In the Arms of Your Mercy
Janèt Sullivan Whitaker

INTRO (** = ca. 66)**

_Bm7_ _G_ _D/F# _A_  
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Piano

VERSES: Solo

1. You never said the path would be easy.
2. I'm standing now, I lift up my eyes and see.

_Bm7_ _G_ _D/F# _A_

1. You never said the doors would fly open for me.
2. Your love is waiting beyond all the darkness, and I know.

_Bm7_ _G_ _D/F# _A/C#_

1. Any fight worth winning is worth working for, and with faith.
2. I can do this now. I can do anything 'cause I'm a-

_Bm_ _Bm/A_ _Gmaj7_ _D/F#_

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1. live again, a-live in you, and I know I will rise.
2. live in you, I step into the light of day.

Em7 D/F#

REFRAIN: All
Melody
lay down my heart in the arms of your mercy, you
Soprano
Alto
Lay my heart, arms mercy.
Tenor
Bass

G/A

A/C#
In the Arms of Your Mercy

change my grief into hope for today.

change my grief, ah.

night let me rest in the arms of your mercy, and

Ah.

arms of your mercy.

G Asus4 A to Coda
In the Arms of Your Mercy

Wake me up to mor row

Em7    D/F#    Asus4    A
Bm7    G

D/F#   A
Bm7   G

BRIDGE

In the arms of your mercy

D    G
A/G
In the Arms of Your Mercy

In the arms of your mercy, hope is born. In the arms of your mercy, I am made whole.

Oo, in the arms of your mercy, I am made whole. And I'm coming home.
In the Arms of Your Mercy

I'm coming home.

As I

Wake me up to-morrow,

CODA

Wake me up to-morrow.
In the Arms of Your Mercy

wake me up__ to-mor__ row__ strong-er__ than be-fore__

Oo__

C G Em7 Asus4 A

Strong-er__

Bm G D/F# A

Strong-er__

Bm G D/F# A G add9

In the Arms of Your Mercy
In the Arms of Your Mercy is dedicated to the women of Catherine’s House, a restorative justice ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in Palo Alto, California. Women who come to Catherine’s are struggling with varied personal challenges, including homelessness, addiction, and incarceration. The program helps them find strength and hope as they grow in faith, wellness, and security.

The lyrics for this song were inspired by an evening I spent in conversation with a group of remarkable young women who were in the program at the time, along with those who minister to them. In the weeks following that encounter, I wrote the song and performed it a few months later for a benefit concert for Catherine’s House. The event was themed “In the Arms of Mercy,” in keeping with the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (2015–2016), which was in its final weeks at the time.

While the song is not liturgical in its intent, it could prove helpful for personal reflection, reconciliation, and retreats. In performing this song live, I have found that it resonates with people who are struggling with recovery from substance abuse, grief, depression, anxiety – all the ways in which we might find ourselves in need of God’s mercy.

—Janêt Sullivan Whitaker
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO

\( \text{(Pno)} \)

\( \text{Bm7 G D/F# A Bm7 G D/F# A} \)

VERSES: Solo

\( \text{Bm7 G D/F# A} \)

1. You never said the path would be easy.
2. I’m standing now. I lift up my eyes and see.

\( \text{Bm7 G D/F# A/C#} \)

1. You never said the doors would fly open for me.
2. Your love is waiting beyond all the darkness, and I know.

\( \text{Bm Bm/A Gmaj7 D/F#} \)

1. Any fight worth winning is worth working for, and with faith.
2. I can do this now. I can do anything ‘cause I’m a -

\( \text{Em7 D/F# G G/A} \)

1. In you, I step into the light of day.
2. Live again, alive in you, and I know I will rise.

REFRAIN: All

\( \text{A/C# D A Em7 Asus4 A/C#} \)

As I lay down my heart in the arms of your mercy, you

\( \text{D A G A A/C# G/B A/C# D} \)

change my grief into hope for today.

\( \text{G Asus4 A Em7 D/F# Asus4 A} \)

every night let me rest in the arms of your mercy, and wake me up tomorrow stronger than before.
In the Arms of Your Mercy

1

\[ Bm7 \quad G \quad D/F\# \quad A \quad Bm7 \quad G \quad D/F\# \quad A \to Verse 2 \]

2

BRIDGE

\[ D \quad A \quad Bm \quad Bm/A \quad G \quad A/G \]

In the arms of your mercy my hope is born. In the arms of your mercy I am made whole, and I'm coming home.

\[ G \quad Em7 \quad D/F\# \quad G \quad A \quad D.S. \]

I'm coming home. As I

\[ \Theta \]

CODA

\[ Em7 \quad D/F\# \quad G \quad A/G \quad Solo \]

wake me up tomorrow, wake me up tomorrow, wake me up tomorrow stronger than before.

\[ C \quad G \quad Em7 \quad Asus4 \quad A \]

wake me up tomorrow stronger than before.

\[ Bm \quad G \quad D/F\# \quad A \quad Solo \]

stronger than before.

\[ Bm \quad G \quad D/F\# \quad A \quad G\text{add9} \]

Stronger.

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Assembly Edition

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Verse 1
1. You never said the path would be easy. You never said the doors would fly open for me. Any fight worth winning is worth working for, and with faith in you, I step into the light of day.

Refrain
As I lay down my heart in the arms of your mercy, you change my grief into hope for today. Every night let me rest in the arms of your mercy, and wake me up tomorrow stronger than before.

Verse 2
2. I’m standing now. I lift up my eyes and see your love is waiting beyond all the darkness, and I know I can do this now. I can do anything ‘cause I’m alive again, alive in you, and I know I will rise.

Bridge
In the arms of your mercy my hope is born. In the arms of your mercy I am made whole, and I’m coming home. I’m coming home.

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