

Rocks Off recently unearthed a bunch of old hymnals while digging around in our attic, and, coincidentally enough, we also unearthed a box of metal albums we'd meant to mail to the Backstreet Boys several years ago but never got around to it. We put the albums in our rotation and leafed through the hymnals and realized, hey: Thematically, these can be kind of similar. In fact, they can be damn near indistinguishable.

See if you can tell which lyrics are from an old-fashioned Christian hymn, and which are from a heavy metal song. If you're stumped - and we don't really blame you; they're a lot closer than anyone has any right to expect - don't worry; we'll post an answer key a little later on today.

- A. "Now let my people go, land of Goshen/ Go, I will be with thee, bush of fire"
- B. "Signs of endings all around us/ Darkness, death, and winter days/  
Shroud our lives in fear and sadness/ Numbing mouths that long to praise"
- C. "O sacred head, sore wounded/ Defiled and put to scorn/ O kingly head  
surrounded/ With mocking crown of thorn"
- D. "God give me the answer to my life/ God give me the answer to my  
dreams/ God give me the answer to my prayers/ God give me the answer to  
my being"
- E. "And still they come, new preys of plague/ While often in their rooms of  
prayer/ God's people worship, safe and sound/ Unheeding, even unaware"
- F. "In His purpose I will stand/ I've been renewed by the Maker/ In His  
purpose I will stand/ I've been renewed by Him alone"
- G. "Tombstones are bursting, poor sinner stands a-trembling/ The trumpet

sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here"

H. "O Lord, here is thy offertory/ Here is thy glory sown/ Here is the hunting ground/ Here is thy rightful throne"

I. "Voices of victory all shout and proclaim/ The Kingdom of Glory is mine/ The raise of the will, our prophecy filled"

J. "Yet nations still prey on the meek of the world/ And conflict turns parent from child/ Your people despoil all the sweetness of Earth/ The briar and the thorn grow wild

K. "Could it be you're afraid of what your friends might say/ If they knew you believe in God above?/ They should realize before they criticize/ That God is the only way to love"

L. "Break new ground of a new frontier/ New ideas will surely get by/ No deed or dividend, some may ask why/ You'll find the solution, the answers in the sky"

M. "Human sin your plan has twisted/ Human wills defy your own/ All the world reverts to chaos/ Rule and judge as God alone"

N. "Raise me from mortal/ My will be your will/ My words speak your words/ Your pains raise me to bliss"

O. "O life whose crushing was for love/ O love whose spending was to death/ O death, your mourning is our seed/ A seed for wheat, our bread and life"

P. "Save me, don't let me fall/ Heaven sent, I heard the call/ Stop me, don't let me go/ Touch my heart, then let me know"

Q. "Yet to the end the song went on/ A supper's parting hymn/ A psalm intoned on dying lips/ When sun and hope grew dim"

R. "If mercy's abandoned by those who'd be brave/ Economy squandered by those who'd be generous/ Humility slighted by those who would lead/ This is sure death"

S. "I know my robe's gonna fit me well/ I'm gonna lay down my heavy load/ I tried it on at the gates of Hell/ I'm gonna lay down my heavy load"

T. "Should I feel lost somehow/ Do I feel less than thou/ Could I be less undone/ Could I fall deeper down"

U. "O world invisible, we can touch thee/ O world intangible, we can touch thee"

V. "I lay in dust, life's glory dead/ And from the ground there blossoms red/ Life that shall endless be"

W. "Light of my sun, light in this temple/ Light in my truth, lies in the darkness"