

The Stairway to Heaven

Moment of Manna

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A week or so ago I ran across a song by Led Zeppelin called "Stairway to Heaven". It was written in 1971, and to this day, it is still considered one of the best rock songs ever written. I was curious to see how a rock group treated heaven, so I looked up the lyrics.

"There's a lady whose sure all that glitters is gold
And she's buying a stairway to heaven.
When she gets there, she knows if the stores are all closed
With a word she can get what she came for.
Ooh, ooh, and she's buying a stairway to heaven."

There's a sign on the wall but she wants to be sure
'Cause you know sometimes words have two meanings.
In a tree by the brook, there is a songbird who sings;
Sometimes all of our thoughts are misgiven.
Ooh, it makes me wonder,
Ooh, it makes me wonder.

There's a feeling I get when I look to the west,
And my spirit is crying for leaving.
In my thoughts I have seen rings of smoke through the trees,
And the voices of those who stand looking.
Ooh, it makes me wonder,
Ooh, really makes me wonder.

And it's whispered that soon if we all call the tune
Then the piper will lead us to reason.
And a new day will dawn for those who stand long
And the forests will echo with laughter.

If there's a bustle in your hedgerow,
Don't be alarmed now,
It's just a spring clean for the May queen.
Yes, there are two paths you can go by but in the long run

There's still time to change the road you're on.
And it makes me wonder. Ooooooh...

Your head is humming and it won't go,
In case you don't know;
The piper's calling you to join him.
Dear lady, can you hear the wind blow,
And did you know;
Your stairway lies on the whispering wind.

And as we wind on down the road,
Our shadows taller than our soul,
There walks a lady we all know.
Who shines white light and wants to show...
How everything still turns to gold.
And if you listen very hard the tune will come to you at last.
When all are one, and one is all, yeah, to be a rock and not to roll.
And she's buying a stairway...to heaven.
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Now, we can take anything and interpret it any way we want...so I did. I want to stress that this is MY interpretation, and not necessarily that of Led Zeppelin.

"There's a lady whose sure all that glitters is gold
And she's buying a stairway to heaven.
When she gets there, she knows if the stores are all closed
With a word she can get what she came for.
Ooh, ooh, and she's buying a stairway to heaven."
This lady knows what she wants, and that it's only found in heaven where the streets are paved with gold. And she knows that no matter what, the word will produce everything she needs.

There's a sign on the wall but she wants to be sure
'Cause you know sometimes words have two meanings.
In a tree by the brook, there is a songbird who sings;
Sometimes all of our thoughts are misgiven.
Ooh, it makes me wonder,
Ooh, it makes me wonder.
She knows there are signs that point the way to heaven, but she also knows that at times we can be led astray by missing the signs, or looking at the wrong ones, or listening to the wrong songbird.

There's a feeling I get when I look to the west,
And my spirit is crying for leaving.
In my thoughts I have seen rings of smoke through the trees,
And the voices of those who stand looking.
Ooh, it makes me wonder,
Ooh, really makes me wonder.
She looks to the west where the sun sets and wants to leave this life like Paul did.
She also realizes there are many who are confused and just stand looking; not
knowing what to do; not knowing how to get there.

And it's whispered that soon if we all call the tune
Then the piper will lead us to reason.
And a new day will dawn for those who stand long
And the forests will echo with laughter.
The tune is the message and the piper is Jesus. She knows, "Seek and ye shall
find." She knows enough not to give up; that the answer will come to those who
stand long.

If there's a bustle in your hedgerow,
Don't be alarmed now,
It's just a spring clean for the May queen.
Yes, there are two paths you can go by but in the long run
There's still time to change the road you're on.
And it makes me wonder. Ooooooh...
Everything that can be shaken will be shaken. She knows that at times things will
be difficult, but that God said not to worry. We may get off the path, but we'll
always have time to get back on. These things will happen to separate the goats
from the sheep, and the true believers will see a new day; a new dawn.

Your head is humming and it won't go,
In case you don't know;
The piper's calling you to join him.
Dear lady, can you hear the wind blow,
And did you know;
Your stairway lies on the whispering wind.
She can't get the message out of her mind. She knows Jesus is calling her to join
Him. In the Bible the wind signifies the Holy Spirit. It is His Spirit that won't let go
of her, and as long as she listens, she will be led to the stairway.

And as we wind on down the road,
Our shadows taller than our soul,
There walks a lady we all know.
Who shines white light and wants to show...

How everything still turns to gold.

And if you listen very hard the tune will come to you at last.

When all are one, and one is all, yeah, to be a rock and not to roll.

And she's buying a stairway...to heaven.

She has found the right road; the road that leads to the stairway to heaven, where everything turns to gold. And if she listens hard enough, she will recognize the tune, hear the message, climb the stairway, become one; solid as a rock, and have her eternity settled. Wouldn't it be nice if there really was a stairway to heaven.

We're in the middle of a series called "One Month to Live". If you found out you only had one month to live, how would you live it? Most people say they would spend as much time as they could with their family. And that's a good and understandable choice; but spend it doing what? Thirty days is not a long time; eternity is. While I would want to spend as much of those thirty days as I could with my family, spending eternity with them is much more important. I would want to spend that time with them teaching them how to build up and not tear down; how to see the piper; how to recognize the tune; how to follow the right path; how to stand long; how to never quit; be solid as a rock; and secure their eternity. I would spend that time teaching them how to build that stairway to heaven. I may not see the finished stairway, and I can't build it for them. They have to build their own. I can only trust that I have equipped them well enough with the right tools and the right plans. After that, it's up to the Piper and the Wind.