

Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)

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Where were you when the world stopped turning
That September day?
Out in the yard
With your wife and children
Workin' on some stage in LA?
Did you stand there in shock
At the sight of that black smoke
Rising against that blue sky?
Did you shout out in anger
And fear for your neighbor
Or did you just sit down and cry? Did you weep for the children
Who lost their dear loved ones
Or 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 in pride
For the red, white, and blue
And the heroes who died
Just doing 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 could
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 turning
That September day?
Teaching a class full of innocent children
Driving 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, hope it never happened

Or close your eyes and not go to sleep?
Did you notice the sunset the first time in ages
Or 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 watching
And turn on I Love Lucy reruns? Did you go to the church and hold hands with some stranger
Stand in line and give your own blood?
Did you just stay home and cling tight to your family
Thank God you had somebody to love? I'm just a singer of simple songs
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