

Faithful and True

Singer and songwriter Bobby Michaels tells how one summer he sensed a growing hunger to come up with a new song, but he could not find it within him. As he visited his publishing company to discuss a new album, he met a young man working as an intern. The young man mentioned that he wrote songs, and Bobby found himself pouring out his heart to the young man.

“Forget what might be appealing or what might sell,” said the young man. “Just tell me what you think God wants you to sing about.” Bobby’s story inspired the young man to write a beautiful song that uncannily communicated Bobby’s heart. The name of the song is *My Redeemer Is Faithful and True*. It is an unpretentious and simple prayer of thanksgiving to our Creator. It is a reverent statement of faith in God’s faithfulness. It literally made Bobby’s heart sing anew his love for his Savior.

The sales staff and editors did not like the song. In fact, they did not believe it would sell. “Too slow,” they said. “Too redundant.” On and on they went, but Bobby remained adamant that this song was directly from God and that it was anointed of God. It ministered to him, and it would minister to others. Here are those inspired lyrics:

*As I look back on the road I’ve traveled,
I see so many times He carried me through;
And if there’s one thing that I’ve learned in my life,
My Redeemer is faithful and true.
My Redeemer is faithful and true.*

*My heart rejoices when I read the promise
“There is a place I am preparing for you.”
I know someday I’ll see my Lord face to face,
‘Cause my Redeemer is faithful and true.*

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*My Redeemer is faithful and true.
Everything He has said He will do,
And every morning His mercies are new
My Redeemer is faithful and true.*

*And in every situation He has proved His love to me;
When I lack the understanding, He gives more grace to me.*

Bobby was right. God has used the song to bless countless numbers of individuals, and the testimony he gives at his concerts prior to singing the song makes thousands of hearts sing right along with him.

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Steven Curtis Chapman is the young man who wrote the song. He is a talented writer and winner of numerous Dove and Grammy awards.

God is simply amazing! What new song does He want to put in your heart today?

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God (Psalm 40:3).

– Beecher Hunter