

A NEW SONG



Designed to encourage The Salvation Army to sing a new song.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

ARTIST	Hillsong Worship
YEAR	2016
ORIGINAL KEY	D
TIME SIGNATURE	4/4
THEME	The name of Jesus

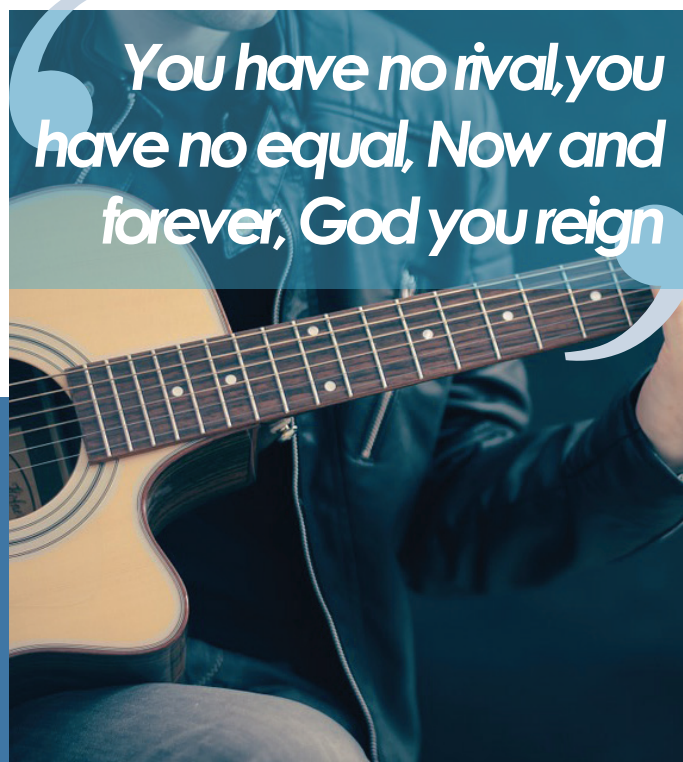
WHAT'S THE SONG ABOUT

Jesus has the name above all others. This song confesses that no greater beauty exists outside of Jesus. It is a statement that Jesus has no rival or equal. His power is unmatched and absolute.

The song is rich in both theology and direct references to Scripture. The first verse pulls themes from John 1 and Colossians 1, referring to the pre-existence of the Son and his role in creation. Verse 2 touches on themes of our sin and the resulting reconciliation in Christ. The bridge speaks about the victory of the resurrection.

The chorus (from Philippians 2:9-11) speaks of how beautiful, wonderful and powerful the name of Jesus is.

Perhaps some of us understand God best because he loves us through the death and resurrection of Jesus, but haven't grasped his power and ability to move in our



personal circumstances. Or perhaps we understand God as the supreme, the almighty, but have never known him as a close friend. The prayer for this song is that all can enter into a deeper revelation of the person of Jesus Christ and his matchless name.

WORSHIP LEADING TIPS

• The original key of this song is in D. This has proved to be an ideal key for congregational use. We would recommend using D or E as a guitar-friendly option.

• The song has a small vocal range and a 'hook' that is easily singable and memorable. You may be surprised how quickly congregations will pick it up and connect.

TEAM WORK

• The intensity of the song is built throughout. Gradually add instruments and rhythm which will hold everything together.

• Use some key motifs that are used in the original recording. The motif before the bridge is only four notes but adds continuity and strength to the song.

• Each chorus describes differently the name of Jesus: 'Beautiful, wonderful' and 'Powerful'. Reflect these names in the way your worship teams play in terms of instrumentation, dynamics etc.

• This song tells a strong story, so make sure you understand the geography of the song.

MUSIC

Here you will find a link to a demo on YouTube, link to find chords/lead sheets and a lyrics video with the music if you do not have a worship team.

Demo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQWFzMuCfLE>

Chords and lyrics

www.hillchords.com/hillsong/what-a-beautiful-name/

Lyrics video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5L6QIAH3L4>



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