Through Samaria

(Hillside)

4:1-15

I was always frustrated by this tune because I really liked it. I wrote the tune Hillside in 2002 but never came up with any suitable lyrics.

F C F Bb F C

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When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized

more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)

He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through

Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar,

near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well:

and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water:

Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away

unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria

unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me,

which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no

dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her,

If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee,

Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee

living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing

to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well,

and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water

shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give

him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be

in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water,

that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

Drawing Water

(Rocky Cay)

4:16-29

Another melody from the 90’s. While recording this version it dawned on me that this tune has its roots in a ditty we used to sing in elementary school. I laughed and laughed. If I told you the song you would know it, but then you too would laugh each time you heard this one. So I’ll just leave you to puzzle over the mystery.

D A D A D

A G A G A G A D

G A D

Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

The woman answered and said,

I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said,

I have no husband:

For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that

saidst thou truly.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

Our fathers worshipped in this mountain;

and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

Jesus saith unto her,

Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain,

nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is

of the Jews. But the hour cometh,

and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit

and in truth: for the Father

seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must

worship him in spirit and in truth.

The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ:

when he is come, he will tell us all things.

Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. And upon this came

his disciples, and marvelled

that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou?

or, Why talkest thou with her?

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city,

and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did:

is not this the Christ?

White Fields

(Novinski)

4:30-38

I wrote a song about 1988 or 89 called *I Wonder What Happened to Him* about a school chum named Jon Novinski. Having no plans to record the song it was given over for use in this project.

D A G D

D A G D

D A D A G D

Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying,

Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat

to eat that ye know not of.

Therefore said the disciples one to another,

Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith

unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me,

and to finish his work.

Say not ye, There are yet four months,

and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you,

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are

white already to harvest.

And he that reapeth receiveth wages,

and gathereth fruit unto life eternal:

that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may

rejoice together.

And herein is that saying true,

One soweth, and another reapeth.

I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour:

other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Many Samaritans

(Monroe)

4:39-46

Some of the worst traffic in America is on US 74 between Charlotte and Monroe. It was while stuck there one afternoon I came up with *You’ve Got the Look* which is the song used here. This is a most difficult sequence of changes and the girls did a fine job working it out.

C

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him

Am C

for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me

all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him,

they besought him that he would tarry

with them: and he abode there two days.

And many more believed

because of his own word;

And said unto the woman, Now we believe,

not because of thy saying:

for we have heard him ourselves,

and know that this is indeed the Christ,

the Saviour of the world. Now after two days he

departed thence, and went into Galilee.

For Jesus himself testified, that a

prophet hath no honour in his own country.

Then when he was come into Galilee,

the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did

at Jerusalem at the feast:

for they also went unto the feast.

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee,

where he made the water wine.

And there was a certain nobleman,

whose son was sick at Capernaum.

Nobleman’s Son

(Traditional Irish Folk Tune)

4:47-54

Here is another traditional melody of the highlands. The tune, Slane, is centuries old and is best known for its use in the hymn *Be Thou My Vision.*

When he heard that Jesus was come out of

Judaea into Galilee, he went unto

him, and besought him that he would come down,

and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see

signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down

ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him,

Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed

the word that Jesus had spoken unto him,

and he went his way. And as he was now going

down, his servants met him, and told him, saying,

Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them

the hour when he began to amend.

And they said unto him, Yesterday at the

seventh hour the fever left him.

So the father knew that it was at the same hour,

in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth:

and himself believed, and his whole house. This is

again the second miracle that Jesus did,

when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.)

At Bethesda

(Paraphets)

5:1-9

This snippet is called Parapets. I cannot recall how long ago I first recorded it but it never had any lyrics until now.

D G D

After this there was a feast of the Jews;

D A

and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

D G D

Now there is at Jerusalem

D A D

by the sheep market a pool,

which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered,

waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down

at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water:

whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in

was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there,

which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been

now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man,

when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool:

but while I am coming, another steppeth down

before me. Jesus saith unto him,

Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole,

and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

God Was His Father

(Truck Driving)

5:10-21

This tune is based on a traditional folk song about a condemned criminal waiting out his days. I had formerly adapted the tune and its mood in *Truck Driving Man*, which told about another form of boredom. The melody seemed a good fit for this section of John.

G D G

The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day:

D G

it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that

D G

made me whole, the same said unto me,

Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said

unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed

himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus

findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole:

sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus,

which had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews

persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things

on the sabbath day. But Jesus answered them,

My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more

to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said

also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Then answered Jesus and said unto them,

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself,

but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth,

these also doeth the Son likewise.

For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth:

and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

For as the Father raiseth up the dead,

and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

Death to Life

(Overcome – Traditional Folk Tune)

5:22-31

In the days of my youth gospel songs and folk songs were captured by various protest groups and used for political purposes. I have taken a measure of criticism for restoring these melodies to their rightful place. It seems those who stole them should be censured and I should be applauded, but some of the brethren lack sufficient depth of understanding. This is the lovely tune, Overcome.

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment

unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son,

even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth

not the Son honoureth not the Father

which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth

my word, and believeth on him that sent me,

hath everlasting life, and shall not come into

condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is,

when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God:

and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life

in himself; so hath he given to the Son

to have life in himself; And hath given him authority

to execute judgment also, because

he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the

hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves

shall hear his voice, And shall come forth;

they that have done good, unto the resurrection

of life; and they that have done evil, unto the

resurrection of damnation.

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge:

and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will,

but the will of the Father which hath sent me. If I bear

witness of myself, my witness is not true.

Witnesses

(Shimmering Scale)

5:32-40

Another unfinished song from the early ’90s. This tune is titled Simmering Scale.

C G C F C G

C G C F C G C

There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know

that the witness which he witnesseth

of me is true. Ye sent unto John, and he

bare witness unto the truth.

But I receive not testimony from man: but these things

I say, that ye might be saved.

He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for

a season to rejoice in his light.

But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works

which the Father hath given me to finish,

the same works that I do,

bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness

of me. Ye have neither heard his voice

at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word

abiding in you: for whom he hath sent,

him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them

ye think ye have eternal life:

and they are they which testify of me. And ye will

not come to me, that ye might have life.

Honor From Men

(Arrowhead)

5:41-47

In 2001 I started a song called *Look At The Prints in My Hands* but never did finish it. The meter and feel perfectly matched “I receive not…” This is Lilian’s favorite tune from the project.

A G F G

I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not

the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name,

and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another,

and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse

you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses,

in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me:

for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Over the Sea

(Early One Morning – Traditional)

6:1-9

This melody has popped up in a lot of places over the years. It was used in a Hollywood musical. I learned it in music class in the third grade as *Early One Morning*. Many of you learned it in Sunday School as Ha-Ha-Hallelujah.

After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee,

which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude

followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on

them that were diseased. And Jesus went up

into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company

come unto him, he saith unto Philip,

Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove

him: for he himself knew what he would do.

Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread

is not sufficient for them, that every one of them

may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew,

Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is

a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes:

but what are they among so many?

Make the Men Sit Down

(As I Went Out)

6:10-15

During work on the *Prisoners of Hope* album I wrote *When I Went Out One Morning* but was not satisfied with the lyrics and dropped the song from that session. Here is that tune with a much better set of words.

C F C C F G

F C F C F G F G C

And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was

much grass in the place. So the men sat down,

in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves;

and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples,

and the disciples to them that were set down;

and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up

the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with

the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and

above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when

they had seen the miracle that Jesus did,

said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come

into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would

come and take him by force, to make him a king,

he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

Even Was Come

(Rising Sea)

6:16-35a

This is the tune from a song I wrote in 2004 called *Rising Sea*. With no foreseeable plans to record that song I opted to use its music here, with some regrets, for I really hated to give up a melody of which I am quite fond.

D G D A D G A D

D A D A D A D A D

D A D G D A

D G D A D

And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea,

And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum.

And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. And the sea

arose by reason of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five and twenty

or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh

unto the ship: and they were afraid. But he saith unto them, It is I;

be not afraid. Then they willingly received him into the ship:

and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea

saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his

disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat,

but that his disciples were gone away alone; (Howbeit there came other

boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread,

after that the Lord had given thanks:) When the people therefore saw that

Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took

shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him,

Rabbi, when camest thou hither? Jesus answered them and said,

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye

saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth

unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you:

for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall

we do, that we might work the works of God?

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God,

that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him,

What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread

from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily,

verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven;

but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God

is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus

said unto them, I am the bread of life:

The Father

(Londondary Aire – Traditional Scots Melody)

6:35b-46

Once more we cross the water for a traditional tune from the highlands. This is the haunting *Londondary Aire*.

he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father

giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me

I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the

will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him,

may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?

how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and

said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father

which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in

the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard,

and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath

seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

Eat This Bread

(Glistening Pines)

6:47-59

This is Glistening Pines, a song I wrote around 1997 but did not finish.

G C G G C D

G C G G C G

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness,

and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man

may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread

which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever:

and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh

to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,

Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life;

and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood

is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me,

and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father:

so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down

from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead:

he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. These things said he

in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Going Back

(Wild Moor – Traditional Highland Tune

6:60-71

One last folk melody from the old country. This beautiful tune is my adaptation of *Mary of the Wild Moor.*

A G A G Eb

Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard

A G A D A Eb A

saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured

at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and

if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the

words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from

the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me,

except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many

of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus

unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him,

Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ,

the Son of the living God. Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen

you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot

the son of Simon: for he it was that

should betray him, being one of the twelve.

20:30-31; 21:25

I just could not bring myself to end this session with the material on Judas, so I wrote this tune for the verses taken from the end of John.