



"Cross Connection"

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Program 64 "He Gives Us All His Love" © Randy Newman

"...God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him"

1 John 4:16b, NIV

The Song ¹

- Written and performed by Randy Newman
- First appeared in 1971 film *Cold Turkey*, a theme playing during opening credits
- Gospel-influenced, giving a testament of faith
- Title lyric is ambiguous -- may mean God gives His love to all of us, (or) it could mean that God gives us all the love he has to give, or both
- Included on Newman's album *Sail Away*, which included much sarcasm and even expression of doubt concerning the concept of a benevolent creator
- Covered by some Christian artists

The Composer / Artist – Randy Newman (1943-) ²

- American singer/songwriter, arranger, composer, singer and pianist from Los Angeles who is noted for his satirical pop songs and film scores
- Film scores include *Ragtime*, *The Natural*, *Toy Story*, *Meet the Parents*, *Seabiscuit*, *A Bug's Life*, *Toy Story 2*, *Monsters, Inc.*, and *Cars*
- Awards include an Academy Award, two Emmy's, and four Grammy's
- Inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2002
- His early songs were recorded by Gene Pitney, Jerry Butler, and The O'Jays
- Briefly with the band that became Harpers Bizarre ("59th St. Bridge Song")
- Wrote "Mama Told Me Not To Come" for Three Dog Night
- Other hits include – "Short People", "Jolly Coppers On Parade", "Baltimore", "Rider In The Rain" and "You've Got A Friend In Me"
- Suffers from the debilitating Epstein-Barr virus
- Continues to perform his songs on tour before live audiences.

He gives us all His love
 He gives us all His love
 He's smiling down on us
 From up above
 And he's giving us all His love

Let's look this first as "He gives all of us His love"

- "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" – 1 Peter 3:18a
- "...that whosoever believes in Him..." – John 3:16

Does God ever look down on us and smile? Where is He?

- "Maybe tomorrow when He looks down on every green field, every town..."³ – Tommy James & The Shondells

¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/He_Gives_Us_All_His_Love

² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Randy_Newman

³ from "Crystal Blue Persuasion", © 1969 Mike Vale, Ed Gray, Tommy James

He knows how hard we're trying
He hears the babies crying
He sees the old folks dying
And He gives us all his love



Notice the verbs here: **knows, hears, sees, gives**

Does God simply monitor us?

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" – Matthew 10:29-31, NIV

Does He intervene in our lives and in our world?

- Every miracle in the Bible says "Yes!"
- *"... You do not have, because you do not ask God"* – James 4:2b

If you need someone to talk to
You can always talk to Him
And if you need someone to lean on
You can lean on Him



God is always with us and available to us

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you" – John 14:16-17

Talk to Him

"Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray..." – James 5:13a, NIV

"Pray continually" – 1 Thessalonians 5:17, NIV

Lean on Him

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" -- Matthew 11:29, NIV

- Also see notes for Program 26, "Lean On Me"

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Now let's look at this as "He gives all of His love to us"

- Love is His very essence (1 John 4:16b)

"Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." -- Romans 5:7-8

Psalm 136 repeatedly asserts – *"His love endures forever"*

Final Thoughts...

Irregardless of the context / motives for writing this song, whether intended as tongue-in-cheek or sarcastic, the face value of the lyrics clearly reflect Biblical truths about God. Randy Newman is Jewish, thus these lyrics may characterize God's modus operandi from the perspective of the Jewish faith. Even so, we can clearly tie the words to the love God demonstrated in sending His only Son, Jesus Christ to die in our place and give us the free gift of salvation. Have you considered and accepted what He has done for you?

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