

You Started This

Douglas Yates — inspired by Psalm 138:8 • Key: F# major • 80 BPM • 4/4

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INTRO (A CAPPELLA / ONE SOFT TELE + SPACE, HUSHED AND CLOSE)

F# **F#** **B**
Mm... it's late, just You and me,
B **F#** **F#** **B** **B**
and I'm too tired to be who I'm tryin' to be.
Ebm **C#** **B** **B** **F#**
I keep on reachin' for the parts I can't fix —
F# **B** **B** **Ebm** **C#**
so I'm layin' it down, layin' it all in Your hands.

VERSE 1 (WARM CLEAN TELE + SOFT SNAPS, LAID-BACK BEHIND THE BEAT)

B **B** **Abm** **C#**
I woke up tired of tryin' to be enough,
F# **F#** **Bbm**
chasin' some version of me I couldn't love.
Bbm **Ebm** **Ebm** **B** **B**
So I laid it down — got nothin' left to prove —
F# **F#** **B** **B** **Ebm**
and in the quiet, I can still feel You in the room.
C# **B** **B** **Abm**
I don't have to fix these broken parts alone;
C# **Abm** **C#** **F#**
You started somethin' good — You won't leave it half-grown.

CHORUS (THE SING-ALONG HOOK, SOFT HARMONY LAYERS)

F# **Bbm** **Bbm**
You started this, and You'll finish it,
Ebm **Ebm** **B** **B** **F#**
I'm the work of Your hands, You won't quit on it.
F# **Bbm** **Bbm** **C#**
Your mercy runs on, oh it never ends —
C# **B** **B**
You started this, and You'll finish it.

VERSE 2 (GROOVE SETTLES IN, BASS ROUNDS OUT)

F# F# F# Bbm
I used to think that grace was mine to earn,
Ebm Ebm Ebm
countin' up my failures, waitin' on my turn.
C# C# C# Ebm Ebm
But You don't love me for the good that I could do —
C# B F# F# F#
these are Your hands, and I'm the work You're seein' through.
F# Ebm Ebm B
I'm still in progress, not yet who I'll be,
B Ebm F# F# B
but You don't give up — You just keep holdin' me.

CHORUS

B F# F#
You started this, and You'll finish it,
B B Ebm C# B
I'm the work of Your hands, You won't quit on it.
B F# F# B
Your mercy runs on, oh it never ends —
B Ebm C#
You started this, and You'll finish it.

BRIDGE (STRIPS BACK, THEN SWELLS — THE HEART OF IT)

B B Abm C#
You won't walk away, no, You won't walk away
F# F# Bbm
from the good that You began.
Bbm Ebm Ebm
And You won't forsake the work
B B F#
that was shaped by Your own two hands.
F# B B
I don't have to finish me —
Ebm C#
I'm bein' finished by You.

B **B** **Abm**
I'm not done yet, but I'm not afraid,
C# **Abm** **C#**
'cause Your mercy's gonna carry me through.

FINAL CHORUS (FULLEST, WARM GANG-HARMONY ON THE HOOK)

F# **F#** **Bbm**
You started this, and You'll finish it,
Bbm **Ebm** **Ebm** **B** **B**
I'm the work of Your hands, You won't quit on it.
F# **F#** **Bbm** **Bbm**
Your mercy runs on, oh it never ends —
C# **C#** **B**
You started this, and You'll finish it.

OUTRO (WINDS DOWN TO VOICE + ONE WARM TELE, AT REST)

B **F#** **F#**
So finish it, Lord, finish it —
F# **Bbm** **Ebm** **Ebm**
take Your time, I trust Your hands with it.
Ebm **C#**
You started this...
C# **C#**
and You'll finish it.