

MUSIC

3/4 time (pu=1), Verse 1 Tempo 92 BPM.

Verse 2 Tempo 120 BPM

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dedicated to our Lord, 2 March 2009

Album: Amazing Love 'n' Lullabies

“...of myself I will not boast, except in my **infirmities**.... Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."** Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**” -- 2 Corinthians 12: 5a, 8, 9. Dedicated to our Great God on 2 March 2009

INTRO. PATTERN: v1, C, v2, C, TAG. Keyboard= high. (Vocal's MELODY is under words)

3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+
		Em				Am				D				Bm									
E		E		E		F#		G		F#		E		D		B		F#		E		----->	
																							(repeat)

**It is silly, how often we tell God that we have too many weaknesses and failings to serve Him.** We are NO SURPRISE to God! He even knew us BEFORE we were born – Psalm 139. In fact, KNOWING that we are weak and need God actually protects us from pride, from SELF-focus in the midst of serving our Lord. God tells you and me through 2nd Corinthians 12, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."** Paul's words about himself provide an example for us all to follow and truly believe: **"Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."** We **INSULT** God when we inform Him that we're too weak.

VERSE 1: (slow, pensive, about 92 )

3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+
Me:		Em				Em6				D				Bm									
Dear		God,	how	I		love	You,	how	I	yearn	to	be	.....										
a		pow-	er-	ful		wit-	ness	and	ser-	vant	for	You.											
^B		E		E		F#		G		F#		E		D		E		D		vB			

3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+
But		Cmaj7				Em				D				Em									
I		see	my	weak-	ness,	my	fail-	ures,	my	faults	....												
vB		C		B		A		E		E		E		D		D		D		vB			

3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1+2+3+1+2+3+1+2+3+1+2+								
		*Em(Add6) = {E G B C; ≠ Em6 which has a C#}																				
Em		Em(Add6)				D				Em		D		Em								
God,	You	can	do	bet-ter	_____	than	me	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	>								
vB	C		D		E		D - D		F#		E		D		E							
(Em)	Em(Add6)					D				Em		Dm		Bm								
I	love	You	and	I'm	so	sor-	ry	I'm	like	me.	<vocal>											
vB	C		D		E		D		D		C		vB		vA		A		B			

**VERBAL INTERLUDE.** God lovingly answers our prayers, even when they are not questions or requests. When we sorrow at how much we fail Him, God reminds us of His words – as in this paraphrase of Zechariah 4:6 – “It is not by YOUR might or by YOUR power, but by MY Holy Spirit says the Lord of Hosts.” Here are the comforting Words our Lord God has already shared with us:

**REPEAT INTRO. TEMPO PICKS UP TO 120, joyful!**

**VERSE 2:**

3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+
		<b>Em</b>					<b>Am</b>					<b>D</b>					<b>Bm</b>						
<b>GOD:</b>																							
I'll		use		you		des-		pite		all		your		weak-		ness		you		see,			
E		E		E		D		C		C		A		D		D		C		v B			

3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1+2+	3+	1+2+	
		<b>Cmaj7</b>					<b>Am</b>					<b>Em</b>					<b>B7</b>						
IF		you		choose		to		of-		fer		your		whole		self		to		Me.			
v B		C		C		B		A		B		C		^E		F#		G		F#			

3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+
		<b>Cmaj7</b>					<b>Am</b>					<b>D</b>					<b>Bm</b>						
You'll		find		truth:		“God’s		grace		is		suf-		fi-		cient		for		thee,”			
E		E		E		D		C		C		A		D		D		C		B			

3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1+2+3+1+2+3+1+2+3+1+2+									
Em		Em(Add6)				D				Em		D		Em		D		Em					
I		pro-		mis-		in		Two		Corin-		thians		twelve,		verse		9: ...					
v B		C		D		E		D		D		F#		E		D		E					
(Em)		Em(Add6)				D		<palm-mute>		Em		D		B7 [major]									
God’		strength		is		shown		per-		fect		through		your		weak		ness.					
v B		C		D		E		D		D		F#		UP> G		A		^ B					

<b>CHORUS:</b> < note that chorus begins on a pickup count >																							
3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	1	+	2	+
<i>loud, exciting though! .</i>																							
N.C.		<b>C</b>					<b>D</b>					<b>Bm7</b>					<b>Em</b>						
For		I		am		Your		Sa-		vior,		I’ve		loved		you		for -		e -		ver.	
^B		C		C		B		A		F#		A		B		B		A		G		E	
		<b>D2</b>					<b>B7</b>					<b>Am</b>					<b>B7</b>						
You		in -		sult		My		love		if		you		think		you’re		My		slave.		<hold>	
G		A		A		G		F#		vB		B		E		F#		A		^ B			
<i>much quieter, thought - filled:</i>																							
		<b>Em</b>					<b>Cmaj7</b>					<b>Bm7</b>					<b>Bm7</b>						
You		in -		sult		My		po -		wer		if		you		think		your		weak-		ness	
^B		G		G		G		G		v E		E		D		D		D		D		v B	



**Song Story.**

I admit it: I am embarrassed by the reason that this song so very quickly flowed through my pen. I'd been so excited that it seemed God was answering my prayers from a year earlier to serve Him with songwriting. [See Song Story for "Third of Despair & Hope.] I was so excited to watch Him draw me to find a studio producer "accidentally" through a casual conversation at church. So excited the first time I put a draft CD into my boom box to hear what I'd recorded the night before.

**And then...** My voice sounded so thin and blah. I was truly in despair at how ridiculous it was that I could serve God with music... Even though I never wanted to be a touring musician, nevertheless 'no one' would bother listening to actually painful song samples!!! So I was a bit damp when I wrote GRACE-FULL WEAKNESS, and you can hear that in the recording. I KEPT that FIRST voice track recording as the official production track, as evidence that God's Word in 2 Corinthians 12:9 is TRUE.

I thank God so much for the truths in this, His song -- including the last line:

Our weaknesses are not beyond God. In fact, they come in handy when we start getting a few prideful thoughts tripping into our minds!

I now know how studios can make average singers sound pretty good when they start developing the initial recordings! Yet this was one of the best SORROW times of my life -- realizing just how deeply I needed Our loving Holy Spirit's power for ANY ministry. Ephesians 3:20 always, with the purpose being verse 21 ----

to God's Great Glory! Dedicated to God, who empowers.. Eph. 3:20.... 2 March 2009