

A NEW SONG



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

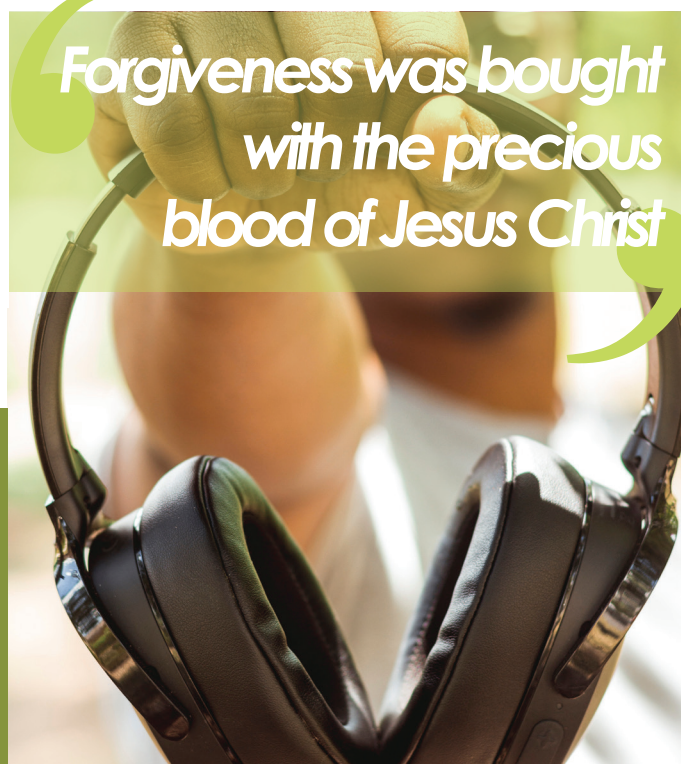
O COME TO THE ALTAR

ARTIST	Elevation Worship
YEAR	2017
ORIGINAL KEY	B
TIME SIGNATURE	6/8
THEME	Repentance

WHAT'S THE SONG ABOUT

The Salvation Army has long connected with the idea of coming forward to the 'altar' as a sign of surrender and worship in response to the Holy Spirit's prompting. In the Old Testament, the altar was the place where God's people made sacrifices for their sin. It's where people would go to find forgiveness for their sin and devote their life to God. In the New Testament, Jesus' death on the cross was the ultimate sacrifice on the ultimate altar. As Christians, we do not need to make animal sacrifices any more. Instead, we are to offer our

lives as 'living sacrifices' to God, as Paul says in Romans 12. We are 'living' sacrifices because Christ has brought us from spiritual death into life. This song encourages us never to lose hope in any difficult situation, but instead bring our situations to Jesus.



WORSHIP LEADING TIPS

- This song in 6/8 works well with a full worship team or equally as well acoustically, just with either guitar and piano.
- We recommend leading this song in the key of F or G for congregational use. The original from Elevation Worship is in B which can prove an awkward key for congregation to sing.

- This song works well as an invitation in response to a sermon or a call to salvation.

TEAM WORK

- In this song particularly, less is more. The 'lift' of the song should come from the strumming pattern of the acoustic guitar.

- Pay particular attention to make sure the tempo doesn't increase as the melody in the chorus (duplets) cuts across the pulse of the 6/8.

- Make sure the kick pattern from the drums and the bass rhythm match throughout the chorus, in particular being sure to keep the 'lift' that 6/8 naturally provides.

- Give contrast in texture by adding and taking away instruments in varying sections 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

www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYQ5yXCc_CA

Chords and lyrics

worshipchords.com/o-come-to-the-altar-chords

Lyrics video

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpfuKKH_SCE



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