

Land of Hope and Dreams, Bruce Springsteen and E Street Band · 2001

Grab your ticket and your suitcase, thunder's rolling down the tracks
You don't know where you're goin', but you know you won't be back
Darlin' if you're weary, lay your head upon my chest
We'll take what we can carry, and we'll leave the rest

CHORUS: Big Wheels rolling through fields where sunlight streams
Meet me in a land of hope and dreams

I will provide for you, and I'll stand by your side
You'll need a good companion for this part of the ride
Leave behind your sorrows; let this day be the last
Tomorrow there'll be sunshine and all this darkness past

CHORUS

Meet me in a land of hope and dreams- This train
Carries saints and sinners- This train
Carries losers and winners- This Train
Carries whores and gamblers- This Train
Carries lost souls- This Train
Dreams will not be thwarted- This Train
Faith will be rewarded- This Train
Hear the steel wheels singin'- This Train
Bells of freedom ringin'- This Train
Carries broken-hearted- This Train
Thieves and sweet souls departed- This Train
Carries fools and kings- This Train
All aboard- This Train
Dreams will not be thwarted-This Train
Faith will be rewarded-This Train
Hear the steel wheels singin'-This Train
Bells of freedom ringin'

Plowshare Prayer, Spencer LaJoye · 2022

Dear blessed Creator, dear mother, dear Savior
Dear father, dear brother, dear holy other
Dear sibling, dear baby, dear patiently waiting
Dear sad & confused, dear stuck & abused
Dear end of your rope, dear worn out & broke
Dear go it alone, dear running from home
Dear righteously angry, forsaken by family
Dear jaded & quiet, dear tough & defiant
I pray that I'm heard, and I pray that this works
I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword
against you & your heart, against you & your word
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare of sorts
That it might break you open; it might help you grow
I pray that your body gets all that it needs
And if you don't want healing, I just pray for peace
I pray that your burden gets lighter each day
I pray the mean voice in your head goes away
I pray that you honor the grief as it comes
I pray you can feel all the life in your lungs
I pray that if you go all day being brave
That you can go home, go to bed feeling safe
I pray you're forgiven. I pray you forgive
I pray you set boundaries & openly live
I pray that you feel you are worth never leaving
I pray that you know I will always believe you
I pray that you're heard, and I pray that this works
Amen on behalf of the last & the least-on behalf of the anxious, depressed & unseen
Amen for the workers, the hungry, the houseless; Amen for the lonely & recently
spouseless; amen for the queers & their closeted peers; Amen for the bullied who
hold in their tears; Amen for the mothers of little Black sons; Amen for the kids who
grow up scared of guns; Amen for the addicts, ashamed & hungover; Amen for the
calloused, the wisened, the sober; Amen for ones who want life to be over
Amen for the leaders who lose their composure; And amen for the parents who just
lost their baby; Amen for chronically ill & disabled; Amen for the children down at
the border; Amen for the victims of our law & order
I pray that you're heard, and I pray that this works
I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword-against you & your heart
Against you & your word- I pray that this prayer is a plowshare of sorts...