

He Gives His Beloved Sleep

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 127 • Key: Ab major • 72 BPM • 4/4

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INTRO (SOLO RHODES, BRUSHED KICK PULSE, WORDLESS HUM, NEAR-SPOKEN, ROOM TO BREATHE)

Ab Db
He gives His beloved sleep

Fm Eb Ab
lay it down now, lay it down

VERSE 1 (LEAD SOFT AND CONVERSATIONAL, WARM ROUND BASS WALKS IN, HAT FEATHERED)

Db Cm Bbm
I been up before the sun

Fm Db Eb
tryin' to hold it all in place

Ab Cm Fm
put my back into the buildin'

Db Eb Ab
wore the tired on my face

Db Fm Eb
but if You don't build the house

Ab Db Cm
then every stone I lay is lost

PRE-CHORUS (BVS HUM UNDERNEATH, SNARE BRUSH SWELLS, THE TURN)

Bbm Fm Db
then I heard You callin', soft and low

Eb Ab Cm
set the hammer down and let it go

Fm Db Eb Ab
I don't have to earn it, I just receive

Db Fm Eb
come and teach my soul to breathe

CHORUS (STACKED WARM BVS, CALL-AND-RESPONSE, DEEP IN THE POCKET)

Ab Db Cm
lay it down (lay it down)

Bbm Fm
He gives His beloved sleep

Db Eb Ab
rest for the weary (rest so deep)

Cm Fm
He gives His beloved sleep

Db Eb Ab
I don't gotta strive, I don't gotta keep

Db Fm Eb Ab
He gives His beloved, He gives His beloved sleep

VERSE 2 (SAME POCKET, SUBTLE CLAV OR MUTED-GUITAR CHANK, BASS MORE MELODIC)

Db Cm Bbm
I been a watchman on the wall

Fm Db Eb
eyes wide open all night long

Ab Cm Fm
but the city that You cover

Db Eb Ab
never slips out of Your hand

Db Fm Eb
so I'm handin' You the lantern

Ab Db Cm
and I'm layin' down the plan

CHORUS (FULLER BV STACK, TAMBOURINE ON THE BACK HALF)

Bbm Fm Db
lay it down (lay it down)

Eb Ab
He gives His beloved sleep

Cm Fm Db
rest for the weary (rest so deep)

Eb Ab
He gives His beloved sleep

Db **Fm** **Eb**
I don't gotta strive, I don't gotta keep
Ab **Db** **Cm** **Bbm**
He gives His beloved, He gives His beloved sleep

BRIDGE (BAND DROPS TO RHODES AND BASS, GRATITUDE, FAMILY AS GIFT NOT WAR)

Fm **Db** **Eb** **Ab**
children are a heritage, a reward I could not buy
Cm **Fm** **Db** **Eb**
not an army to muster, not a wall to keep
Ab **Db** **Fm** **Eb** **Ab**
just a family You have given, while You give Your loved ones sleep
Db **Cm** **Bbm** **Fm** **Db**
happy is the home where the Lord is doin' the buildin'

OUTRO (RETURN TO THE HUM, LEAD AD-LIBS, SETTLE INTO THE POCKET AND FADE)

Eb **Ab** **Cm** **Fm**
so I lay it down, I close my weary eyes
Db **Eb**
He gives His beloved sleep
Ab **Db** **Fm** **Eb**
go on and rest now, He's already built the house