Card Michael "They Called Him Laughter"

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They Called Him Laughter (by Michael Card)

A barren land and a barren wife,

Made Abraham laugh at his wandering life.

A cruel joke it seemed then to call him the father of nations.

A heavenly prank, a celesti

al joke,

Cause gray hair and babies leave no room for hope.

But hoping was something this hopeless old man learned to do.

Chorus: They called him laughter, for he came after,

The Father had made an impossible promise come

The birth of a baby to

a hopeless old lady,

So they called him laughter, cause no other name would do.

A cry in the darkness and laughter at night,

An elderly couple sit holding him tight.

An improbable infant, a punchline, a promise come true.

They laughed 'til they wept

, then they laughed at their tears.

This miracle baby they'd wanted for years,

Would make a Messiah who'd give us impossible joy.

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