

John Reuben **"Draw Near"**

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My God, I draw near, my God, I draw near

God of creation, here I stand
I've left Babylon to find out who I am
I've traveled, I've struggled, I've failed in vain
My own ability will never see eternal gain

God of creation, it's You whom I seek
Lord, I feel strapped an' tied down and my strength is weak
Oh Lord, when I cry out, please hear what I speak
Bring life to my body, awaken this sleep

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When all vanishes and I stand in this place
To face the truth for what it is
With no human escape to hide behind
Just my soul an' God and I find it mind blowing

Knowin' that humanity and a mere mortal man like me
Can have my slate cleaned of mistakes
And the chance to put on immortality
Even though darkness has hardened us
In deception and spoken otherwise

Man, I refuse to take in that nonsense
And I refuse to buy into these lies
These lies of pain, these lies of shame
These lies of complete dysfunction

This lie of hopelessness that will make a person
Feel like they're nothing
This lie that will make me
Feel like my struggle is one too much to fix

An' isn't that what darkness wants?
For me to play the role of a victim
But I'm a child of light
And no longer am I bound by slavery

I say, "Oh death, where is your sting
And oh Hades, where's your victory?"

Hear my cry, Oh God, attend to my prayer
From the end of the earth I will cry to You
When my heart's overwhelmed I will cry to You
Leave it to the rock that is higher than I
For You have been a shelter for me
I will abide in Your time forever
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