Open Thou My Lips

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 51:15-17 • Key: G major • 132 BPM • 4/4

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VERSE 1

G G G G
I had a whole year with nothing in my mouth.

G G G G
I had a tongue and I could not use it.

G G G G
Then You came down and You broke it open

G G G
and now I cannot shut up.

CHORUS (GANG VOCALS ANSWER)

G G G
Open Thou my lips - (open them up!)

D Bb C C
and my mouth shall show Your praise! (show Your praise!)

G G C
Open Thou my lips - (open them up!)

G D G
I have got something to say.

VERSE 2

G G G
I brought You everything I had.

G G G
I drove the whole herd to the altar.

G G G G
You did not want a single one of them.

G Bm
You wanted me.

CHORUS (GANG VOCALS ANSWER)

C G G
Open Thou my lips - (open them up!)

C C G D
and my mouth shall show Your praise! (show Your praise!)

G G G
Open Thou my lips - (open them up!)

C G G
I have got something to say.

BREAKDOWN - EVERYTHING STOPS. ONE VOICE, ONE HELD ORGAN CHORD. NO GANG VOCALS.

C C
He never wanted the offering.

G G
He never wanted the smoke.

D D G
What He wants is a broken spirit,

C Bm Bb
a broken and a contrite heart -

G Bb Bb
and He will not turn that away.

Bb Am D
He will not turn that away.

CHORUS - THE WHOLE BAND SLAMS BACK IN

G G G
Open Thou my lips - (open them up!)

Bb C C G
and my mouth shall show Your praise! (show Your praise!)

G C C
Open Thou my lips - (open them up!)

G D G
I have got something to say.

OUTRO

G G
I cannot shut up.

G G
I cannot shut up.

D D D
I have got something to say.