

YOU CALL ME TO LOVE

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1998. Written while holidaying at Middleton — the annual summer jaunt. Based, obviously, on 1 Corinthians 13, the reading we chose to focus on for the monthly student service in February. It's the epistle reading for the 4th Sunday after Epiphany in Year C. The idea of the call comes from the Old Testament reading for that Sunday, Jeremiah 1:4-10. Themes from 1 John 4 and Matthew 11 also got in to the act. God shows us so well these qualities of love in the life and death of Jesus. We, on the other hand, have still got a lot of work to do. Musically, family members found 'Fool on the hill' strongly represented in the verse.

1. You call me to love,
and you show me the path.
You tell me the burden is easy,
"Love is so simple,
just be like a child,
trust me for all that you need."

2. You call me to love,
if I'm old or I'm young.
You tell me, you show me it's meaning:
it's not what we do,
but what God has done,
sending his Son for us all.

If I could sing like an angel,
if I had faith to move mountains,
nothing would change,
death would remain,
nothing would change without love.
Nothing can live without love.

3. You call me to love,
to be patient and kind,
never jealous or boastful,
but humble.
Love isn't selfish or angry or rude,
love doesn't count others' wrongs.

4. You call me to love,
to rejoice in the truth,
to be loyal and faithful forever.
Fill me with hope,
keep me growing in you —
help me to love as you do.

If I could sing like an angel . . .

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