

Carman "Courtroom"

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If tonight you stood in Heaven's court
To seek eternal favor
Would you face Jesus Christ as judge
Or would you face Him as your Saviour?

There are many who don't quite know for sure
What that verdict would be if ever
So let's imagine for a moment you're standing dead
center
In the courtroom of forever

Sitting before you is a structure
Massive and intense
It's here your fate will be determined
Before this Judge's bench

Then a voice booms, "This court's now in session."
And your adrenaline starts to rush
Peering down with eyes that see through your soul
Is God the Father; your Judge

Then off to your left, across the room
Is the virtual silhouette of sin
Stepping out of the shadows of condemnation
Your worst nightmare walks in

On his face is the smirk of evil incarnate
His mind fixed on your destruction in hell
You've just been introduced to your prosecuting
attorney
None other than Satan himself

The Bible says he's the accuser of the brethren
So guess what he's gonna do
He's gonna accuse you of your sins
And he knows them all
Both the old ones and the new

He's prepared his case for years
Now the golden moment is his
So in arrogance he presents his case to the Judge
And it comes out sounding something like this

"God, you see this worthless piece of trash over here?
This one is a sinner to the core
This one has committed adultery, cursed his neighbor,
stolen money
Been into drugs, alcohol and even more

This hopeless wretch has even slandered friends
And by that guilty face this whole courtroom can tell
That to a moral certainly and beyond and reasonable
doubt
This one deserves eternal judgment in hell"

The words of accusation still echo
Your every sin thrown up in your face
Then God opens the book where ever deed is recorded
And reviews your records of disgrace

God says, "The book says you did this, this and this
And everything you were accused of today
Now, before I sentence you to hell forever
Are there any last words you have to say?"

Now, if it's true you're standing there in the courtroom
of eternity
With God to your front and Satan the prosecutor to your
left
There's on remaining eternal truth, on that's crucial to
remember
On you should never, ever, ever forget

That on the other side of the courtroom
I said, on the other side of the courtroom
You ain't hearing me tonight
I said, on the other side of the courtroom

Is the one and only Son of God
Revealed in time and space
And He's your defense attorney
Who has never lost a case

It's not Buddha, Mohammed or Krishna
Or any other who succumb to death
Ladies and gentlemen on the other side of the
courtroom
Is Jesus Christ of Nazareth

Then Jesus jumps up, says, "What a minute, Judge
Now I've got something to say
May I remind you that on a cross 2,000 years ago
I washed his sins away

I was crucified, I died, they put Me in a tomb
But long about the midnight hour
The power of God hit Me and I walked out of that grave
Alive and well with resurrection power"

The devil said, "It's in the book, it's written in the book
Check the book," and God said, "OK"
Then He takes the book out, lays it open and says
"Now we'll see what this book has to say"

He turns to the first page, the second page, the third
By the fourth, the devil seemed shook
God closes it and says, "The blood of Jesus must have
worked
'Cause there is absolutely nothing in this book"

The devil says, "Now, wait a minute, check that book
again
All his sins are written down, they're all right there"
God said, "Devil, maybe you're mistaken all together
Maybe it's this other book down here"

The devil cries, "No! Not that book, not that one"
God said, "Devil, why you so uptight?"
God sets the book down, the dust flies
And on the cover it says
The Lamb's Book Of Life

Is your name in that book?
Is your name in that book?
Is your name in that book for sure?

If you've been forgiven
And your name is written
Then lift your hands, praise the Lord

Yes, my name's in that book
Yes, my name's in that book
Yes, my name's in that book tonight
I've been forgiven
And I know my name is written
In the Lamb's Book Of Life
In the Lamb's Book Of Life

This courtroom is adjourned

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