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## The Way

### Chorus

Oh, and I believe You are  
the Way, the Truth, and the Life  
I believe You are  
the Way, the Truth, and the Life

### Verse 1

I believe through every battle  
through every heartbreak  
through every circumstance  
I believe that You are my fortress  
You are my portion  
You are my hiding place

### Verse 2

I believe through every blessing  
through every promise  
through every breath I take  
I believe that You are Provider  
You are Protector  
And You are the one I love

## He Will Hold Me Fast

### Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter will prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

### Chorus

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast.

### Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast

### Bridge

It's a new horizon  
And I'm set on You  
and You meet me here today  
with mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
they can all come too  
because they can't stay long  
when I'm here with You

### Chorus 2

I lean not on my own understanding  
My life is in the hands of the Maker of  
Heaven

### Chorus 3

I give it all to You God  
Trusting that You'll make something  
beautiful  
out of me

Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

### Verse 3

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
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Raised with Him to endless life  
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## Joy of the Lord

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My song will rise to You

Though my heart may fail my song  
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My song will rise to You

While there's breath in my lungs

I will praise You Lord

### Verse 2

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes  
I'll lift my eyes to You

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### Chorus 1

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### Verse 4

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light

I feel alive with You

In Your presence now I come alive

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### (Bridge)

When sorrow comes my way

You are the shield around me

Always You remain

My courage in the fight

I hear You call my name Jesus I am  
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Walking on the waves reaching for  
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### Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes

It overwhelms and satisfies my soul

And I never ever have to be afraid

One thing remains

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### (Bridge)

In death in life I'm confident and

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My debt is paid there's nothing that

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## One Thing Remains

### Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face

Stronger than the power of the grave

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and the day of death better than the day of birth.
- 2 It is better to go to a house of mourning  
than to go to a house of feasting,  
for death is the destiny of everyone;  
the living should take this to heart.
- 3 Frustration is better than laughter,  
because a sad face is good for the heart.
- 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,  
but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure.
- 5 It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person  
than to listen to the song of fools.
- 6 Like the crackling of thorns under the pot,  
so is the laughter of fools.  
This too is meaningless.
- 7 Extortion turns a wise person into a fool,  
and a bribe corrupts the heart.
- 8 The end of a matter is better than its beginning,  
and patience is better than pride.
- 9 Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit,  
for anger resides in the lap of fools.
- 10 Do not say, "Why were the old days better than these?"  
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- 11 Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing  
and benefits those who see the sun.
- 12 Wisdom is a shelter  
as money is a shelter,  
but the advantage of knowledge is this:  
Wisdom preserves those who have it.
- 13 Consider what God has done:  
Who can straighten  
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- crackers
- peanut butter
- sugar
- jam
- mayonnaise
- ketchup
- mustard
- pancake syrup
- cooking oil
- dishwashing detergent
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