

Why Are You So Afraid?

A lyrical devotion

CHORD CHART · LYRICS BY BILL PERKINS · MUSIC RENDERED WITH AI

GUITAR

GUITAR VERSION (Key of G)

Tempo: 78-84 bpm

Feel: steady, mid-tempo, pulsing

Instrumentation: acoustic guitar, piano, strings

VERSE 1

G D/F# Em
If You're with me in the waters,
C G/B Am D
then I'm safe within Your hold—
G D/F# Em
for no storm can break this vessel
C G/B Am D
when Your presence guards my soul.

G D/F# Em
But the storm within is raging,
C G/B Am D
and my boat's about to tear—

G D/F# Em
The storm within is raging,
C G/B Am D
and I'm drowning in my fear—

PRE-CHORUS

Em D C
Lord, don't You see me?
Em D C
Lord, don't You care?
Am G/B C
Then You ask me in the darkness:
Am G/B D
"Why are you afraid?"

CHORUS

G D/F# Em
Your voice cuts through the chaos
C G/B Am D
and calls my fear by name.

G D/F# Em
Then Your presence meets my chaos,
C G/B Am D
every fear begins to fold.

G D/F# Em
You hush what howls within me,
C G/B Am D
and You calm the storm I hold.

VERSE 2

G D/F# Em
You speak and winds fall silent,
C G/B Am D
and the waves refuse to rise—

G D/F# Em
but my heart still shakes with fear,
C G/B Am D
'cause the storm inside is near.

G D/F# Em
If the wind obeys Your order,
C G/B Am D
and the waves obey Your word,

G D/F# Em
why does fear still rise within me,
C G/B Am D
when I know that You are near.

FINAL CHORUS (double)

G D/F# Em
If You're with me in the waters,
C G/B Am D
then I'm safe within Your hold—

G D/F# Em
for no storm can break this vessel
C G/B Am D
when Your presence guards my soul.

REPEAT

TAG

G D/F# Em
for no storm can break this vessel
C G/B Am D
when Your presence guards my soul.

ENDING

G D/F# Em
When Your presence guards my soul.
C G/B Am G

PIANO

PIANO PERFORMANCE SHEET (Key of G)

Style: steady, pulsing, cinematic

Approach: right-hand triads + broken left-hand octaves

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G D/F# Em
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C G/B Am D
and my boat's about to tear—

G D/F# Em
The storm within is raging,
C G/B Am D
and I'm drowning in my fear—

PRE-CHORUS

Em D C
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Em D C
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REPEAT

TAG

G D/F# Em
for no storm can break this vessel
C G/B Am D
when Your presence guards my soul.

ENDING

G D/F# Em
When Your presence guards my soul.
C G/B Am G

NASHVILLE NUMBER CHART

NASHVILLE NUMBER CHART (Key of G)

Style: steady, pulsing, cinematic

Band-ready version with lyrics paired.

VERSE 1

1 5/7 6m
If You're with me in the waters,
4 1/3 2m 5
then I'm safe within Your hold—
1 5/7 6m
for no storm can break this vessel
4 1/3 2m 5
when Your presence guards my soul.

1 5/7 6m
But the storm within is raging,
4 1/3 2m 5
and my boat's about to tear—

1 5/7 6m
The storm within is raging,
4 1/3 2m 5
and I'm drowning in my fear—

PRE-CHORUS

6m 5 4
Lord, don't You see me?
6m 5 4
Lord, don't You care?
2m 1/3 4
Then You ask me in the darkness:
2m 1/3 5
"Why are you afraid?"

CHORUS

1 5/7 6m
Your voice cuts through the chaos
4 1/3 2m 5
and calls my fear by name.

1 5/7 6m
Then Your presence meets my chaos,
4 1/3 2m 5
every fear begins to fold.

1 5/7 6m
You hush what howls within me,
4 1/3 2m 5
and You calm the storm I hold.

VERSE 2

1 5/7 6m
You speak and winds fall silent,
4 1/3 2m 5
and the waves refuse to rise—

1 5/7 6m

but my heart still shakes with fear,
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'cause the storm inside is near.

1 5/7 6m
If the wind obeys Your order,
4 1/3 2m 5
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1 5/7 6m
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4 1/3 2m 5
when Your presence guards my soul.

REPEAT

TAG

1 5/7 6m
for no storm can break this vessel
4 1/3 2m 5
when Your presence guards my soul.

ENDING

1 5/7 6m
When Your presence guards my soul.
4 1/3 2m 1