

# SOLA GRATIA (BY GRACE ALONE)

## Lyrics

### **Song: "A Lot Like Hell"** *(Martin Luther)*

IT'S A LITTLE LIKE HEAVEN  
BUT A LOT LIKE HELL  
THESE TIMES, DEPRESSING DAYS – LIKE A DREARY PRISON CELL  
WHO CARES A DAMN?  
IT'S A BATTLE IN OUR BRAINS  
A SICKENING DECEPTION  
RUSHES THROUGH OUR VEINS

#### *(Ensemble)*

BEAT, ROB...THEN CHILL  
HURT, STEAL...THEN KILL  
PLAY, CHEAT AND BATTER  
DECEIVE AND LIE – DOESN'T MATTER!

STAB, SHOOT...THEN RUN  
THRILLS, PILLS...YOU'RE DONE  
EVIL SPINS ITS WARFARE  
WHAT GOOD IS LIFE? I DON'T CARE!  
WHY SHOULD I CARE?

IT IS THE SEASON OF DESPAIR

A LOT LIKE HELL...

### **Song: "A Time Like This"** *(Maritza Lampara)*

HAS THERE EVER BEEN A TIME LIKE THIS?  
HAS THERE EVER BEEN A PLACE THAT'S SO MESSED UP?  
EVER BEEN SUCH A RUSH, EVER BEEN SO MUCH "STUFF"?  
EVER HAD THIS FEELING THAT YOU CAN'T GET...ENOUGH?  
HAS THERE EVER BEEN A WORLD LIKE THIS?  
THEY SAY IT'S GETTING SMALLER, BUT IT SEEMS, IT REALLY SEEMS SO LOST  
GOTTA KEEP ON MOVING, NEVER EVER STOP OR SIT DOWN  
THE WORLD KEEPS ON SPINNING, MAKES YOU FEEL SO...RUN-DOWN!

I'M ABOUT TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR DEAR BROTHER MARTIN  
A CONFLICTED MAN WHO LIVED QUITE LONG AGO  
IN A TIME OF CHAOS, FEAR AND CRUEL POWER, THEY SAID  
WILL THIS BE THE END?  
THERE IS SO MUCH UNCERTAINTY  
HAVE PATIENCE, MY FRIEND  
PROGRESS COMES IMPERFECTLY

POPES AND PRINCES PLAYED A ROLE TO STOP THIS PRIEST  
A TREACHEROUS COMPETITION  
HOW WILL RIVALS MATCH UP?  
WHO WILL WIN THE CONTEST?  
HOW WILL BATTLES PLAY OUT?  
WHO SPEAKS THE PURE TRUTH OF GOD?

HAS THERE EVER BEEN A TIME LIKE THIS?  
HAS IT EVER BEEN SAID THAT OUR WHOLE WORLD WILL SOON END?  
THINGS ARE JUST SO BAD, EVERYONE'S REALLY SAD  
THE GLASS IS HALF EMPTY, THE SANE HAVE GONE MAD, A TAD!

LOOKING BACK FIVE HUNDRED YEARS, THERE'S A CORRESPONDING STORY  
SEEMS THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME  
LUTHER WAS A PERSON, A STRONG ARMY OF ONE  
HE STOOD UP TO POPES  
HE HELD FERVENT OPINIONS  
GAVE THE COMMON FOLK  
A NEW SENSE OF RELIGION  
LUTHER WAS A BOLD AND COURSE OUTSPOKEN MAN  
PERFECT IN HIS PASSION  
FAULTY IN HIS HARSHNESS  
IN HIS BRASHNESS  
YES, HE'S CRASS, AN  
IMPERFECT MAN OF HIS TIME

HAS THERE EVER BEEN A WORLD LIKE THIS?  
CAN SOMETHING BE QUITE SMOOTH AND YET BE ABRASIVE?  
CAN ONE BE EXPLICIT AND STILL BE EVASIVE?  
IN THE SHADOWS WAITS THE DECEIVER, SATAN! BAITING!

TELL ME, HAS THERE EVER BEEN A TIME LIKE THIS?

HAS THERE EVER BEEN A TIME WHEN IT'S SO HARD TO MAKE IT?  
EVER BEEN A WORLD THAT'S SO SURREAL?  
EVER HAD A FEELING AND YOU JUST CAN'T SHAKE IT?  
THINGS ARE GONNA CHANGE, REARRANGE THE PUZZLE PIECES  
TRY TO MAKE SOME SENSE OF A THORNY CIRCUMSTANCE  
HAS THERE EVER BEEN A WORLD THAT'S SO IN FLUX?  
HAS THERE EVER BEEN A....?  
EVER HAD A...?  
EVER GONNA...?  
NEVER MIND THE...  
--WORLD, SPACE, TIME, PLACE, TIME LIKE...THIS!

**Song: "Sola Gratia" (Martin Luther)**

BLESSED BE THE LORD, MY ROCK  
MY HELP AND MY STRONGHOLD  
WHAT ARE WE THAT YOU SHOULD CARE FOR US?  
MERE MORTALS THAT YOU SHOULD THINK OF US?

*SOLA GRATIA, SOLA GRATIA*

BY GRACE ALONE, NOT BY OUR WELL-INTENTIONED DEEDS OR BEQUESTS  
NOT BY CARING OR HOPING OR PRAYERFUL REQUESTS  
ONLY A GIFT GIVEN YOU BECAUSE A LOVING CREATOR  
GAVE YOU LIFE, WHAT COULD BE GREATER?  
COULD YOU HATE A CHILD YOU NURTURE?  
WOULD A LOVING MOTHER CONTRADICT HER NATURE?  
WOULD A FATHER RATHER LOVE A TOTAL STRANGER?

THROW YOUR WORRY IN THE WATER  
FLOAT YOUR BURDENS OUT TO THE SEA

*SOLA GRATIA, SOLA GRATIA*

BY GRACE ALONE, NOT HELPING OTHERS OR BY FEEDING THE POOR  
NOT BY BEGGING OR BESEECHING FACE-DOWN ON THE FLOOR  
GOD IS A PAINTER, BUILDER, SCULPTOR AND A GIFTED COMPOSER  
HE IS NOT TO BE WON OVER  
DOING GOOD IS NOT THE MEASURE  
SET YOUR MIND AT EASE, AVOID THE NOISE AND PRESSURE  
GOD IS LOVE, GOD IS LOVE –  
UNEARNED, UNMEASURED

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TRUST IN GOD AND BE NOT AFRAID

**Song: "O Blessed Child of Love and Light" (Martin & Katie Luther)**

*Martin:*

O BLESSED CHILD OF LOVE AND LIGHT  
BE STILL AND KNOW GOD'S DEAR EMBRACE  
O DAUGHTER, SISTER, CHILD SO BRIGHT  
BE GENTLY BORNE AWAY  
INTO THAT GLORIOUS DAY  
WHEN YOU SHALL MEET GOD FACE TO FACE

*Katie:*

O BLESSED CHILD OF LOVE AND LIGHT  
HAVE COURAGE, BE A BRAVE LITTLE CHILD  
BE FEARLESS AS YOU CROSS INTO THE WILD  
ALL EARTHLY DREAMS WILL FLY  
THE GREATEST LOVE IS NIGH  
THE LIGHT OF DAY ASSAILS THE NIGHT

*Martin & Katie:*

SWEET DAUGHTER WE ARE SPENT WITH GRIEF  
DEATH IS THE FOE, THE CRUEL THIEF  
DEAR MAGDALENA, CAN'T YOU STAY?  
ETERNAL LIFE NOW STARTS  
HOW TO REPAIR OUR HUMAN HEARTS?  
GOD, COMFORT US ON THIS GRAY DAY

O BLESSED CHILD OF LOVE...O BLESSED CHILD OF LOVE...AND LIGHT

**Song: "Spiritual Awakening"** (*Bob & Carla*)

*Bob:*

*This is the important starting point for recovery. It's important to forgive...others and especially yourself.*

YOU HAVE BEEN A LONESOME STRANGER STANDING IN A STORM  
SHAMEFUL IN YOUR SECRET MOOD—AN INESCAPABLE NORM  
WHERE ARE THE DAYS OF JOY AND LOVE, OF LIGHT AND HOPE?  
WHAT LIES AHEAD? WHAT IS THE END GAME? A SLIPPERY DOWNHILL SLOPE

*Refrain (Chorus)*

HOW CAN WE HAVE A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING?  
HOW CAN WE EVER TURN THE HARD CORNER?  
WHEN WILL WE STOP HURTING AND ENABLING?  
HOW CAN I KEEP MY PLEDGE TO STAY SOBER?

*Carla:*

THROUGH YOUR JOURNEY, YOUR PAINFUL JOURNEY  
AND OUT OF YOUR COMPASSION FOR OTHERS  
YOU HAVE GAINED A NEW PERSPECTIVE, A DEEPER INSIGHT FOR LIVING

*Bob:*

YOU CAN BE LIKE A FATHER, A MOTHER, A SISTER, OR BROTHER  
A GUIDE ON THE PATH ALREADY TRAVELED, HELPING AND FORGIVING

*Refrain*

*Think on this and pray with me...*

*Oh God, instill in us a sense of your purpose*

*Make us servants of your divine will*

*And grant us a bond of selflessness*

*To do your work, to fight on fiercely until...*

NO ADDICT, ANYWHERE, NEED DIE

THIS UNBEARABLE AFFLICTION

THIS DISEASE OF ADDICTION...THIS DISEASE OF ADDICTION...THIS HORRIBLE AFFLICTION

*Guide us to a spiritual awakening.*

**Song: “Quid Pro Quo”** (Rachel & Maritza)

*Rachel:*

*Everything is a quid pro quo! In other words, a this-for-that. Here’s what I mean –*

FOR US OUR DESIRE IS TO BE FULLY INFORMED AND PROGRESSIVE,  
TO KNOW OUR MOTIVATION – I THINK YOU’LL FIND MY THEORY BOTH WISE AND IMPRESSIVE  
TRULY, THERE’S ONLY ONE MOTIVE WE REALLY NEED TO KNOW  
(*SPOKEN*) ONE CAN HEM AND HAW ABOUT WHY THIS? WHY THAT?  
BUT NINETY-NINE TIMES OUT OF A HUNDRED, IT’S BECAUSE OF A *QUID PRO QUO!*

*(refrain)*

EVERYTHING IS A *QUID PRO QUO*, DON’T YOU KNOW?  
*QUID PRO QUO, QUID PRO QUO!*  
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY NOT KNOW?  
EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING...IS A *QUID PRO QUO!*

*Here are some examples—*

*(Verse)*

WE WANT A GOOD JOB, SO WE GO TO SCHOOL  
WE WANT TO BE TREATED WELL, SO WE OBSERVE THE GOLDEN RULE  
WE CAREFULLY CHOOSE OUR WARDROBE, SELECT OUR SPOUSE,  
ESTABLISH GOOD CREDIT SO WE CAN BUY A HOUSE  
WE DRIVE A NICE CAR TO PROJECT OUR SUCCESS  
TO SHOW WE’RE GOOD PEOPLE, SEE HOW WE’VE BEEN BLESSED!  
WE WANT TO LOOK SMART, SO WE WEAR STYLISH GLASSES  
WE WEAR STRIPES AND EXERCISE TO SLIM DOWN OUR ASSES  
WE ASK OUR SPOUSE TO FIX THE TOILET SO IT FLUSHES RIGHT  
AND IN RETURN, AS PROMISED, HE’LL GET LUCKY TONIGHT!

*(refrain)*

WE WANT TO BE LOVED, SO WE MAKE OURSELVES LOVABLE  
WE WANT TO BELIEVE, YEAH, MAYBE WE’RE GULLIBLE  
BY BEING THE BEST OR BY DOING WHAT’S “RIGHT”  
WE EARN GOD’S BLESSINGS, SEE HIS WISDOM, HIS LIGHT  
WE RAISE OUR KIDS TO THINK THEY’LL BE REWARDED  
IF THEY DO WHAT IS GOOD  
(*Maritza*) AND WE CAN AFFORD IT  
(*Maritza*) WHEN CHRISTMAS APPROACHES, THERE’S AN ELF ON THE SHELF  
“CHILDREN, YOU’LL GET PRESENTS IF YOU BEHAVE YOURSELF!”

*(Rachel)* YES, IN THE END THIS BEHAVIOR IS QUITE NAÏVE  
BUT THIS IS WHAT’S BEEN TAUGHT US, I CAN’T HELP BUT BELIEVE

*(refrain)*

AND AFTER WE’VE TRIED TO DO WHAT’S RIGHT AND IT ALL GOES WRONG  
WE CAN’T MAKE ANY SENSE OF IT

URNS OUT THIS IS A TRULY HEART-RENDING SONG  
WE'VE DOTTED EACH "I" AND CAREFULLY CROSSED EVERY "T"  
SO WHEN THINGS JUST DON'T WORK OUT WE SAY  
HOW CAN THIS BE? HOW CAN THIS BE? WE FOLLOWED THE RECIPE  
NOW IT'S TIME, NOW IT'S TIME, NOW IT'S TIME...  
FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY!

*(refrain)*

**Song: "Indulgences for Sale" (Johann Tetzel)**

*"Come, take a share from the treasury of merits! Drink of the cup of remission, the contents of which were accrued by the deaths of Christ and the martyrs. Taste of their goodness and have your sins forgiven...for a modest fee, of course! Depending what you have done."*

*Refrain*

INDULGENCES FOR SALE! COME, PAY YOUR BAIL.  
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? IT'S A SLIDING SCALE.

LISTEN UP, ALL WHO ARE FALLEN, YOU SINNERS  
I HOLD THE SECRET TO SALVATION  
NOT ONLY WILL YOU BE AN ETERNAL SUCCESS  
BUT ALSO YOUR LOVED ONES, SAVED FROM DAMNATION

*Refrain*

A NICKEL FOR LYING  
TEN DOLLARS FOR STEALING  
A C-NOTE FOR ENVY  
MONEY BUYS HEALING!  
HERE IS YOUR CERTIFICATE  
SIGNED BY THE POPE!  
YOU CAN HAVE FORGIVENESS,  
YES, THERE IS HOPE!

LISTEN UP, ALL YOU SHEEP OF THE FLOCK  
I AM YOUR GUIDE THROUGH PURGATORY  
PAY FOR AN EARLY EXIT, DON'T DARE BE STUCK IN SUSPENSE  
ALL CAN BE SPARED A LENGTHY REFORMATORY

INDULGENCES FOR SALE! WHAT WAS YOUR SIN?  
OPEN THE GATES, LET SALVATION BEGIN!

EVEN YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW,  
YOUR FATHER, OR LONG-DEAD AUNT  
CAN QUICKLY BE RELEASED  
EXCEPTIONS ARE SCANT!

HERE IS YOUR PROOF, YOUR TICKET--  
CERTIFIED AND OFFICIAL

ALL CAN HAVE LIBERATION  
THE COST IS BENEFICIAL

*Refrain*

DIMES FOR FOUL LANGUAGE  
A CENT FOR PUBLIC BURPS  
AN OUT-AND-OUT FORTUNE  
IF YOU'VE STOLEN FROM A CHURCH!  
HERE IS YOUR CERTIFICATE  
SIGNED BY THE POPE!  
YOU CAN HAVE SALVATION,  
DON'T GIVE UP HOPE!

INDULGENCES FOR SALE!

**Song: "Love of my Life"** (Martin & Katie Luther)

LOVE OF MY LIFE  
IT MAY BE A CLICHÉ  
LOVE OF MY LIFE  
I'LL SAY IT ANYWAY  
LOVE OF MY LIFE  
REFLECTING EVERY PART OF ME  
BACK FOR ME TO SEE  
YOU'RE THE LOVE OF MY LIFE!

LOVE OF MY LIFE...  
YOU'RE MY INSPIRATION,  
MY RECIPROCATION  
LOVE OF MY LIFE...

*(Kyle & Carla join)*

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**Song: "Revenge!"** (Marty)

*Refrain*

REVENGE, REVENGE...IT'S SUCH A GREAT FEELING!  
AN EYE FOR AN EYE, IT'S EASY AND SO APPEALING!

GOTTA BE STRATEGIC, LAY OUT MY PLOT  
KYLE AND CARLA MUST PAY FOR WHAT THEY'VE BOUGHT

I FIN'LLY GOT OUTTA PRISON, THAT FOUL-SMELLING DITCH  
PAYBACK'S GONNA BE, AS THEY SAY, A SATISFYING \*\*\*\*\*!

*Refrain*

I CAN NEVER GET ON A POSITIVE TRACK  
SO MANY HAVE TRIED TO DELIVER WHAT I LACK –  
THE CHAPLAIN, THE JW's, THE MORMONS ALL TRIED  
SO I FEINED REMORSE; WHAT ELSE CAN I SAY? I LIED!

REVENGE, REVENGE...IT'S SUCH A GREAT FEELING!  
A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH, IT'S EASY AND SO APPEALING!

THE FEAR OF GOD'S ANGRY JUDGMENT WILL NOT SWAY ME  
I CAN'T BE MANIPULATED, SO DON'T TRY TO PLAY ME  
I'M TOO FAR GONE, TOO CLOSE TO THE BRINK, TO SAY THE LEAST  
SAVING ME IS AS LIKELY AS ME BECOMING A PRIEST

*Refrain*

REVENGE!

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(AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND  
THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME!  
I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW AM FOUND  
WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE)

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