

Terrible Beauty (Bless God)

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 68:35 • Key: F# minor • 108 BPM • 4/4

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INTRO (A CAPPELLA STOMPS, CLAPS, GANG VOCALS — NO INSTRUMENTS)

F#m D
Hey! Hey! Bless God!

A E
Hey! Hey! Bless God!

F#m D A
O His people — bless God!

VERSE 1 (LONE LEAD, ACOUSTIC + BANJO, DIRTY ELECTRIC HUMMING LOW)

E A E F#m
There's a terrible beauty rolling off the ridge tonight,

D A E
a beautiful terror, a holy light —

F#m D F#m D A
it don't come from the valley, it don't come from man,

E F#m D A
it pours from the door where the Almighty stands.

PRE-CHORUS (MANDOLIN, FIDDLE, CLAPS DOUBLE, FUNK BASS STRUTS IN)

E A E F#m D
Who is like the Strong God? (who is like our God?)

A E F#m D
Mighty beyond the telling, older than the dawn —

F#m D A E F#m
He speaks and the thunder answers, He moves and the mountains fall —

D A E
and here's the wonder, oh here's the wonder...

CHORUS (FULL BAND STOMP, DIRTY ELECTRIC + FUNK, BIG GANG VOCALS)

A E F#m D
So bless God, O His people — bless God!

A E F#m
(He gives us fire, He gives us fire!)

D F#m D A
Strong God of Israel, terrible and bright — bless God!

E F#m D
(He hands us fire to lift His name!)

A E A E
Hands like a storm and a heart like a flame,

F#m D A E F#m
He hands His own might to the ones who call His name —

D F#m D A
so bless God, O His people — bless God!

VERSE 2 (BACK TO BANJO + STOMP, DIRTY ELECTRIC LOUDER, FUNKY BASS)

E F#m D A E
He don't hand out feathers, He hands out fire and might,

A E F#m D A
takes the weak and shaking hands and fills 'em up with light.

E F#m D F#m
Not because we earned it, not because we're strong —

D A E F#m D
He shares the very power that the angels long to sing.

BRIDGE (STOMP + CLAP + FIDDLE DRONE, LEADER-AND-ALL CALL-AND-RESPONSE)

A E A
Awe in the holy place — bless God!

E F#m D
Fire in these very hands — bless God!

A E F#m
Weak ones made mighty now — bless God!

D F#m D A
He gives it away — (He gives it away!)

E F#m D A
Take up the fire, it will not consume —

E A E
carry the thunder out of the upper room!

FINAL CHORUS (BAND SLAMS BACK, KEY LIFTS A WHOLE STEP, WIDE OPEN)

F#m D A E
So bless God, O His people — bless God!

F#m D F#m
(He gives us fire, He gives us fire!)

D A E F#m
Strong God of Israel, terrible and bright — bless God!

D A E
(He hands us fire to lift His name!)

A E F#m D
Hands like a storm and a heart like a flame,

A E F#m D F#m
He hands His own might to the ones who call His name —

D A E F#m
so bless God, O His people — BLESS GOD!

OUTRO (INSTRUMENTS FALL AWAY, BARE A CAPPELLA STOMP-CLAP CHANT)

D A
Hey! Hey! Bless God!

E A E
O His people — bless God!

F#m D A
Bless God, O His people. Amen.