

## **Rickie Lee Jones**

### **"Where I Like It Best"**

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I wanted to pray  
I wanted to let you go on your way  
I wanted to know why they laid there  
Dying in the streets next to the restaurant  
Where people were eating and yes  
I wanted to pray

How do you pray in a world like this  
You know, I see the people on TV  
And they close their eyes and they bow their heads  
And they say "Let us pray"  
And it feels so cold and meaningless  
And I wanted to pray  
And I said  
Tell me father  
Tell me mother  
Heavenly mother  
And they said

When you pray  
Pray alone by yourself  
In the secret room of your heart  
Don't go out into the church filled with people and pray  
God hears every secret that you say  
See all those people praying on TV and the churches  
They like to make a big parade out of what they're  
doing  
They think God hears them louder if they say it  
Over and over and over and over and over again

But I say, God, but I say this  
You are the prayer  
Your eyes are the prayer  
Your hand on your cheek  
You are the prayer  
Those words you want to speak  
They are the prayer  
That dance you make  
When you're by yourself  
Just before your mother calls you on the phone  
You are the prayer  
I tell you what

You gotta take it back from them  
Because the prayers belong to you  
All you gotta do is say hey hey  
I'm down here too, I'm down here too  
I'm down here too  
And I hear you in the trees  
And I hear you  
And I'm near you  
I wonder why there's so much suffering

I want to say thank you, thank you  
Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you  
I wanted to say thank you, thank you  
I wanted to say  
I wanted to say  
You are where I like it best  
You are where I like it best  
You are where I like it best

That's the Lords' prayer  
"You are where I want to be"  
So, amen, just amen  
Amen, all by myself, amen, amen  
I'm so lonely, just amen  
And I'm rising, rising, just amen  
You can look through my eyes  
Hear through my hear  
Look through my eyes

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