

REVOLUTION

a worship album by
LOREN SANDFORD
with the New Song Worship Band



FIFTH IN A SERIES ON WORSHIP
by Loren Sandford



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Loren Sandford is the driving force behind New Song Music in both song-writing (for worship and for listening) and vocals. He began as a rock musician in 1966 while still in High School and traveled all over the Pacific Northwest before leaving in 1969 to earn a bachelor's degree in vocal music. After college he earned a

Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary (1976) and has ministered full time ever since, most of that time as a senior pastor. He has led worship and shared his music through most of the USA and in Australia, Germany, Canada and South Africa and was **the worship leader for the very first Promise Keepers mass men's meeting** at the CU Event Center in Boulder, Colorado in 1991. Today his music emphasizes both flat-picked and intricate finger style acoustic guitar in a variety of tunings wedded to carefully crafted lyrics and richly layered vocals and includes blended elements of styles ranging from folk, to rock, to blues, and jazz. Recently he has begun using midi guitar to access sound modules and sounds usually available only to keyboard players. The result is a unique and interesting sound. As of July, 1997, Loren has assumed chief production responsibilities for New Song Music, as well. Not just a musician and pastor, Loren is also the author of a number of books. Visit www.newsongfellowship.org for more information.



ABOUT THE ALBUM

REVOLUTION is a worship album, carefully crafted in the studio for maximum richness. The songs are new, but thoroughly tested in the fire and wonder of worship at New Song Fellowship in Denver, Colorado. Each one flows from the intensity of the Presence of the Lord we feel in the revival we have so enjoyed since 1996. Worship of the living God is our highest value. We hope this album provides a rich resource for new songs in many churches and groups.

ABOUT THE SONGS

WHOSE FOOL ARE YOU -- Hot and driving jazz/blues/rock. Good for dancing. Sometimes in revival we find ourselves so full of the Presence that we behave as David did when he danced before the Lord with such reckless abandon as to draw the scorn of his wife, Michal. And it isn't just in worship. It's life in general. "I'm a fool for Jesus! Whose fool are you?" A song of joyous defiance.

GIVIN' IT UP -- Another "dancer" with a rock beat, celebrating and inviting God's overwhelming love. "Love me out of my control!" Suitable for shouting. I wrote it for those who have trouble getting past the religious reserve so carefully trained into them since childhood. Believe it, pray it and be free.

REVOLUTION -- Title cut. An unabashed and exuberant declaration of a revolution of love in a style reminiscent of some great stuff by the secular group ZZ Top. As Martin Luther so well stated, "Why should the devil have all the good music?" This is rock 'n' roll at its best. Our people love it!

RISE UP O GOD -- More great, hard driving rock! This is a warfare song affirming and inviting the power of God and is one of the most enduring tunes I've ever written for worship. It's lasted through 12 years and 3 churches and just never seems to wear out.

MORE -- "More, Lord!" stands as the most enduring cry of the current revival. Somewhere between mellow and rowdy in mood, this song soars with praise for what and who our Lord is, and cries for more of what He so willingly wants to give.

ABOUT THE SONGS

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AS THE EAGLE -- Exuberantly mellow with an underlying rhythmic urgency. Scripture promises that those who wait upon the Lord will rise up with wings as eagles. This is a song of soaring on the wings of the Spirit of God to gaze in wonder on His holiness. Deeply refreshing.

STRONG -- Jesus is our light in the darkness, our strength in weakness. "Gentle as a dove, yet hear the Lion's roar!" Very mellow and devotional, yet strong in flavor and impact.

ONLY IN YOUR EYES -- A deeply worshipful song of devotion and humility. A prayer that each of us would see ourselves reflected in the eyes of the Lord and understand our smallness in His greatness. "And Your holiness reveals me as I am in my humanity, O Lord."

PSALM 5 -- As the title implies, this one is adapted from the Scripture. There is a kind of prayer that stays quiet and pleading and there is a kind of prayer that takes wing and flies in power and passion. This one flies in power and passion. We recorded it for the sound of angels praying with us. Listen and see if we succeeded.

ONCE BLIND -- This one draws tears. I drew hard on an old Celtic melody and wrote a very mellow song of gratitude for the Lord's gift of His salvation that enables us to see and sense the wonder and the love His Presence brings. Haunting in melodic and lyrical tone, as well as the style of the recording.

HERE AM I -- When asked by the Lord, "Who will go for us?" Isaiah replied, "Here am I, send me." Mellow and soaringly powerful all at the same time, this song flies in the face of the self-absorption of our generation. As we sing it, we present ourselves before God to declare that we see and feel the pain of the lost world around us, and we ask to be sent in the name of the Lord to meet that need.

TIME TO BE FREE -- If a song can be a plea for a church of gentleness, mercy and refuge and a powerful declaration of victory and freedom all at the same time, this is it. Another song that goes back 15 years and 3 churches. So good it just never wears out. Touches some deep and abiding needs in the hearts of God's people.

SUNLIGHT ON THE SNOW -- The bonus track, recorded after we thought the album was finished. Late at night, I was returning to the church to get something I had forgotten when this wonderful Appalachian melody began to play in my mind. Within a mile or two the first words took shape. When I got to the church I forgot what I'd come to retrieve, ran straight to the studio and recorded all three verses in 4 part harmony just as you hear them on the album. The following Sunday I pitched it lower and added instrumentation for the congregation, and it became a favorite, requested over and over again.

ABOUT THE PLAYERS



Loren Sandford -- Producer. Songwriter. Lead vocals. Some background vocals. Acoustic guitars. Orchestration and keyboards via midi guitar. Some bass guitar.

Beth Sandford -- Most backing vocals. Gang vocals as well. Classically trained, but folk is a first love. Angelic voice with a wide range of accents. Has

spent most of her life on stage.

Russ Hatcher -- Electric lead guitar. A player for more than 30 years and a mainstay with the New Song Worship Band for 4 years. Soaring stuff.

Steve Horn -- Lots of backing vocals. Bass guitar. Long background in all kinds of music from rock to blues and old time gospel. Steve is a veritable musical data base of songs. A 5 octave vocal range makes him a versatile member of the team.

Ken Hylsky -- Bass guitar. A truly creative player, Ken has played in a number of worship bands from California to Colorado.

Tami Russomano -- Rock keyboards and B3 organ. A player for 3 decades, including 14 years on the road as a pro, Tami rocks the house.

Mike Daringer -- Drums. Mike was just a high school senior as we recorded this album but he comes from a family of percussion players. Both his father and younger brother are drummers who really kick. In fact, his father appears on several earlier New Song Music recordings.

Mike Nichol -- Drums/percussion. A relentlessly creative and intense player, Mike's contribution adds drive and energy to this project.

REVOLUTION

lyric sheet

1.

WHOSE FOOL ARE YOU

There's a hole in my heart
and Jesus can fill it (4x)

On the power of love strengthens me
And He'll fill you, too, 'cause it's flowing free
And I don't mind if I look the fool
I'm a fool for Jesus! Whose fool are you?

There's a fire in my heart
and He'll keep it burnin' (4x)

Am I out of my mind? Well I don't think so,
I'm just filled with wine, and it's heaven's own
And I don't mind if I look the fool
I'm a fool for Jesus! Whose fool are you?

Jesus! Jesus! I'm a fool for You!
Jesus! Jesus! I'm a fool for You!

2.

GIVIN' IT UP

Givin' it up! Chargin' my pride for holy joy!
Givin' it up! Tradin' what's mine for all of Yours!
Givin' it up! All of my fear for all Your love!
Givin' it up! I surrender to You Lord!

Takin' it in! Any way You want it, Lord!
Takin' it in! Stretch me, Lord, to hold still more!
Takin' it in! Love me out of my control!
Takin' it in! I surrender to You, Lord!

*Shake me, Lord, I don't care anymore!
Make my knees bend to kneel on the floor!
Move my feet, let me dance with You, Lord!
Shout for joy! Let me shout to You, shout to
You, shout to You, Lord!*

3.

REVOLUTION

It's a revolution, turn the world on its ear!
It's a revelation, things of heaven are near!
*O devil move over, there's a victory shout and
there's gonna be whole lotta love!*
Shout! Jesus is comin', Jesus is here!
Shout! Jesus is comin', Jesus is here!

It's a celebration, change the way that we pray!
It's a new sensation, taste tomorrow today!
*O devil move over, there's a victory shout and
there's gonna be whole lotta love!*
Shout! Jesus is comin', Jesus is here!
Shout! Jesus is comin', Jesus is here!

Taste and see! His love is free!
Come and see! O Come and see!

4.

RISE UP O GOD

Rise up, O God! O come and see!
I know the agitation of Your enemies could ruin me!
Rise up, O God! Deliver me!
I know the revelation of Your power could set me free!

*And I know, You are the power!
And I know You are the light!
And I know You have surrounded me!
And I know I walk in Your might!*

5.

MORE

Shout to the King, the walls have fallen!
Dance with unbridled joy to praise Him!
*Mighty in holy war. Gentle in loving.
Spirit of Jesus, send us more!*

Shadows of night at last are fleeing!
Hearts that were empty now are fleeing!
*Mighty in holy war. Gentle in loving.
Spirit of Jesus, send us more!*

*Send Your fire, keep us burning
Rising higher, lives are turning*

6.

AS THE EAGLE

As the eagle soars upon the wind
I will sing the song that never ends
*You are holy, holy holy, Lord!
You are holy, holy, holy, Lord!*

As the eagle stirs her young to flight
So Your Spirit stirs my soul to right
*You are holy, holy holy, Lord!
You are holy, holy, holy, Lord!*

*It's Your love! It's Your life! It's Your power!
It's Your presence in our lives. (2x)*

As the river roars through canyons strong
Let me ride that current my life long
*You are holy, holy holy, Lord!
You are holy, holy, holy, Lord!*

7.

STRONG

Strong! Strength in my weakness
Strong! Humble before You
Strong! Let me live more in You

Strong! I can do all things
Strong! In Jesus who strengthens
Strong! Let me live more in You

*Gentle as a dove, yet hear the Lion's roar!
Fiery eyes of love burn my very soul!*

Strong! Help for the helpless
Strong! Humbling the mighty
Strong! Let me live more in You

Strong! A rock and a fortress
Strong! Light in the darkness
Strong! Let me live more in You

*Gentle as a dove, yet hear the Lion's roar!
Fiery eyes of love burn my very soul!*

8.

ONLY IN YOUR EYES

Let me see Myself reflected in the mirror of Your eyes
Only in Your eyes! Only in Your eyes, my Lord!
Gazing deep into infinity, I know Your warm divinity
Only in Your eyes! Only in Your eyes my Lord!

*And Your holiness reveals me
as I am in my humanity, O Lord!
And the mirror of Your eyes reflects
how empty is my vanity, O Lord!*

9.

PSALM 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord, hear my cry!
Hear my prayer, heed my call. Help me now
my King and my God!
For unto You will I pray in the morning, Lord
You will hear my voice and I will watch for You,
O Lord!

10.

ONCE BLIND

With eyes once blind I see Your face
With heart once dark I feel Your grace
And once I heard with ears of clay
But now I hear and here I pray

And now my soul is given wings
To soar and know Your holy things
And once I stood an earthbound one
But now I fly with heaven's Son

*And now I know that I'm alive!
Because I know the Name of Life!
And in His Name, I bow my knee
To honor Him who set me free*

11.

HERE AM I

Hear me, O Lord My God, for You know my heart!
Here am I! Here am I! O Lord, send me!

I have seen the lost and wandering
And I hear their cries of pain!
Here am I! Here am I! O Lord, send me!

And let it be Your love. Let it be Your grace.
Let me be a window on Your face.

12.

TIME TO BE FREE

I don't need another place where I'm not really free
And I don't need another face to hide what's really me
And I don't need a critical eye to cut me to the bone
I need a place where I can cry when I feel so all alone

*This is the time to be free in the Lord who comforts me
Let the mouths of those who know say this is so!*

And I don't need another place where people all pretend
And I don't need to run the race when my strength is
at an end

And I don't need to hear your demands when I can
barely stand
I need a place where I can cry in the hollow of His hand

*This is the time to be free in the Lord who comforts me
Let the mouths of those who know say this is so!*

13.

SUNLIGHT ON THE SNOW

It's a long way from where I'm goin'
To the place I'm gonna be
But My Jesus is the doorway
And He's callin' out to me

It's a bright light I see shinin'
Lights the path where I must go
It's my Jesus, His face is glowin'
Like the sunlight on the snow

It's a good life here and there, Lord
Here and where I'm gonna be
Jesus, Jesus, with me always
I was blind but now I see

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