

About...

Your kingdom come

...how and why it was written

This song was written in a time of worship when I was trying to reconnect with the desire and belief for revival in the UK. I grew up in a Pentecostal church that placed huge emphasis on revival – praying for it, believing it was going to happen soon, preaching on it... I don't think these things are wrong per se but when you're a teenager you maybe don't have the maturity to then react positively when you don't see it happen in the time-frame you consider it should have done.

I passionately believe that Christians need to leave the four walls of the church and get on the street – loving and serving people where Jesus already is. I believe that acts of kindness and social justice are a hugely important mandate of the gospel.

But I do also believe that there is a level of transformation that is beyond human effort and achievement. God is capable of so much more than we are, though he moves through us so often even as He puts this supernatural intervention into action.

I long for this. I long for God's Spirit to be so present in our country that we see a real re-awakening of the church, and that Christianity is transformed from heritage to here and now for the wider population.

The lyrics of this song seek to reconcile the desperate desire for revival in our nation with a recognition of God's timing so that we can continue to cry out for this and earnestly seek it, but under a more conscious umbrella context of God's sovereignty.

...how, where and when it could be used

This song works well in congregational worship, intercession and during prayer meetings to help people pray for the UK. It works at different paces so it can be a more meditative prayer, as well as a more urgent, higher paced one.

...its place on the journey to where world and worship meet

This is a song of intercession for our God to unmistakably reveal his love again to our generation. One way of voicing that the glory belongs to him is to honour him as the only true Saviour of mankind. We are not the solution to the world – not even our lives of Christian love and service are enough. He is the answer. And he has the sovereign power to bring breakthrough and transformation.

It's time to dream old dreams and see new visions. It's time to believe things can and will be different.