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SONGS AND MUSIC PART I

Greetings! In this new mini-series we will be looking at the following topics concerning songs and music:

Part I

**The importance of Music
God speaking to the world
through non Christian songs
and their lyrics
Including 'Encrypted' songs.
Several examples.**

***PART II Coming soon, God willing.
Examples of great Christian songs and composers
Encouragement for Composers who love Jesus Christ
Songs and Music in Heaven and the Bible***

Intro:

So I do hope we will not lose a lot of our readership through this first part! Some of us may have to take a leap of faith to believe this first part. God bless you.

The importance of music

Music is a key to transport us to another world, whether that world be good and godly, or evil and demonic, or just plain

worldly. **Choosing which forms of music and lyrics we listen to really is one of the greatest decisions we can make in our lives! Does the music you listen to inspire you to find God and know Him better, or at least start on the journey of knowing Him?** The devil has music also and there are plenty of examples of it in the world and has been for centuries. It is well known for example, that Adolf Hitler was a big fan of the Composer Wagner.

Let's pray we ourselves stay with both music and lyrics that will enhance our lives for the Lord.

God speaking to the world through non Christian songs and their lyrics

Many years ago, I remember reading a Christian article, a pastor shared a prophecy he believed the Lord was telling him that God Himself had inspired some people who were not necessarily believers, but who were used by the Lord, to give a message to the world through music. The summary of the prophecy was that the Lord was saying, 'you should not think it a strange thing for Me to use anyone in order that I can give a message to the

world through songs, and that these messages will draw the hearts of many people to Me.' Now when you think about it, that makes a lot of sense, doesn't it? And when we look into the Bible, we see God using many heathen kings and other people to accomplish His Will on earth. So why then would we think it strange that God will use people to write amazing songs which deeply touch people's hearts and inspire them to reach out into the Lord's world.

I should say that as you read the following sections that I personally no longer feel a strong need to listen to the composers below, as I have already found better music now that I am saved and trying to serve Jesus.

Encrypted songs

Some songs like many books are allegorical, two famous examples of allegorical books are 'The Pilgrim's Progress' by John Bunyan, (1678) and also 'The Emperor's New Clothes' by Hans Christian Andersen (1837) [who wrote The Emperor's New Clothes' - Google Search](#)

Such books are deliberately written to be an allegory, but I am talking about songs

which are 'encrypted' either deliberately or completely by accident. Let me explain a bit more.

There are certain writers, who I believe as described above, that they were *somehow* and at some time(s) inspired by the Spirit of God; they became a tool of the Lord for perhaps only one song, or several or even many songs. **The lyrics of these songs often seemed to make no sense at all if read by themselves, but when put to music and sung and performed, became very valuable to God and His message to the world. The common denominator of such artists and songs was that the lyrics, although having no clear meaning, took on a meaning BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE MINDS AND HEARTS OF THE LISENER(S)!** Just as we read our Bibles and the Holy Spirit teaches all of us in different ways according to our own spiritual needs at the time of our reading! What one person may learn from a Bible verse by the Spirit, may very well be totally different to another Christian, and that is how it should be!

Now, I grew up in a generation where such 'encrypted songs' were far more common, here are some examples of artists: Bob Dylan, Don Maclean, Simon and Garfunkel, Procul Harem, the Moody Blues and some others;



Joan Baez - Bob Dylan

Bob Dylan being perhaps the most prolific writer of 'hidden' messages in this way. So many of his songs were unfathomable, but yet so many people translated his words into their own lives and applied his lyrics and music to themselves. It is an amazing process. Some examples of his music and lyrics are (a portion of these lyrics are further below) I am sure he himself did not know what a lot of it meant! As he confesses. He has acknowledged that his songs can have multiple interpretations and that he doesn't always have a definitive meaning for them, according to some online forums.

Dignity: the importance of Dignity in life! Is that what this song means?

All along the Watchtower: The confusion of the world in the last days?

Desolation Row: Desolation Row is the ultimate escape-to-place to find a refuge from the evils of the world, political and moral and financial corruption. One of his longest songs ever! Inside the song appear various characters both inside and outside 'Desolation Row'; The Blind Commissioner, Cinderella, Romeo, the fortune-telling lady, Ophelia, Einstein, Dr Filth, 'The Insurance Men who go' and other amazing things like 'The Heart-Attack machine'. Here are three stanzas taken from the beginning, middle and end parts of the song: They're selling postcards of the hanging, they're painting the passports brown** The beauty parlor is filled with sailors, the circus is in town

Here comes the blind commissioner, they've got him in a trance
One hand is tied to the tight-rope walker, the other is in his pants
And the riot squad they're restless, they need somewhere to go
As Lady and I look out tonight, from Desolation Row.
At midnight all the agents and the superhuman crew
Come out and round up everyone that knows more than they do
Then they bring them to the factory where the heart-attack machine
Is strapped across their shoulders and then the kerosene
Is brought down from the castles by insurance men who go
Check to see that nobody is escaping to Desolation Row
Right now, I can't read too good, don't send me no more letters, no
Not unless you mail them from Desolation Row
(Translation!) how vivid and strange a picture of the upside down material world, soldiers going to beauty parlours, people celebrating a public hanging, painting passports, and here comes a corrupt government official who turns out to be blind! Does this connect with the world today? Oh yes!

[painting the passports brown meaning - Google Search](#)

The 'riot squad' are antsy because they normally control riots and are eager to go and do some violence to somebody(ies). The second stanza we see the persecution of some who

'know more than is good for them'! They are going to be persecuted by the State. Sounds very familiar. The Political State wants to make sure none of God's sheep escape their clutches and go to Desolation Row.

The writer ends by saying that he only wants people to write to him if they are from Desolation Row. These are only a portion of the lyrics.

Like a Rolling Stone: a comfort in some ways to lonely people who feel ostracised by the world! Is that what it means? It is no coincidence that Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016. [bob dylan was awarded the nobel prize in literature - Google Search](#)

Don Mclean wrote '**American Pie**' in 1971 [American Pie \(song\) - Wikipedia](#) with incredible much-debated words, that not everyone agrees on their meaning, one thing we can see is that it is a prophetic message mentioning the final collapse of America, the desertion of the USA by 'The Father, Son and Holy Ghost' and the threat of nuclear war. This one song has made Don Mclean a rich man for his whole life. This song strikes a deep chord in the hearts of millions of people worldwide, even though most of us truly don't understand it all! [how much money has don mclean made from american pie - Google Search](#) [Verse 2]

Did you write the book of love?
Now, do you believe in rock 'n' roll?
Can music save your mortal soul?

(final verse)
And in the streets, the children screamed
The lovers cried and the poets dreamed
But not a word was spoken
The church bells all were broken

Procul Harem: wrote a song called '**A whiter shade of pale**' which also seems to have virtually no meaning, but which again can be translated by the Spirit, but in this song, the unusual use at its time, of a Hammond organ and its unique chords really had a positive effect I feel on millions global youth at the time. (1967) [why was the music of whiter shade of pale so special - Google Search](#) [hammond organ whiter shade of pale - Google Search](#)



Simon and Garfunkel

In keeping with this idea about God using composers to write songs that move people towards the Lord, we can see this clearly in the very famous songs by S and G, '**Bridge over Troubled Waters**' and 'The Sound of Silence'.

Take a look at part of these lyrics and see if it does not remind you of God speaking in Isaiah about upholding us with the right hand of his righteousness?

When you're weary, feeling

small,
When tears are in your eyes, I
will dry them all;
I'm on your side. When times
get rough
And friends just can't be found,
Like a bridge over troubled
water
I will lay me down.
Like a bridge over troubled
water
I will lay me down.
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.
When darkness comes
And pain is all around,
Like a bridge over troubled
water
I will lay me down.
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It is not surprising therefore that: "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Simon & Garfunkel topped the [Billboard Hot 100](#) chart for six weeks in the US, starting on February 28, 1970. In the UK, it was a number one hit as well, staying on the charts for a total of 41 weeks, including returning to the top spot eight times. The album of the same name also achieved significant chart success, spending ten weeks at number one in the US. Regarding the 'Sound of Silence' message, I encourage you to watch this amazing video performed by three Chinese young men in China; this shows also how songs of great quality and inspiration go out to reach the whole world. Words are in English singing the original song. We see this song is also very difficult to understand, yet it **resonates**

through parts of the lyrics combined with the music into millions of hearts. Please pay attention to the faces of the Chinese audience listening to this as the song progresses!
[sound of silence wang xi - YouTube](#)

[Desolation Row - the Bob Dylan Commentaries](#)

[blowing in the wind lyrics - Google Search](#)

Parts of the song Dignity

Footprints runnin' cross the silver sand
Steps goin' down into tattoo land
I met the sons of darkness and the sons of light
In the border-towns of despair
Got no place to fade, got no coat
I'm on the rollin' river in a jerkin' boat
Tryin' to read a note somebody wrote
About dignity

Englishman stranded in the black-heart wind
Combin' his hair back, his future looks thin
Bites the bullet and he looks within
For dignity

Someone showed me a picture and I just laughed
Dignity never been photographed
I went into the red, went into the black
Into the valley of dry bone dreams

**So many roads, so much at stake
Too many dead ends, I'm at the edge of the lake
Sometimes I wonder what it's gonna take
To find dignity**

[Dignity \(MTV Unplugged, 1995\)](#)
performed live by Dylan and his band

All Along the Watchtower written by Bob Dylan

"There must be some way out of here," said the joker to the thief
"There's too much confusion, I can't get no relief
Businessmen, they drink my wine, plowmen dig my earth
None of them along the line know what any of it is worth"

"No reason to get excited," the thief, he kindly spoke
"There are many here among us who feel that life is but a joke
But you and I, we've been through that, and this is not our fate
So let us not talk falsely now, the hour is getting late"

All along the watchtower, princes kept the view
While all the women came and went, barefoot servants, too

Outside in the distance a wildcat did growl
Two riders were approaching, the wind began to howl
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Performed and made even more famous by Jimi Hendrix
[The Jimi Hendrix Experience - All Along The Watchtower \(Official Audio\)](#)

The Moody Blues, wrote a significant song in the early 1970's. They were an English band. The song is called 'The Question', I used to sing these words when I was a teen before I Knew Jesus.
I'm looking for someone to change my life

I'm looking for a miracle in my life

So we can see, even a couple of phrases or sentences can evoke through music the beginning or even the end of a search to know the Truth of Jesus.

Well, we close out this week's edition here. This is a lot of food for thought and I pray this truth will find a way into your heart. Of course God is able to raise up all kinds of people through whom He can write music by the Holy Spirit, these examples are quite old, and there must be more now.

Next week, God willing, we will go into the wonderful topic of true Godly music and examples of them and famous songs in the Christian world. Praise the Lord.

With much Love,
Jerry and the WCF TEAM.
PART II

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And more!



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HIM WITH PSALMS.
PSALM 95:1

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