## Ep. 011: The TOP 10 "Buzz-worthy" Praise Songs (CCLI:Aug 2012).

## IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE

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- 1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee And hope in Him through all thy ways He'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee And bear thee through the evil days Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
- 2. Only be still and wait His leisure In cheerful hope with heart content To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure And all discerning love hath sent; Nor doubts our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
- 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways But do thine own part faithfully Trust His rich promises of grace So shall they be fulfilled in Thee God never yet forsook at need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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## MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

Samuel F. Smith, Henry Carey

- 1. My country, 'tis of thee Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died Land of the Pilgrim's pride From every mountainside, let freedom ring!
- 2. My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love. I love thy rocks and rills Thy woods and templed hills My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.
- 3. Let music swell the breeze
  And ring from all the trees, sweet freedom's song.
  Let mortal tongues awake
  Let all that breathe partake;
  Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
- 4. Our fathers' God, to Thee
  Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:
  Long may our land be bright
  With freedom's holy light;
  Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King!

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These are, by my computations, the top ten buzzworthy songs of Aug., 2012.

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I have taken this list, and compared it to the previous period. From this, I was able to ascertain which songs rose the fastest during the two periods. Once I found these songs, I then organized them by their final ranking.

Therefore, here is the list of the Top 10 buzzworthy songs. I then express my thoughts about each song, their lyrical content, appropriateness, and making the song easier to sing.

The Top 25 Songs of Praise and Worship (Aug 2012)

## The Top 10 "Buzzworthy" Praise and Worship Songs

- 10. <u>The Great I Am</u> by Jared Anderson (up 3098 credits; rank #176)
- 9. Never Once by Matt Redman, Jason Ingram and Tim Wanstall (up 5163 credits; rank: #170)
- 8. At Your Name by Tim Hughes and Phil Wickham (up 7689 credits; rank: # 132)
- 7. <u>Always</u> by Kristian Stanfill and Jason Ingram (up 8843 credits; rank: # 115)
- 6. <u>Here For You</u> by Matt Redman, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves and Tim Wanstall (up 5261 credits; rank: #106)
- 5. One Thing Remains by Brian Johnson, Christa Black, and Jeremy Riddle (up 4150 credits; rank: #91)
- 4. God Is Able by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding (up 11634 credits; rank: #65)
- 3. <u>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</u> by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin (up 12156 credits; rank: #59)
- 2. <u>Your Great Name</u> by Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff (up 6232 credits; rank: #42)
- 1. <u>Forever Reign</u> by Reuben Morgan and Jason Ingram (up 8395 credits; rank: #14)

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