Song Story #22 – Come

Christianity is marked by the invitational word "Come". In Evangelical churches, we have a long-time tradition at the end of many of our church services that we call "The Invitation". This is an opportunity to invite those listening to come to Jesus – to receive Him by faith, be forgiven and saved from their sins. This tradition comes from the very essence of the Gospel that invites every individual to respond to the Gospel message by coming to God.

There's a beautiful Old Testament passage that foretells the Gospel. Isaiah 1:18 says, "Come now and let us reason together" says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." God is saying "Come". He is offering us a choice.

Then in Matthew 11:28, Jesus says, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest". Again, He is offering a choice to the listener to come to Him to have Him lift your burden.

And finally, at the end of the book of Revelation in chapter 22 verse 17, there's that beautiful invitation that says, "The Spirit and the bride say, "Come! And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life".

These are just a few of the invitational passages in Scripture, but they strongly illustrate that at the heart of the message of the Gospel is an invitation to come.

Musically, in writing this song, I felt like the Gospel ballads in the realm of Kirk Franklin seemed like a great way to make this invitational song powerful and compelling. I also wanted to make it a strong vocal song with powerful unisons and great harmony.

This song, for me, is part of obeying the Great Commission where Jesus tells us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. I hope that someday, I will be able to hear about someone who responded to this song and "came" to Jesus.

You can click on this link to hear this song on YouTube <u>Come - YouTube</u> It is also available on the CD "Healing in You" by Heart of the City and the Union Gospel Mission Changed Lives Choir. It is available for purchase or download at <u>www.danandsandyadler.com/music-store</u> and can be streamed through most streaming sites as well.

Come Words and Music by Dan Adler

- 1. Come, if you are thirsty come and satis- fy your soul If you are broken, come, let Jesus make you whole Lay your burdens down while He can be found Hear Him call you to come
- 2. Come, whatever you have done and lay it at the cross If you are guilty, come, for He has paid the cost To wash your sins away there's mercy here today If you'll only just come
- **3.** Come, the Spirit's calling, come, and make a brand new start If you are weary come and heal your broken heart If you confess your sin, He'll make you whole again He'll forgive you just come

BRIDGE: Today if you can hear His voice don't turn and walk away Now may be the only time You'll hear what He will say He loves you! Let Him love you! Come and let Him wash Your sins away!

4. Come, while there's still time, just come before the Judgment Day While you can hear Him, come! Don't turn and walk away If you have heard His voice, don't fail to make the choice While you're able to:

TAG: Come! Come! Just (repeat)

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