

In the Arms of Your Mercy

Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

INTRO (♩ = ca. 66)

Piano

Bm7 G D/F# A Bm7 G D/F# A

VERSES: Solo

1. You nev - er said _____ the path would be eas y.
 2. I'm stand - ing now. _____ I lift up my eyes _____ and see

Bm7 G D/F# A

1. You nev - er said _____ the doors would fly o - pen for me.
 2. your love is wait - ing be - yond all the dark - ness, and I know

Bm7 G D/F# A/C#

1. An - y fight worth win - ning is _____ worth work - ing for, _____ and with faith _____
 2. I can do this now. _____ I can do an - y - thing _____ 'cause I'm a -

Bm Bm/A Gmaj7 D/F#

1. _____ in you, I step in - to _____ the _____ light _____ of day. _____
 2. live a - gain, a - live in you, _____ and I know I will rise. _____

Em7 D/F# G

1. _____
 2. _____ As I

G/A A/C#

REFRAIN: All
 Melody

lay down my heart _____ in the arms of your mer - cy, you

Soprano
 Alto
 Tenor
 Bass

Lay my heart, _____ arms mer - cy,

D A Em7 Asus4 A/C#

change my grief — in - to hope for to - day. — Ev - ery

change my grief, — ah. —

D A G A A/C#

night let me rest — in the arms of your mer - cy, and

Ah, — arms of your mer - cy.


G/B A/C# D G A sus4 A to Coda ⊕

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line, piano accompaniment, and guitar chords. The lyrics are: "change my grief — in - to hope for to - day. — Ev - ery", "change my grief, — ah. —", "night let me rest — in the arms of your mer - cy, and", and "Ah, — arms of your mer - cy." The score includes a large watermark reading "PREVIEW".

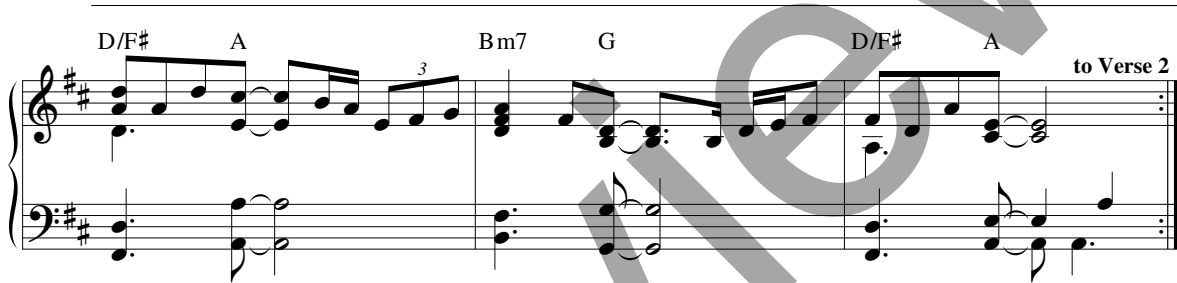
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wake me up to-mor - row strong-er than be-fore.

Em7 D/F# A sus4 A Bm7 G



D/F# A Bm7 G D/F# A to Verse 2



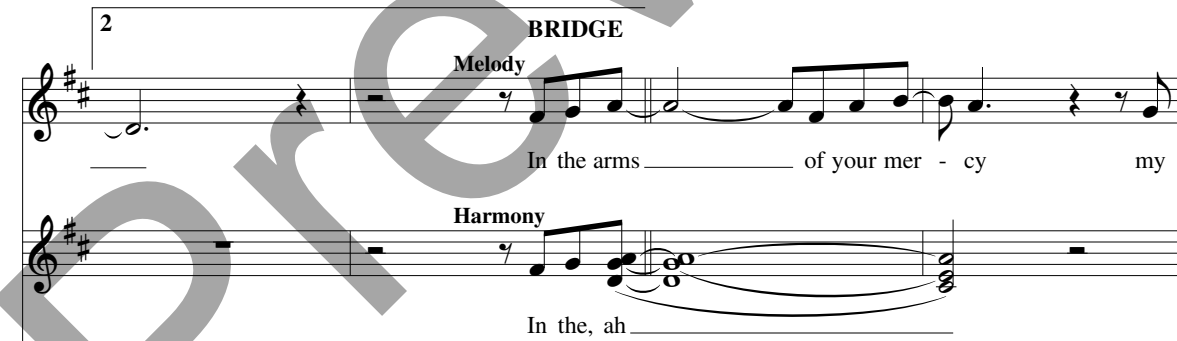
2 BRIDGE

Melody

In the arms of your mer - cy my

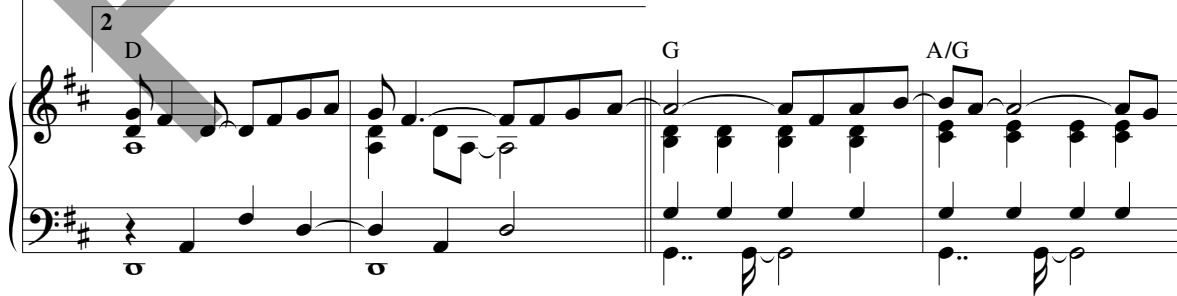
Harmony

In the, ah



2

D G A/G



hope is born. In the arms _____ of your mer -

Oo. _____ In the, ah _____

D A Bm Bm/A G

- cy I am made whole,

I am made whole. _____

A/G Bm A G

and I'm com-ing home. _____

C

3

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line with lyrics, a piano accompaniment with chords and bass lines, and guitar chords indicated above the piano part. The lyrics are: "hope is born. In the arms _____ of your mer -", "Oo. _____ In the, ah _____", "- cy I am made whole,", "I am made whole. _____", and "and I'm com-ing home. _____". The guitar chords are D, A, Bm, Bm/A, G, A/G, Bm, A, G, and C. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' over it in the final piano part.

I'm com-ing home. *D.S.*
As I

G Em7 D/F# G A *D.S.*

⊕ CODA

wake me up — to-mor - row, —

Wake me up — to-mor - row, —

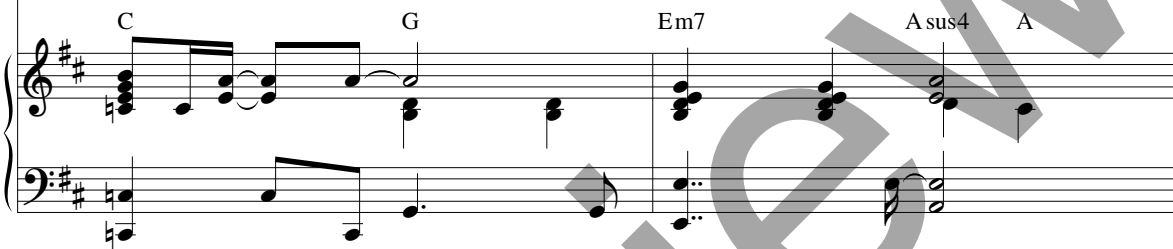
Em7 D/F# G A/G

wake me up — to-mor - row — strong - er — than be-fore, —

Oo.



C G Em7 A sus4 A



strong - er — than be-fore. —

S/A Solo

Bm G D/F# A



Strong-er. —

S/A

Bm G D/F# A Gadd9



Composer Notes

In the Arms of Your Mercy is dedicated to the women of Catherine’s House, a restorative justice ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in Palo Alto, California. Women who come to Catherine’s are struggling with varied personal challenges, including homelessness, addiction, and incarceration. The program helps them find strength and hope as they grow in faith, wellness, and security.

The lyrics for this song were inspired by an evening I spent in conversation with a group of remarkable young women who were in the program at the time, along with those who minister to them. In the weeks following that encounter, I wrote the song and performed it a few months later for a benefit concert for Catherine’s House. The event was themed “In the Arms of Mercy,” in keeping with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (2015–2016), which was in its final weeks at the time.

While the song is not liturgical in its intent, it could prove helpful for personal reflection, reconciliation, and retreats. In performing this song live, I have found that it resonates with people who are struggling with recovery from substance abuse, grief, depression, anxiety – all the ways in which we might find ourselves in need of God’s mercy.

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Preview

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Em7 D/F# G G/A

1. _____ in you, I step in - to _____ the _____ light _____ of day. _____
2. live a - gain, a - live in you, _____ and I know I will rise. _____

REFRAIN: All

A/C# D A Em7 Asus4 A/C#

As I lay down my heart _____ in the arms of your mer - cy, _____ you

D A G A A/C# G/B A/C# D

change my grief _____ in - to hope for to - day. _____ Ev - ery night let me rest _____ in the

G Asus4 A Em7 D/F# Asus4 A

to Coda ⊕

arms of your mer - cy, and wake me up _____ to - mor - row _____ strong - er _____ than be - fore. _____

1

Bm7 G D/F# A Bm7 G D/F# A to Verse 2

2 BRIDGE

D G A/G

In the arms of your mer - cy my

D A Bm Bm/A G A/G

hope is born. In the arms of your mer - cy I

Bm A G C

am made whole, and I'm com-ing home.

G Em7 D/F# G A D.S.

I'm com-ing home. As I

⊕ CODA

Em7 Solo D/F# G A/G

wake me up to-mor - row, wake me up to-mor - row,

C Solo G Em7 Asus4 A

wake me up to - mor - row strong - er than be - fore,

Bm G D/F# A Solo

strong - er than be - fore.

Bm G D/F# A Gadd9

Strong - er.

Assembly Edition

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Verse 1

1. You never said
the path would be easy.
You never said
the doors would fly open for me.

Any fight worth winning is
worth working for,
and with faith in you,
I step into the light of day.

Refrain

As I lay down my heart in the arms of your mer - cy, you
change my grief in - to hope for to - day. Ev - ery
night let me rest in the arms of your mer - cy, and
wake me up to - mor - row strong - er than be - fore.

Verse 2

2. I'm standing now.
I lift up my eyes and see
your love is waiting
beyond all the darkness,
and I know I can do this now.
I can do anything 'cause I'm alive again,
alive in you, and I know I will rise.

Bridge

In the arms of your mercy my hope is born.
In the arms of your mercy I am made whole,
and I'm coming home. I'm coming home.

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