

Build It, Lord

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 127:1-2 • Key: G major • 84 BPM • 4/4

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VERSE 1

G D D C
Up before the light, out the door by five

G G D
Coffee going cold on the dash

Em G G
Twenty years of doing it right

G Em
Building something meant to last

G G G
And I never once stopped to ask

Em G
Whose hands were on it

PRE-CHORUS

G D C
'Cause I can pour the concrete

G D
I can set the beam

D C C
But I can't make it stand

CHORUS

G G G
Unless the Lord builds the house

G D Em
It's labor in vain, labor in vain

C G D
Unless the Lord keeps the gate

C C G D
I can watch the road all night for nothing

Em G G
So build it, Lord, build it

D C
I'm done building alone

VERSE 2

G G D
Sat up late again running down the numbers

C C G
Bread of sorrow and a kitchen light

G D Em
Chasing something that keeps getting further

C C G G
Telling my wife I'll be up in a while

G G G
And she already knows the answer

G G G
It's the same as last night

PRE-CHORUS

D G G
'Cause I can carry the weight

G G
I can hold the line

D G G
But I can't make it stand

CHORUS

G C C
Unless the Lord builds the house

G D D
It's labor in vain, labor in vain

C G G
Unless the Lord keeps the gate

D Em G G
I can watch the road all night for nothing

G Em G
So build it, Lord, build it

G G
I'm done building alone

BRIDGE

Em G
Not the strong arm

G D
Not the early start

C G
Not the long hours

D D
Not the willing heart

C C G
Every good thing I ever held

G G G
Came down from Him and not myself

CHORUS

D Em C
Unless the Lord builds the house

G D C
It's labor in vain, labor in vain

C G D
Unless the Lord keeps the gate

Em G G D
I can watch the road all night for nothing

C G G
So build it, Lord, build it

D C
I'm done building alone

OUTRO

C G G
And He gives His beloved sleep

D Em
He gives His beloved sleep

C C
So lay it down

G G
Lay it down

