Or else he would not go so far from me

I love my baby like a school boy loves his pie Like a Kentucky colonel loves his mint 'n rye I love my man till the day I die

Sung by Bessie Smith

Biblical Lament

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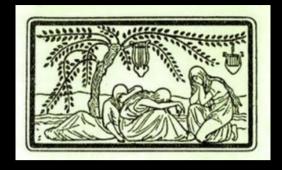
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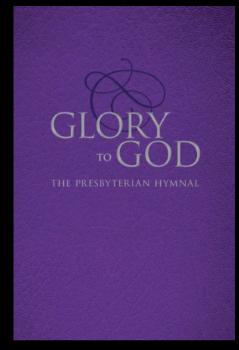
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W.C. Handy St. Louis Blues









New music New arrangements of music

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Call to Worship Hymn Hymn Benediction

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