

RESPECT: A Tribute to Aretha Franklin | Program & Song Lyrics

PRECIOUS LORD

Lead, lead, lead me on to the light
Oh, take my hand, precious Lord
And lead your child home

And when my, when my way goes dreary
Precious Lord please linger near

Father, Father, Father hear my cry, Lord

And oh, hear my call and hold, hold my
Hold my hand sweetest Jesus lest I fall
Oh, take my hand, precious Lord
And lead me, lead me on

Ain't no harm to bone

And, and, oh, after reborn lord
Oh, hear I stand
Guide my, guide my feet
Oh, hold my hands
Oh, precious Lord
Take my hands
And lead your home

AMAZING GRACE

Was blind, but now I see

A-ama-zing amazing Grace! How sweet the... the sound
That, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was, was lost, but, but now I, I'm found
Was, was blind, but now, now I, I see

Through, through, through, through
Through many dangers, oh-oh, dangers, toils, woo Lord, toils and snares
I, I've been right here in the midst of a heaven
But I'm ready, I've already
Jesus was with me and I've already called, yes I have

It was, it was, it was, it was, it was grace a-ma-zing
Has been with me, Lord, and let me see the...
Don't you know it?
And that same, that same old grace
They call it God's amazing, oh-oh, amazing
Mmm, Amazing Grace

It was, it was, I want the world to know that it was
It was, it was, it was grace
Wo-ho, it was grace, Lord
Oh Lord, hath brought me, me so safe
So safe, so safe, so safe, so safe, so safe, so safe thus far
And it won't be nothin' but that same old Grace
I know that it won't, that's gonna lead me right on, right on
Right on, right on, right on home, yeah

(Safe)
(Safe) So safe
(Safe) So safe
(Safe) Safe with Jesus
(Safe) So safe
(That and grace will lead me home)
Oh, oh, oh... lead safe, wo-ho, ho-ho, oh, thus far
And Grace the Lord will lead me home

I NEVER LOVED A MAN (THE WAY THAT I LOVED YOU)

You're a no good, heartbreaker
You're a liar and you're a cheat

I don't know why
I let you do these things to me

My friends keep telling me
That you ain't no good
But oh-oh, but they don't know
That I'd leave you if I could

I guess I'm uptight
And I'm stuck like glue
'Cause I ain't never
I ain't never, I ain't never, no, no (loved a man)
(The way that I, I love you)

Some time ago, I thought
You had run out of fools
But I was so wrong
You got one that you'll never lose

The way you treat me is a shame
How could you hurt me so bad?
Baby, you know that I'm the best thing
That you ever had

Kiss me once again
Don't you never, never say that we're through
'Cause I ain't never
Never, never, no, no (loved a man)
(The way that I, I love you)

I can't sleep at night
And I can't eat a bite
I guess I'll never be free
Since you got your hooks in me

Whoa, whoa, whoa
Yeah, yeah
I ain't never loved a man
I ain't never loved a man, baby
Ain't never had a man that hurt me so bad

No
Well, this is what I'm gonna do about it

I tell ya so bad, oh, I'll do it
I tell ya so bad, oh, I'll do it

SON OF A PREACHER MAN

Billy Ray was a preacher's son
And when his daddy would visit he'd come along
When they gathered around the parlour talkin'
That's when Billy would take me walkin'
Through the back yard we'd go walkin'
Then he'd look into my eyes (ho)
Lord knows to my surprise

The only one who could ever reach me
(Was the son of a preacher man)
The only boy who could ever teach me
(Was the son of a preacher man)
Yes, he was (hallelujah)
Yeah, he was (hallelujah)
Oh, he was (oh hallelujah)

Bein' good isn't always easy
No matter how hard I try
When he started sweet-talkin' to me
He'd kiss and tell me "everything is all right" (sock it to me)
Baby, baby everything is all right (oh sock it to me)
Can I sneak away again tonight now?

The only one who could ever reach me
(Was the son of a preacher man)
I tell you that the only boy who could ever teach me
(Was the son of a preacher man)
Yes, he was (hallelujah)
Yeah, he was (hallelujah)
Oh, he was (ha)

Hm, mhmm
How well I remember
The look that was in his eyes
Stealin' kisses from me on the sly

Takin' time to make time
Tellin' me that he's all of mine now
Learnin' from each other's knowin'
Lookin' to see how much we've growin' and
The only boy who could ever reach me
(Was the son of a preacher man)
I tell you that the only boy who could ever teach me
(Was the son of a preacher man)
Ohoh, yes he was (Hallelujah)
Yeah, he was (hallelujah)
Oh, he was (oh hallelujah)

Halleluiah
(Son of a preacher boy, halleluiah)
Hallelujah for the son, now yeah
(Son of a preacher boy, halleluiah)
Halleluiah, yeah
(Son of a preacher boy, halleluiah)
For the son, halle- hallelujah for the son, now
(Son of a preacher boy)
He was the only boy, yes he is, who could ever reach me
(Son of a preacher boy)
He's the only boy who could ever teach me
(Son of a preacher boy)

CHAIN OF FOOLS

Chain, chain, chain (chain, chain, chain)
Chain, chain, chain (chain, chain, chain)
Chain, chain, chain (chain, chain, chain)
Chain of fools

For five long years, I thought you were my man
But I found out, I'm just a link in your chain, oh
You got me where you want me, I ain't nothing but your fool
You treated me mean, oh, you treated me cruel

Chain, chain, chain (chain, chain, chain)
Chain of fools

Every chain has got a weak link
I might be weak, yeah, but I'll give you strength
Oh, hey (ooh, ooh, ooh)

You told me to leave you alone, my father said, "Come on home"
My doctor said, "Take it easy", oh, but your loving is much too strong
I'm added to your

Chain, chain, chain (chain, chain, chain)
Chain, chain, chain (chain, chain, chain)
Chain, chain, chai-i-in (chain, chain, chain)
The chain of fools (oh)

One of these mornings, the chain is gonna break
But up until the day, I'm gonna take all I can take, oh, hey

Chain, chain, chain (chain, chain, chain)
Chain, chain, chain (chain, chain, chain)
Chain, chain, chai-i-in (chain, chain, chain)
Chain of fools (oh)

Chain, chain, chai-i-in
Chain, chain, chain (oh-oh)
Chain, chain, chai-i-in
Your chain of fools (oh-oh-oh, yeah)
Chain, chain, chain

DON'T PLAY THAT SONG (YOU LIED)

Don't play that song for me
'Cause it brings back memories
Of days that I once knew
The days that I spent with you

Oh no, don't let 'em play it (oh no)
It fills my heart with pain (it hurts)
Please, stop it right away
'Cause I remember just what he said

He said: "darling..." (darlin' I, I love you)
And I know that he lied (oh, he lied)

You know that you lied (oh, he lied)
You know that you lied, lied, you lied (to me)

Hey mister, don't play it no more
Don't play it no more
I can't stand it
Don't play it no more (no more)
No more (no more), no more
Whoa-whoa (can't stand it)

I remember on our first date
He kissed me and he walked away
I was only seventeen
I'd never dream he'd be so mean

He told me, "darling..." (darling, I love you)
Baby, baby, you lied (darling, I need you)
You, you lied (darling, I love you)
You know that you lied (you lied)
Lied (you lied), you lied (to me)

Oh-oh-oh, darling (darling, I love you)
You know that you lied, yeah (darling, I need you)
You know I know you lied (darling, I love you)
Darling, you lied (you lied) you lied
(You lied) you lied, go on and hurt me
You lied (to me)

Oh, whoa-oh, you lied (don't play it no more)
Oh, baby don't play it no more (don't play it no more)
Don't do it, don't play it no more (for me), no more (for me)
I can't stand it no more (don't play it no more)
Oh hey, don't play it no more (don't play it no more)

BABY, I LOVE YOU

If you want my lovin'
If you really do
Don't be afraid baby
Just ask me
Ya know I'm gonna give it to you

Oh and I do declare (I do)
I wanna see you with it
Stretch out your arms, little boy
You're gonna get it
'Cause I love you

(Baby, baby, baby I love you)
There ain't no doubt about it
Baby I love you
(Baby, baby, baby I love you)
I love you, I love you, I love you
I love you, baby I love you

If you feel you wanna kiss me
Go right ahead, I don't mind
All you got to do is snap your fingers
And I'll come a-runnin', I ain't lyin'
(I ain't lyin')

And oh, what you want
Little boy you know you got it
I'd deny my own self
Before I see you without it
'Cause I love you

(Baby, baby, baby I love you)
There ain't no doubt about it baby, I love you
(Baby, baby, baby I love you)
I love you, I love you, I love you
I love you, baby I love you

Someday ya might wanna run away
And leave me sitting here to cry
But if it's all the same to ya baby
I've gotta stop ya from sayin' goodbye
(Goodbye)

Baby I love ya (baby, baby, I love ya)
Baby I need ya (baby, baby I need ya)
Said I want ya (baby, baby I want ya)
Got to have ya, baby (baby, baby I love ya)
Don't let your neighbours tell ya I don't want ya

(Baby, baby I want ya)
Don't let your low down friends

AIN'T NO WAY

Ain't no way for me to love you
If you won't let me
It ain't no way for me to give you all ya need
If you won't let me give all of me

(Hoo)
I know that a woman's duty
Is to help and love the man
And that's the way it was for me
(Hoo)
Oh, but how can I, how can I, how can I, give ya
Give ya all the things I can
If you're tyin' both of my hands

Whoa-ho it ain't no way (ain't no way)
It ain't no way (ain't no way)
It just ain't no way baby
(Ain't no way) ain't no way baby
(Ain't no way)
It ain't no way-hey-hey
For me to love you (hoo)
If you won't let me

Stop tryin' to be someone you're not
(Hoo)
Hard cold and cruel is a man
Who paid too much for what he's got
And if you need me to love you
Say, say yeah you do
Oh then please, please, please
Don't you know that I need you?

Ho, it ain't no way (hoo-hoo)
I tell ya that it ain't no way, it ain't no way
It ain't no way baby, no
It just ain't no way
It sure ain't no way
It ain't no way for me to love you
If you won't let me
(Hoo-hoo)
Ain't no way
If you won't let me
There ain't no way

A CHANGE IS GONNA COME

There's an old friend
I once heard say
Something that touched my heart
And it began this way

I was born by the river
In a little tent
And just like the river
I've been runnin' ever since
He said it's been a long time comin'
But I know my change is gonna come
Oh, yeah

He said it's been too hard livin'
But I'm afraid to die
I might not be if I knew
What was up there beyond the sky
It's been a long, a long time comin'
But I know my change has got to come
Oh, yeah

I went, I went to my brother
And I asked him, "Brother
Could you help me, please?"
He said, "Good sister
I'd like to but I'm not able"
And when I, when I looked around

I was right back down
Down on my bended knees
Yes I was, oh

There've been times that I thought
I thought that I wouldn't last for long
But somehow right now I believe
That I'm able, I'm able to carry on
I tell you that it's been along
And oh it's been an uphill journey
All the way

But I know, I know, I know
I know my change is gonna come
Sometimes I had to cry all night long
Yes, I did
Sometimes I had to give up right
For what I knew was wrong
Yes, it's been an uphill journey
It's sure's been a long way comin'
Yes it has

It's been real hard
Every step of the way
But I believe, I believe
This evenin' my change is come
Yeah, I tell you that
My change is come

I DREAMED A DREAM

I had a dream

I had a dream of days gone by
When hopes were high and life worth living
I dreamed that love would never die
And then I dreamed that God would be forgiving

Then I was young and I was unafraid
And dreams were made and used and tasted

There was no ransom to be paid
No song unsung, nothing was wasted

Then the tigers come at night
With their voices soft as thunder
As they tear your dreams apart
As they turn your dreams to shame (shame, shame, shame)

He walked, he walked a summer by my side
He filled my days with endless wonder
He took my childhood in his stride
But he was gone when autumn came (oh yes he was)

And still I dream he'll come to me
And then we will live the years together
But there are dreams that cannot be
And there are storms that we cannot weather

I had a dream that life would be
So different, what in the hell is going on
So different from what it seems to be

Life will not kill the dreams that I dreamed
So different from what it seems to be
Life must not kill the dreams that we dreamed (oh, oh)

THINK

You better think (think)
Think about what you're tryin' to do to me, think (think-think)
Let your mind go, let yourself be free

Let's go back, let's go back, let's go way on to way back when
I didn't even know you, you couldn't been too much more than ten (just a child)

I ain't no psychiatrist, I ain't no doctor with degrees
But it don't take too much IQ to see what you're doing to me

You better think (think)
Think about what you're tryin' to do to me, yeah, think (think-think)
Let your mind go, let yourself be free

'Cause freedom (freedom)
Stands for freedom (freedom)
Oh, freedom
Yeah, freedom!

Right now, freedom (freedom)
Oh-oh, freedom (freedom)
Give me some freedom
Oh, freedom! Oh-oh, right now...
Hey! Think about it
You! Think about it

There ain't nothin' you could ask
I could answer you with "I won't" (I won't)
But I was gonna change, but I'm not
If you keep doin' things I don't (don't)

You better think (think)
Think about what you're tryin' to do to me
(What you're tryin' to do to me) oh-oh, think (think)
Let your mind go, let yourself be free

People walk around everyday playin' games and takin' scores
Tryin' to make other people lose their mind, well, be careful you don't lose yours

Oh, think (think), think about what you're tryin' to do to me
Woo-hoo, think (think), let your mind go, let yourself be free

You need me (need me)
And I need you (don't ya' know?)
Without each other
There ain't nothin' either can do

Oh, yeah, think about it, baby (what ya tryin' to do to me, think)
When I'm gone, baby, think about it right now

Yeah, right now (think about - forgiveness)
Woo, right now (think about - forgiveness)
Hey, right now (think about - forgiveness)
Please think about it (think about it)
Please baby, baby (think about it - forgiveness)
Woo, think about it, baby (think about - forgiveness)

Yeah, woo, think about it, baby (think about - forgiveness)
Please think about it

-Intermission-

GIMME A FIFTH O' FUNK

THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT

This is the house that Jack built, y'all, remember this house

This was the land that he worked by hand, it was the dream of an upright man
This was the room that was filled with love, it was a love that he was proud of
This was a life of a love he planned on a love, the same old love
In the house that Jack built (the house that Jack built)
Remember this house

There was the fence that held our love (yes it was)
There was the gate that he walked out of
This is the heart that is turned to stone (yes it is)
This was the house, but it ain't no home
This is the love that I once had
In a dream that I thought was love
In the house that Jack built (the house that Jack built)
I'm gon' remember this house

Oh-oh wha-at's the use of crying?
You know, I brought it on myself, there's no denying
But it seems awful funny that I didn't understand
Was it a house of an upright man? Yeah

Up on the hill, there's a big plan still
In the house that Jack built (the house that Jack built)
I'm gon' remember this house (the house that Jack built)

Listen!

I got the house, I got the car
I got the rug, and I got the rack
But I ain't got Jack (Jack, Jack, I ain't got Jack, Jack)
And I want my Jack back!

I turned my back on Jack
He said he wasn't coming back
I turned my back on Jack
He said he wasn't coming back
Oh, Jack, oh, come on back
Oh, Jack, oh, come on back (why don't you come on back Jack?)
You oughtta' come on back (come on back, Jack)
To the one that you built (come on back, Jack)
It's the same one you built (come on back, Jack)
You oughtta' come on back (come on back, Jack)

Oh, now then...
I didn't understand
Until that upright man, come on back Jack (come on back, Jack)
You oughtta' come on home

SOMETHING HE CAN FEEL

Shoo doo) shoo doo, doo, doo, doo, doo, doo
(Shoo doo) shoo doo, shoo doo, shoo doo, doo
(Shoo doo) oh, shoo doo, doo, doo
(Shoo doo) oh, oh, oh

Many say that I'm too young
To let you know just where I'm coming from, oh
But you will see that it's just a matter of time
My love will surely make you mine
Oh, oh, oh, oh

Living in a world of ghetto life
Everybody around seems so uptight
Nothing's wrong, it's alright with my man, my man
I like the kind of ways we have our fun
His loving ways send me on and on

Yeah, hey, with my man
People out there can understand

I'm giving him something he can feel, ah, ah, ah
To let you know my love is real

So much love for us it seems
So much hope for material things (only in my dreams)
Are they only in my dreams
Well, so I write this song for you
To prove that real things do come true (tell me what it means)
Tell me, tell me what it means
I wanna know, baby

Living in a world of ghetto life
Everybody around here seems so uptight
Nothing's wrong, it's alright with my man
I like the kinds of ways we have our fun
His loving ways send me on and on, ooh, with my man
(People out there can understand) people out there, can you understand

(Giving him something he can feel)
I sure want you to have it, baby
To let you know my love is real
My love is real, real, real, real
(Giving him something he can feel) ooh, ooh, ooh, baby
Ooh, baby
(To let him know this love is real) I want you to know my love is real
(This love is real) yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

(Giving him something he can feel) ow!
Let me give you what you, what you really need, baby
(Giving him something he can feel)
Can you feel it? Can you feel it? Feel it, feel it, feel it
(Giving him something he can feel) yeah, I feel it
Oooh, we feel it, baby
(Giving him something he can feel)
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
(Giving him something he can feel)
Feel it, baby, feel it, baby, feel it, baby

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER

Don't trouble the water)
I won't (leave it alone)
(Why don't you, why don't you, let it be?)
(Still water run deep... yes, it do)
I know that (whoa, oh-oh-yeah)
If you only believe

(Don't trouble the water)
Said I wouldn't (leave it alone)
(Why don't you, why don't you, let it be?)
Hmm (still water run deep)
Yes, it do (yes, it do)
(Whoa-oh-oh, yeah), if you only believe

When you're down and out
When you're on the street
When evening falls so hard
I will comfort you
I'll take your part
Oh, when darkness comes
And pain is all, is all around

Just like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
(Like a bridge) just like a bridge
(Over troubled) over troubled water
I will lay me down

Sail on silver girl
Sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All of your dreams are on their way
See how they shine?
Oh, if you ever need a friend (need a friend)
Look around, I'm sailing right behind

Just like a bridge over troubled water
I'll be there to lay me down
(Like a bridge) like a bridge over (troubled water)
Troubled water

I will lay me down
Oh, I'll be your bridge, yes I will

(Don't trouble the water)
Said I wouldn't
(Leave it alone)
Well (why don't you, why don't you, let it be?)
Uh-huh (still water run deep)
I know that
(Yes, it do) yeah (oh-oh-oh yeah)

Still water (don't trouble the water)
Yeah
(Leave it alone, why don't you, why don't you, let it be?)
Talking 'bout still water (still water run deep)
You know they run deep (yes, it do)
Uh-huh (oh-ho-ho-yeah)
Well, I'm gonna be your bridge, yeah (don't trouble the water)
The troubled water (leave it alone)

Yeah (why don't you, why don't you, let it be?)
Come on, come on, walk out on me
(Still water run deep)...

(YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A) NATURAL WOMAN

Looking out on the morning rain (hohoo)
I used to feel so uninspired (hohoo)
And when I knew I had to face another day (hohoo)
Lord, it made me feel so tired

Before the day I met you, life was so unkind
And you're the key to my peace of mind

'Cause you make me feel, you make me feel
You make me feel like a natural woman (woman)

When my soul was in the lost and found
You came along to claim it
I didn't know just what was wrong with me
Till your kiss helped me name it

Now I'm no longer doubtful of what I'm living for
And if I make you happy, I don't need to do more

'Cause you make me feel, you make me feel
You make me feel like a natural woman (woman)

Oh, baby, what you've done to me (what you done to me)
You make me feel so good inside (good inside)
And I just wanna be (wanna be)
Close to you, you make me feel so alive

You make me feel, you make me feel
You make me feel like a natural woman (woman)
You make me feel, you make me feel
You make me feel like a natural woman (woman)
You make me feel, you make me feel...

NESSUN DORMA

Nessun dorma, nessun dorma!

Tu pure, o Principessa

Nella tua fredda stanza

Guardi le stelle

Che tremano d'amore

E di speranza

Ma il mio mistero e chiuso in me

Il nome mio nessun saprà!

No, no, sulla tua bocca lo dirò

Quando la luce splenderà!

Ed il mio bacio scioglierà il silenzio

Che ti fa mia!

Dilegua, o notte!

Tramontate, stelle!

Tramontate, stelle!

All'alba vincerò!

Vincerò, vincerò!

Vincerò!

ROLLING IN THE DEEP

There's a fire starting in my heart
Reaching a fever pitch, it's bringing me out the dark
Finally I can see you crystal clear
Go ahead and sell me out and I'll lay your ship bare

See how I leave with every piece of you
Don't underestimate the things that I will do
There's a fire starting in my heart
Reaching a fever pitch
And it's bringing me out the dark

The scars of your love remind me of us
They keep me thinking that we almost had it all
The scars of your love they leave me breathless
I can't help feeling

We could have had it all
(You're gonna wish you never had met me)
Rolling in the deep
(Tears are gonna fall, rolling in the deep)
You had my heart inside of your hand
(You're gonna wish you never had met me)
And you played it, to the beat
(Tears are gonna fall, rolling in the deep)

Baby I have no story to be told
But I've heard one of you
And I'm gonna make your head burn

Think of me in the depths of your despair
Making a home down there
As mine sure won't be shared

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(Tears are gonna fall, rolling in the deep)

Throw your soul through every open door
Count your blessings to find what you look for
Turned my sorrow into treasured gold
You pay me back in kind
And reap just what you sow

Ain't no mountain high enough
Ain't no valley low enough
Ain't no river wild enough
To keep me from getting to you babe

Ain't no mountain high enough
Ain't no valley low enough
Ain't no river wild enough
To keep me from getting to you babe

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Rolling in the deep
You had my heart inside of your hand
But you played it
To the beat

Rolling in the deep

We could've had it all
(You're gonna wish you never had met me)
Party, party, party
(Tears are gonna fall, rolling in the deep)
(You're gonna wish you rolling in the deep)
Oh yeah
Oh yeah