

THIS IS WHY I SING

From the album, I Will Not Fear by Dan Nichols and Eighteen

CAPO 1, PLAY IN C

For the scrape and the pull of the nail on the string
The wish for something better a heavy sigh brings
For a cracked wooden box roaring galaxies
And fingertip secrets calluses set free
For the call and response of the hope I hear-
Thanks and the trust in a God I don't fear
For my relief in a Holy One of Blessing
And my belief in a lifetime of wrestling
This is why I sing, this is why I sing
All I have I bring, this is why I sing

For the flesh and the blood of a body built to feel
The daily desire to know something real
For the quiet of twilight, the raw winter air
The riot of thunder, your hand in my hair
For whispers and screams and the joys of release
The days and the dreams in a home I know peace
For the love from someone who knows enough to leave
And the gift of a life that gives more than I need

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F G C F G C
This is why I sing, this is why I sing
F G Am F G C Csus
All I have I bring, this is why I sing

Am G C
For the sun and the moon and the shadow I cast
Am G C
For all my tomorrows and yesterdays passed
Am G C
For the rhythm of heartbeat that means I belong
F Dm Am Am9 Asus Am
The touch of a feather, the silence in song

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This is why I sing, this is why I sing
F G Am F G C Csus C Csus C Csus C
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