



"Cross Connection"

Radio Ministry of Hope Wesleyan Church and Wells of Salvation Ministries
Ultimate Oldies Radio – FM 97.7 and 101.1, Huber Heights, Ohio



Series: Christian Messages In Secular Music

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Program 82 "I Got A Feelin' In My Body" © 1973 Dennis Linde

The Song ^{1, 2, 3}

- Recorded by Elvis Presley in 1973
 - First released on "Good Times" album in 1974
 - Showcased Presley's gospel roots
- Focuses on how God delivered the Israelites and Daniel, and encourages us to trust Him for our own well-being
- Dennis Linde, the author, also penned the blockbuster hit "Burning Love"
 - Wrote songs recorded by a diverse array of artists, including: Garth Brooks, Eddy Raven, Joe Diffie, Sammy Kershaw, Sawyer Brown, Shenandoah, Don Williams, Mark Chesnutt, Tom Jones, Donny Osmond, the Fifth Dimension, Randy Travis, Brenda Lee, Teresa Brewer, Blue Oyster Cult, Robert Palmer, Oak Ridge Boys, Alabama, The Dixie Chicks, Alan Jackson
 - Inducted into Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame – 2001
 - BMI Writer of The Year – 1994; logged 257 songs in the BMI catalog

The Artist – Elvis Presley (1935-1977) ^{4, 5}

- American rock superstar, a.k.a., "The King of Rock and Roll" and "Elvis the Pelvis"
- Sold 1+ billion albums worldwide; earned 100+ gold/platinum awards for recordings
- Inducted into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986
- Style combined influences of black rhythm & blues, country, blues, pop and gospel
- Career took off when a Memphis DJ played "That's All Right" on July 7, 1954
- His manager, Col Tom Parker, took commissions of 25-50% of Presley's earnings
- Died before his time: heart attack attributed to abuse of prescription drugs
- Experienced the personal anguish that comes with fame. By the early '70s:

"Outwardly, Presley was more popular than ever and one of the biggest personality cults in modern history was taking hold. Off stage Presley was plagued with self doubt, poor management, and a basic dissatisfaction with his life. He repeatedly threatened to quit show business, but debts and financial obligations to his large extended family, employees, and assorted hangers on made that impossible. Presley turned to drugs. After leaving the army he became wary of the public and would often rent whole movie theatres and amusement parks that he would visit at night. By the late Sixties he was an almost total recluse. Although there was evidence that Presley began taking drugs shortly after began performing or while in the army, his abuse of prescription drugs increased during the last years of his life. Through all this he remained highly spiritual and publicly denounced the use of recreational drugs."⁵

- For additional info, see CC notes for Program 37 – "Crying In The Chapel"

¹ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpW4sEpPp9E>

² <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/obituaries/dennis-linde-429897.html>

³ http://www.nucountry.com.au/articles/diary/december2006/301206_dennislinde_obit.htm

⁴ <http://www.elvistribute.us/elvis-presley-facts.php>

⁵ http://www.history-of-rock.com/elvis_presleyfour.htm

When Moses walked the children out of Egypt land
Said now don't you worry, we're in the Lord's hands
He's gonna walk beside us, the time is comin' near
He's gonna wash away all our misery and our fear

I got a feelin' in my body
This will be our lucky day
We'll be releasing all our sorrow
Leave it layin' along the way



When Daniel faced the lion there wasn't any doubt
You got to be like Daniel and the Lord will help us out

(chorus)

Won't you lift your eyes up children
Lift them to the sky
Heaven stands before you, gates are open wide
Shelter for the weary, comfort for the weak
We'll leave the devil's evil, sweatin' on the street

I gotta, I gotta, I gotta
(chorus)

Won't you lift your eyes up children
Lift them to the sky
Heaven stands before you, gates are open wide
Shelter for the weary, comfort for the weak
Leave the devils evil, sweatin' on the street

I gotta, I gotta, I gotta
(chorus)

I wanna know, I wanna know, I wanna know
right now, I wanna know
Yeah. yeah, I got a feel
I got a feelin' I got a feelin'
I got a feelin' in my body
This will be our lucky day
We'll be releasing all our sorrow
Leave it layin' along the way

Final Thoughts:

No matter how you "feel" today, good or bad, happy or sad, the Lord showers countless blessings on His children. Are you His child through faith in Jesus Christ?

This account is found in the book of Exodus
How did the Israelites react to this message?

"...and they believed. And when they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped" – Exodus 4:31, NIV

Luck: "The chance happening of fortunate or adverse events"⁶

Does God bless by chance? Why or why not?
Who does God bless? Compare...

Psalm 145:9 *"The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works"*

Psalm 103:11 *"For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him"*

What were the prophet Daniel's qualities?

- Faithful, committed to God in face of peril
- Humility before God; understanding
- Prayer warrior; priestly intercessor
- Considered righteous (Ezekiel 14:14) with:
 - Noah (a preacher of righteousness; 2 Peter 2:5)
 - Job (a patriarch – one of the most world's most righteous men (Job 1:1, 8)

Consider the many benefits of looking to the Lord for our needs! Ps. 121 tells us –

¹ *I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from?*

² *My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

³ *He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber;*

⁴ *indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵ *The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand;*

⁶ *the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.*

⁷ *The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;*

⁸ *the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

⁶ <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/luck>

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