

Gladness in My Heart

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 4 • Key: G major • 120 BPM • 4/4

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INTRO (HUSHED — ONE VOICE, A SINGLE STRUMMED GUITAR)

G C G G
Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness,

Em D G G
Hear me in the falling night, and be near.

VERSE 1 (INTIMATE, CLOSE TO THE MIC)

G G G G G
When the day had pressed me small and the walls came closing in,

G G G G G
You enlarged me in my distress and gave me room again;

Em C G G Em
So I lay my head down easy where the trouble used to be —

G G G G G
Commune, O my heart, be still, for the Lord has answered me.

VERSE 2

Em G G D G
O sons of men, how long will you go chasing after wind,

G C G C
Turn my glory into shame and love the lie again?

G C G Am D
But the Lord has set the godly apart to be His own,

D G G C G
And He hears me when I call — I am never on my own.

PRE-CHORUS (BUILDING — THE BANJO BEGINS TO PICK)

C G Am G G
There are many who are asking, "Will there be any good?"

G C G C C
Lift the light of Your face upon us, be the sun above the wood;

C G G G D
And I've counted all their harvest, every barn and every vine —

Em G G D Em
But I found a deeper gladness, and I'll shout it one more time:

CHORUS (EXPLODE — FULL BAND, KICK-DRUM STOMP, BANJO, GANG VOCALS)

G C G
You have put a gladness in my heart!

Am G Am G
More than all their corn and all their wine!

Am C G Em C
More than any harvest that this world could gather in —

C G Em
Oh, this joy in You is mine!

C C D
So stomp your feet and lift the sound,

G C Em
Let the glad and holy noise resound —

G D G G
You have put a gladness, gladness in my heart,

G G Em
And it will not be torn apart!

VERSE 3 (DROP BACK DOWN — HUSHED, GENTLE AGAIN)

D G D G Em
Stand in awe and turn from sin, lay your restless striving down,

Am D D D C
Commune with your heart in the dark, be still and make no sound;

G C G G
Offer up the sacrifice of a right and humbled heart,

C G D C G
And put your trust in Him alone who set you here apart.

PRE-CHORUS 2 (BUILDING AGAIN)

C G C G C
Let the world go chase its vanity, let it run and let it roam,

D C G C G
I have found the only good there is, and He has made me home;

C Em G G C
 For a field of grain will wither and a brimming cup runs dry —
 G C G Em G
 But this gladness that He gave me, it will never say goodbye.

BRIDGE (FROM A WHISPER TO A FULL-THROATED SHOUT — STOMP ON EVERY LINE)

C D Em
 More than corn — (more than corn!)
 C G C
 More than wine — (more than wine!)
 G G Em C
 More than all the reaping hands could ever bind —
 G C G
 More than gold — (more than gold!)
 G Em D
 More than store — (more than store!)
 G G G
 You're the very gladness I was aching for!
 G G G
 Lift the light! Lift the light!
 G G G
 Let it break the coward night —
 G G G
 You have put a gladness in my heart,
 Em C G
 And it's brighter than the light!

BREAKDOWN (THE BAND FALLS AWAY — ONE VOICE, ONE GUITAR, GANG VOCALS GATHER)

G Em G
 No lock I own could guard this door,
 G G G
 No wall I built would hold the war,
 G Em G
 But You are watching through the night —
 G D G G
 I will lay me down in peace (lay me down),

C G C G
I will close my eyes and sleep (close and sleep),

C G Am
For You only, Lord, You only

D D
Make me dwell in safety.

FINAL CHORUS (SOARING — EVERYTHING WIDE OPEN; SOFTENING AT THE LAST LINES)

G G C
You have put a gladness in my heart,

G C G
More than the harvest, more than gold,

Am G G G
More than their corn and all their wine —

C G C
A joy the whole wide world can't hold!

C C G
So I will lay me down in peace,

G G D
And I will sleep, and I will sleep,

Em G G
For You alone, O Lord, You keep,

D Em G
You only make me dwell in safety.

OUTRO (EVERYTHING SETTLES — ONE VOICE, ONE GUITAR, THE EVENING COMING DOWN)

C G Am
So I lay me down in peace,

G Am G
And I close my eyes and sleep;

Am C G
For You only, Lord, You only

Em C
Keep me.

C G
Gladness... gladness in my heart.