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I sing for the Shepherd whoâ€™s gone to the greatest of lengths
To rescue His sheep whoâ€™ve mistaken their weakness for strength.
Rebels and fools in a desolate land,
And so it goes with the ways of a man,
Till we learn that our names are engraved in the palms of Godâ€™s hands.

This astonishing kindness -
This love took our hearts by surprise. It reached down to find us.
In our fear and our pain and our pride,
We were under a spell like some cloud of hysterical blindness,
But mercy remembered our names,
Bringing hope like a cool, healing rain.
There is no other way to explain
This astonishing kindness.

Formed in Godâ€™s image but granted a will of our own,
We were born for communion that angels could never have known.
Inclined to behave like some petulant child,
We lost our vision, deceived and beguiled,
But weâ€™re called back again to a romance so holy and wild.

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Power unstoppable
Truth thatâ€™s unchangeable
Mercy unmeasurable
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Mercy it was mercy

In those dark hours on the cross there was light breaking through.
â€œBehold,â€• the Messiah declares, â€œI make everything newâ€•.
And nature bows down and its laws are reversed -
Death is the door to the soulâ€™s second birth,
Love is the power of God that moves heaven and earth.

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Yes, yes, yes.

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