

mercy

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mercy is a recognition of the reality of it all, that often I have been spared from well deserved judgment and sentencing... as, I believe, most of us have... or will be.

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These things carry me.  
Much thank!

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,  
just as we hope in You.  
(Ps 33:18-22)

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#### Light of Mercy c.2009 David Ashley

oh late  
I finally arrived  
this time  
I won't bate a sacrifice  
alone here where patience began  
oh hate  
came to me in the dark  
I can't forget the light it put out  
inside bring it back again  
Oh it's a lonely rugged road  
desperate at times I feel disowned  
then I look up to see your light of mercy over me  
oh weight  
question all that I am  
turn tight feel the doubt from within  
slip down find the bottom again  
oh fate  
don't make it sound like a crime  
when I try to make it right  
turn down all that makes me dead

#### I Dream c.2009 David Ashley

I saw life in a cloud in the sky  
Captured me, then it all blew by  
In a moment then I missed what I could have been  
And now it seems that I've looked up there  
More than once, I've stopped and stared  
Waiting for that moment when I know that I could have been  
And I dream  
I dream 'cause today I believe  
Years go by and I've run the race  
One of hope in a young man's face  
And I wonder now how long I can carry on  
Well, bring me faith, give me arms to reach  
'round my doubt to amazing grace  
'til I'm no more wondering how long I need to carry on

#### Fade Away c.2009 David Ashley

Take me now  
Away from all that brings me down  
Erase the way  
So I can trace my way back home  
Fade away all of the emptiness and fear  
Bring me to your grace and mercy  
Draw me near  
God of love

#### Fade Away

Let me fly  
Into the space where I can see  
Bring me down  
So I can stand where I should be

#### Rain Comes Down c.2009 David Ashley

There she sat  
Waiting for  
Words to come for a miracle cure  
Her world in slow motion  
Everything stalled  
Except for the raging thoughts trapped in her mind  
Oh the rain comes down  
Till the clouds clear away  
There's no one to help you now  
In a world that doesn't say  
it'll be OK  
I find I'm waiting for a  
Savior to come  
To take me away, Lord what have I done?  
When right outside  
She's suffering  
There's something you've given me that I can bring  
And there she sat  
Teary eyed still  
Waiting for mercy and praying to find it  
The door swings open  
Her heart sinks low  
The time has come now she needs to know  
Ok for tomorrow  
Ok for the day  
OK for when the rain stops

#### Live In Me c. 2009 David Ashley

Should I say everything that I need  
Should I take everything to my knees  
Should I try to make sense of this all  
I'm tired of falling  
I need your love constantly  
I need your ear when I speak  
I need your voice when I read  
Your word  
Live in me  
Live in me  
Take me down lift me up  
And wash me clean  
Live in me  
Live in me

#### Holy Spirit of God

Take everything  
Live in me  
What do I take when I go  
What do I do when I know  
What do I see with open eyes  
I want to feel it  
How can I rest until I'm home  
How can I make it to your throne  
How can I serve you faithfully  
I want to be

#### Old Shoes c.2009 David Ashley

Old dusty shoes  
Worn out leather  
Still stands the weather  
Old tattered soul  
Took the weight  
Of this lonely road  
Ah but it feels like home to me  
Walking on to my destiny  
Old tattered soul bound to be free  
Don't want no more than what's meant to be  
Old laces show  
Places where they've been  
Pulled before and I'm  
Careful to tie  
Without breaking the weak  
Protecting the lie  
Ah but it feels like home to me  
Making it to my destiny  
Old torn string still holding on  
Don't pull no more 'til I'm gone  
And now I know  
What youth could not  
What time reveals that  
We must go through  
The scars we make  
The fate we seal  
Ah but it feels like home to me  
Looking into my destiny  
With these old shoes still on my feet  
Waring old shoes faithfully

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