

New Psalm

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Psalm 139

VERSE 1:

C F/A Em/G Dm/F C F/A Em/G Dm/F
If you could be anyone at all, I hope you'd be your - self,
C F/A Em/G Dm/F C F/A Em/G Dm/F
Cause you should be quite pleased with who you are, I know, I AM.

CHORUS:

C Dm7 C/E F
You're not the sun or the ocean,
C Dm7 C/E F
You're not the moon or the sky,
C Dm7 C/E F
What you are is much better,
C/E Dm7 G
Than any world could describe.

VERSE 2:

C F/A Em/G Dm/F C F/A Em/G Dm/F
And do not be afraid of anything, I'll give you strength, not fear,
C F/A Em/G Dm/F C F/A Em/G Dm/F
But even though I knit you del - icate, I'm al - ways near.

CHORUS:

C Dm7 C/E F
I will not ever forsake you,
C Dm7 C/E F
And I hope that you don't mind,
C Dm7 C/E F
That I would take such an interest
C/E Dm7 G A **(Key Change into Instrumental Verse)**
In you, my unique design.

VERSE 3:

D G/B F#m/A Em/G D G/B F#m/A Em/G
If you could see the sum of my thoughts, there's more than grains of sand
D G/B F#m/A Em/G D G/B F#m/A Em/G
The vastness of my love cuts through the dark, to hold your hand.

CHORUS:

D Em7 D/F# G
I love to search you and know you,
D Em7 D/F# G
I understand anxious thoughts,
D Em7 D/F# G
I AM, your loving Father,
D/F# Em7 A
You are a child of God.

REPRISE:

D G/B F#m/A Em/G D G/B F#m/A Em/G
If you could be anyone at all, I hope you'd be your - self,
D G/B F#m/A Em/G D G/B F#m/A Em/G (D)
Cause you should be quite pleased with who you are, I know, I AM.

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

*1 O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.
2 You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.
4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.
5 You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!
7 I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!
8 If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.
9 If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans,
10 even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me.
11 I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—
12 but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day.
Darkness and light are the same to you.
13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.
14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.
16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book.
Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.
17 How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!
18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*