

Strength in My Soul

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 138:3 • Key: E major • 112 BPM • 4/4

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INTRO (HUSHED FALSETTO, NEAR-WHISPERED, SOFT PIANO + OOHS BENEATH)

E E
In the dark I'm calling

B C#m
Can You hear me now

B A
Ooh, ooh

E B
Can You hear me now

VERSE 1 (INTIMATE, CONFESSIONAL, SOFT PIANO + FINGER-SNAPS)

C#m B A E
Three in the morning and I can't stop shaking

E E C#m
Every wall I built has finally cracked

C#m A A B
Here I am on the floor in the dark

E E A
I got nothing left, just Your name

A B C#m
Just Your name, just Your name

PRE-CHORUS (LIFTING)

C#m E B
No waiting, no silence, no far-off reply

E E B C#m
The second I called, You were closer than my sigh

CHORUS (SOARING, GOSPEL-TINGED, STACKED BACKING 'OOHS')

A A E B
In the day that I cried, You answered me

C#m B A A
Reached in the dark and You held all of me

B E E E E
 You put a strength in my soul I could not make on my own
 E E C#m
 Now I can stand, now I'm not alone
 C#m A A B E
 Oh, in the day that I cried — You answered me
 E A
 (You answered me)

VERSE 2 (CONFESSIONAL, GROOVE SETTLES IN)

A B C#m
 I didn't clean up, I came in pieces
 C#m B E E
 And You didn't flinch, You just came in close
 E B C#m A
 You didn't fix it all, but You held my frame
 A E B C#m
 And the strength I feel was never my own
 B A C#m
 Never my own, never my own

PRE-CHORUS

B E E
 No waiting, no silence, no far-off reply
 E A B B
 The second I called, You were closer than my sigh

CHORUS

Abm C#m A A
 In the day that I cried, You answered me
 B Abm A A
 Reached in the dark and You held all of me
 C#m B E B B
 You put a strength in my soul I could not make on my own
 C#m A E
 Now I can stand, now I'm not alone
 E B C#m A A
 Oh, in the day that I cried — You answered me

E B
(You answered me)

BRIDGE (GOSPEL OOHS SWELLING, CALL-AND-RESPONSE)

E E E
Not by my power, not by my name

C#m
(oh-oh-oh)

E B G A
You filled my soul and I'm not the same

A A E B
Not someday, not tomorrow — right here where I lay

F#m B A
You answered me the same, same day

E E E
(the same day, the same day)

FINAL CHORUS (KEY-CHANGE LIFT, HEARTFELT AD-LIBS)

E B C#m B
In the day that I cried, You answered me

A E B
(oh, in the day that I cried)

C#m B A E
Reached in the dark and You held all of me

E E
(all of me, oh)

C#m C#m A A B
You put a strength in my soul I could not make on my own

E E A
Now I can stand, now I'm not alone

A B C#m C#m E
Oh, in the day that I cried — You answered me

OUTRO (AD-LIBS OVER STACKED GOSPEL OOHS, FADING SOFT)

B E E
Same day, You came, You heard me

B C#m
Strength in my soul, oh

A A
You answered me

E (ooh, ooh) **B** You answered me