

# Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)

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Where were you when the world stopped turnin'  
That September day?  
Were you in the yard with your wife and children  
Or workin' on some stage in L.A.?  
Did you stand there in shock at the sight of that black smoke  
Risn' against that blue sky?  
Did you shout out in anger, in fear for your neighbor  
Or did you just sit down and cry? Did you weep for the children, they lost their dear loved ones  
Pray for the ones who don't know?  
Did you rejoice for the people who walked from the rubble  
And sob for the ones left below?  
Did you burst out with pride for the red, white, and blue  
And the heroes who died just doin' what they do?  
Did you look up to heaven for some kind of answer  
And look at yourself and what really matters? I'm just a singer of simple songs  
I'm not a real political man  
I watch CNN, but I'm not sure I can tell you  
The difference in Iraq and Iran  
But I know Jesus and I talk to God  
And I remember this from when I was young  
Faith, hope, and love are some good things He gave us  
And the greatest is love Where were you when the world stopped turnin'  
That September day?  
Teachin' a class full of innocent children  
Or drivin' down some cold interstate?  
Did you feel guilty 'cause you're a survivor?  
In a crowded room did you feel alone?  
Did you call up your mother and tell her you love her?  
Did you dust off that Bible at home? Did you open your eyes and hope it never happened  
Close your eyes and not go to sleep?  
Did you notice the sunset for the first time in ages  
And speak to some stranger on the street?  
Did you lay down at night and think of tomorrow  
Go out and buy you a gun?  
Did you turn off that violent old movie you're watchin'  
And turn on I Love Lucy reruns?  
Did you go to a church and hold hands with some strangers  
Stand in line to give your own blood?  
Did you just stay home and cling tight to your family

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