

Manifesto

John Craigie

Let's get one thing straight:
Bob Dylan never played here
Joni Mitchell never sang here
Dr. King never Preached here

 This is a new stage
 This is a new space
 And even if they had
what would it matter anyway?
'Cause the Ghosts of the past
 cannot bring me any luck.
 All that matters is tonight.
 All that matters is tonight.
 And tonight all that matters
 is whether or not I suck.

'Cause it doesn't matter all the hype you heard
or the fact that you may or may not have heard any hype
 It doesn't matter what record label I'm on
Or the fact that I may or may not be on a record label at all.
 It doesn't matter what the paper said
or the fact that the papers may have been defeated
 and it doesn't matter what Twitter said, oh
'Cause the revolution will not be tweeted, yeah.

 All that matters is right here
 All that matters is right now.
 All that matters is right here.

 And I might be sleeping on your couch tonight
 I'm not sure if they told you yet
I know you want me to be more famous than that
 Ah, but fame ain't got nothing to do with it.
'Cause I'd rather sleep on your couch and eat your cookies
Than sleep alone in some hotel room and not have any cookies at all.

 I came here to meet you.
 I came here to sing to you.
 I came here to meet you.

So let's get one thing straight:
Bob Dylan never played here.

Leonard Cohen never sang here.
Woody Guthrie never preached here.
This is a new stage.
This is a new scene.
And if my generation is going to make any impact at all
there's one thing we need to believe:
We need to believe that the songs that we right can be better
than the songs that were written by the legends of our past.
We have to believe that the music that we make
has the potential to be better than the music that was made
by the legends of our past.
Otherwise what's the point?

And I hope it's okay that I said that.
I hope the older generation ain't pissed.
It's just that I want a summer of love too,
I want a renaissance.
I want ours to be the best.
I know this town's conceited as hell,
I know it sounds like blasphemy to say
hat we could be better than the Beatles, and Dylan, and Beethoven,
oh I'm not saying that it's me.
All I'm saying's that I'm trying.
Me and my friends we are trying.
Every night we are trying.

Thanks for coming and watching me try.

Lyrics Submitted by Steve Coatsworth

Lyrics provided by
<https://damnllyrics.com/>