

**You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;
You raise me up... To more than I can be.**

We just passed through the sorrows and sacrifices of Lent and passions of Holy Week. Easter breaks forth with joy and celebration for all of us. This is the day our hope was made complete. This is day Jesus conquered sin and death on our behalf in order that we can reconcile ourselves back to God.

I am in awe of this! Do we really have any idea what it means to be Resurrection People?

Would the Resurrection of Our Lord have touched us so much if He had not suffered death in such a horrible way? He carried a cross and agonized in a human death allowing himself to know how the human body and the human heart grieve. Not only did Jesus live His life as an example for us, but His Mother did as well. Mary was forced to watch all the pain her baby boy had to endure. She unites with us as only a mother can.

Why the suffering? Why the cross? Why the pain of death? Couldn't Jesus have simply come, fulfilled what the Old Testament promised, start His church and ride off into the sunset?

Why go through it all? Why did sin, my sin, have to make Mary suffer in such a ghastly way? Have you ever thought of that; because of our sins, not only did Jesus suffer, but oh how His Mother suffered as well? Why all the grief? If Jesus had just died in his sleep, wouldn't that have been enough sorrow? The answer is simple but not easy: to be human is to suffer. We should never forget the fact that Jesus was fully human in every way but sin.

Jesus and Mary had to experience the physical, mental, and spiritual pain to understand us completely. No matter how simple or brilliant our minds are, we can never truly comprehend that kind of love.

The song I picked out is a song by a young man named Josh Groban. When I first heard this song I was amazed by it. I thought wow, a song about God on the Pop Charts. Whether "You Raise Me Up" is a Christian song or not, it depends on your heart. My last blog was about tweaking songs to be Godly. This song I think can stand on its own without any fine tuning.

We are now stronger and we are able to walk through the storms and sufferings life will bring us, because we have been raised up. Even though our hearts beat imperfectly we know Whose heart will fill us with wonder. We may hunger for God but God thirsts for us. There, my friend, is the pure glimpse of eternity and why we are Resurrection People.

**There is no life - no life without its hunger;
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly;
But when you come and I am filled with wonder,
Sometimes, I think I glimpse eternity.**

He has risen, He has risen indeed. Hallelujah

God's Joyful Blessings, Linda