

Lifter of My Head

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 3 • Key: G major • 89 BPM • 4/4

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INTRO (EASY ROADHOUSE SHUFFLE — CLAVINET STRUTTIN', HAMMOND WARM AND LOW)

G G G
Ooh, the lifter of my head

G G G
Oh, oh, the lifter of my head

VERSE 1

G G G G
Lord, how they've multiplied since the mornin' I ran,
G G G G G
even the boy I bounced on my knee has turned his hand.
G G G G G
They line the dusty road and they say it loud and mean,
G G G G G
"there's no help for him in God" — but that ain't the God I've seen.
D G G G G
So I hung it in the dust, Lord, I hung my heavy head,
G G D D G
till a word come off the hilltop, soft as mornin' bread.

PRE-CHORUS

C G G
But You — oh, but You —
D C G
when the low-down liars crowd around,
G G G
You come and find the fallen,
G G G G G
put Your hand beneath my chin and turn my whole face round.

CHORUS

G G G G G
You're the shield all around me, the glory I have found,

G G G G G
You're the lifter of my head when my head hangs down.

C G G C G
So I'll rise (rise), I'll rise (rise), on the word that You have said —

D G C G C
O my God, my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

VERSE 2

G G G G G
I cried out with my voice and He heard me where I lay,

G G G G
answered from His holy hill, drove the dark away.

G G G G G
So I laid me down and slept like a stone in the deep,

G G D G G
for the Lord was wide awake — He kept the watch I couldn't keep.

G G G G G
And I woke up still breathin', with my burden turned to bread —

G G G G G
He sustained me through the night, and He lifted up my head.

PRE-CHORUS

G G G
But You — oh, but You —

G G G
let 'em wonder how I sleep so sound,

G G G
the One who never slumbers had me,

G G G G
He'll hold me while I lay this weary body down.

CHORUS

G G G G G
You're the shield all around me, the glory I have found,

G G G G G
You're the lifter of my head when my head hangs down.

G D G G G
So I'll rise (rise), I'll rise (rise), on the word that You have said —

G G G D D
O my God, my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

BRIDGE

G C G G D
Let ten thousand come against me, set around on every side,

C G G G G
I will not be afraid, no — the Lord, He is my light.

G G G G G
Arise, O Lord, and save me, break the teeth of every lie;

G G G G G
the hand that keeps me steady is the hand that hung the sky.

G G G G G
(I will not be afraid) — He lifts the bowed-down low,

C G G C G
(I will not be afraid) — till the lowly are lifted high.

FINAL CHORUS

D G C G C
You're the shield all around me, the glory I have found,

G G G G G
You're the lifter of my head when my head hangs down.

G G G G G
I was face in the dirt, Lord, I was left for dead —

G G G G G
now my shield and my glory's got me up instead —

G D G G G
O my God, my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

OUTRO (COMMUNAL, UNHURRIED, WARM HARMONIES SWELLIN')

G G G G G
Salvation belongs to the Lord — (belongs to the Lord) —

G G G G G
and His blessin' rests on His people, on the ones that He's restored.

G G G G G
So lift your head (lift it up), lift your head (lift it up) —

G G G
He's the lifter of your head.

G **G** **G** **G** **G**
Oh, lift your head (lift it up), lift your head —

G **G** **G**
He's the lifter of your head.