

# **WILL YOU BE TELEMACHAN?** ©2013 DianaDee Osborne pg 1 of 2

## **LYRICS**

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**Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” -- Ephesians 6:13**

### **PART 1**

1

Telemachus saved more people than you'll ever know.  
Telemachus saved hundreds of the people of the LORD.  
Back in 404 A.D., Telemachus went to Rome.  
In the days when the Colosseum entertained bored, thoughtless people  
with hungry lions and gladiators... Killing the Christians.

2

Telemachus watched in dismay at the bloody gore that  
somehow entertained people, there in ancient Rome.  
Telemachus chose to stand up, cry out “NO, This is wrong!”  
The crowd enjoyed Colosseum normal fun, saw no wrong, got  
angry at his interruption of Killing the Christians.

3

Telemachus rushed to the middle where the fighting was. He  
knew he could be killed, yet cried “STOP in the Name of Christ!”  
Telemachus stood in between the two gladiators.  
Loud he cried in the Colosseum, reaching the crowd as he cried,  
*“IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, this is so very wrong!”*  
Then was killed before the crowd.

<b>QUIET INTERLUDE</b>
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4

A hush came over the crowd as this innocent man died.  
One by one, they became Telemachan. Stood for right. Walked out Silent.

<b>QUIET INTERLUDE</b>
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### **PART 2**

5

All the crowd in personal shame chose to become Telemachan.  
Never again were Christians killed by Roman gladiators,  
by rule of the Emperor.

6

What about YOU? Here's the question. Will YOU choose to be Telemachan?  
Will you stand up for justice, face Death or just mocking for Christ?  
Will you choose to do what's right?

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## **PART 3 (Rap)**

1

Who will stand --- Telemachan?\_  
against slavery --- it's still done.

Risk their money, life, or mocking  
Will YOU fight for right? Telemachan?

2

Who will stand --- Telemachan?\_  
against prejudice based on race or

Risk friends, risk death, risk mocking?  
ANY hatred -- even religious?

3

Who will stand --- Telemachan?\_      See that a child DIES in abortion?  
Who will stand and risk church mocking, to LOVE all who have had abortions?

4

Who will stand WHEN the day comes    that Christians water down God's Word?  
God repeatedly said Time WILL come when false teachers are NOT Telemachan.

5

See Jude, 2nd Peter, 2nd John. God said false CHURCH teachers will come.  
2nd Peter 2 --- Who will you warn? God STILL condemns those like Sodom?

6

Are you willing to be Telemachan?      Risk your life, money, reputation,  
to serve God even when it's hard --**Standing Telemachan ON GOD'S WORD!?**

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**Song Story.** After a brief recording session (only 3 hours), I had time to stop by the church sanctuary on my way home. Just as I was reaching to switch of the car key (and radio), the radio started telling this story. When it was over, I went in, prayed at the altar, went to the piano, and filled 4 pages in my journal with the full outline of this song. I'd been joking at the studio that I wouldn't have any more new songs for the next day's half session unless God provided.....

P.S., Yes, I know that the Rap verse 2 has a double meaning.... **Who will stand against hatred against Christianity, Judaism, or other religions? And who will stand against hatred \*BY\* leaders and members acting using God's name?**

**History source.** A number of internet websites describe this story, which Ronald Reagan used in a breakfast address 2-2-1984 (including crowd leaving in silence). Foxe's Book of Martyrs uses the song's story (including death by a gladiator), but the Church historian Theodoret Bishop of Cyrrhus Syria did not say where he died other than in "the stadium". According to wikipedia.org, Telemachus *"tried to stop a gladiator fight in a Roman amphitheatre, and was stoned to death by the crowd. The Christian Emperor Honorius, however, was impressed by the monk's martyrdom and it spurred him to issue a historic ban on gladiator fights. The last known gladiator fight in Rome was on January 1, 404 AD, so this is usually given as the date of Telemachus' martyrdom."*