

RELEASE THE POWER

Lyrics and Credits



The Project

Regarding artistic endeavors, the Baha'i Writings state:

“All Art is a gift of the Holy Spirit. When this light shines through the mind of a musician, it manifests itself in beautiful harmonies. Again, shining through the mind of a poet, it is seen in fine poetry and poetic prose. When the light of the Sun of Truth inspires the mind of a painter, he produces marvellous pictures. These gifts are fulfilling their highest purpose when showing forth the praise of God.” - ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

In the summer of 2017, I had the bounty of helping to facilitate a youth empowerment training utilizing the course “Releasing The Powers of Junior Youth” (Book 5) of the Ruhi Institute. The training brought together youth from around the Phoenix metropolitan area to study concepts and quotations from the Baha'i Writings and reflect on how they could use their energies to be of service to their communities, in particular by mentoring those younger than themselves.

The training lasted for about 10 days, including intense study, community outreach, visiting and assisting junior youth groups, recreation, and of course ARTS! There were several youth in the training, however, three in particular were very musically inclined - Brian, Tony, and Ally.

We ended up making a song on one of the first days of the training (utilizing a beat from the world famous producer, Sabzi) and we had the opportunity to perform it at a Race Unity Day event that evening. It was an awesome experience, and it led to a desire from the youth to create more songs, eventually leading to the idea of producing an album.

Once the training had completed, Brian, Tony, Ally, and I continued meeting to finalize and refine the songs we had started during the training. In May, 2018 I was able to obtain funding to get the songs professionally produced. We then embarked on the process of recording the songs, getting them mixed and mastered, working through the album art, etc.

And now, it's ready to be released! We hope that the album brings inspiration and uplifts your spirit. Release the power!!

Your spiritual brother,

- Colby Jeffers

Album Credits

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Lyrical Inspiration:

The Baha'i Writings included in: Book 5 of the Ruhi Institute - "*Releasing The Power of Junior Youth*" (<http://www.ruhi.org/>)

Song Lyrics

1) Butterfly

[Tony / Reflectionz]

Kid growing up with everything, not worth anything
Everyone sayin' he's not so successful so he took it another level,
Then he looked and he sought and he bought into the bad habits in the wrong habitat,
Soon ended on the wrong path and he splat down looking all around,
Even had a breakdown not knowin' he'd soon be heaven bound, uh,
Tryin' to keep his family, tryin' to keep his sanity,
Not givin' into vanity,
Needed some friends to get away from the mess,
'Bout to fall from a cliff so he needed a lift (he needed a lift),
They grabbed his hand and said,
Hey! This is the day,
The day of change,
The day where you'll never feel that pain inside you,
Go ahead and follow us and we'll guide you right through,

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

Bestow a pair of heavenly wings unto each of these fledglings that they may wing their flight,
May soar to the heights of the Abha Kingdom,
May soar to the heights of the Abha Kingdom,
Yeah, ooooo

[Brian / Brenn]

Ay, ay,
I was born in darkness,
Hit the lightswitch,
So many roads, which should I pick?
Life changes right quick, 'member back when,
I was a 12 year old kid, moved to canyon springs,
I met this kid, dang he's mean,
I know deep down he's compassionate, but imagine this,
All these paths connect, from the first time we met,
We would hang out everyday summer break, it was the best,
But then I left, 2 years pass, similar interest brought it back,
He came up to me at a live event randomly, "do you remember me?"
Right around that time I moved to Sunnyslope,
I got introduced to an older youth,

He slowly showed me a new way of life,
I can't lie, I was scared to change, but I'm glad I came to group,
It helped me find my path,
Matter fact where he at?

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

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May soar to the heights of the Abha Kingdom,
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[Colby Jeffers]

Look,
Came on the scene 2012, desired to help,
Realized if not me, then who else,
Was gonna do the work, next generation waiting,
Saw that I was the clerk, shifty forces that they're facing, berserk,
My time to clock in, hit the bricks pound the pavement,
Did some outreach, the result, my amazement,
God speaking out from the clouds, confirmations,
He was in control, guess that's why they call it reigning,
They were seeds, grounded in pure deeds,
Sprouted, the Word of God feeding as they read, gleaning knowledge,
Acting like the water of life,
Love was the light as they grew, reaching for new heights,
Growing from saplings to trees, as their roots grow deep,
And these youth learn to serve, now it's fruit I see,
Service changed my life,
What if I never found the path?
Man I wonder, ooo, look a little butterfly,

2) Summoner

[Brian / Brenn]

I speak unity so fluently,
Backbiting quencheth the light, hear it in the eulogy,
Denying God's blessings so foolishly,
First let your heart burn with love,
Enjoy the messages from above,
Hate can't stop us, if we got love God got us,
I pray for more of a connection, all this affection he sent in,
Don't let dissension, strife, contention, and apathy deprive you of His heavenly grace,
Stay on this path to His place, ay,
A kindly tongue is the lodestone of the heart of men,
It is the bread of the spirit,
Even if hate was deaf it would hear us and fear us ,
Calling all my kinfolk,
Let's plant our feet on this dirt, let's get to work, ay,
Take my hand and serve for the betterment of this earth, ay, ay,
Let's summon some love and...

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

Be thou a summoner to love,
Offer thy friendship, worthy of trust,
Kind to all the human race,

[Colby Jeffers]

Consort with all the people, all the kindreds, and religions of the world,
With the utmost truthfulness, uprightness, faithfulness, kindness, goodwill, and friendliness,
So that the world and the people can see,
Shining my light on the ignorance, yuh,
Blasting out the enmity with the light of unity,
You hit me with unfaithfulness, I return it with fidelity,
You poison my life, I sweeten your soul,
Inflict a wound, I salve your sore,
Now you know the way, whatchya waiting for?
Open the door and...

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

Be thou a summoner to love,
Offer thy friendship, worthy of trust,
Kind to all the human race,

[Tony / Reflectionz]

Lets come together like family,
Pure thoughts pure heart, living happily with chastity,
Let's be the carriers that bring down the barriers,
Stranger danger, we need an arranger.,
Let's be friends, brothers, people with trust cuz disunity is a total bust,
We on a path, this love won't stop,
Comes from the top and we gonna take this negative and swap,
Cuz its rocked its locked,
This is not the way you want it to be,
You gotta believe in heaven and peace,
You gotta let the lord be your centerpiece,
So let's come out with a press release and say...

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

Be thou a summoner to love,
Offer thy friendship, worthy of trust,
Kind to all the human race,

[Bridge - Colby Jeffers / Brenn / Reflectionz]

Unity, We need some that,
Unity, We out here building,
unity, what we got if we don't got,
Unity, so let's summon some love,

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

Be thou a summoner to love,
Offer thy friendship, worthy of trust,
Kind to all the human race,

3) Omnipotent

[Colby Jeffers]

Hey! Throw your hands up! Woo! Who we praising?
I'm not a fighter, call me the true lover,
Devoted friend reaching the presence of the Beloved,
Awe struck at the sparkling beauty,
Feel the fire, feel the blaze, feel it flowing right through me,
Burning veils, burning wrappings, walking through the trappings,
As the flame burns from my heart to my skin, I feel it deep within,
Let that fire of love burn 'til nothing remains except the true friend,
Revelations, everlasting, down from the Kingdom, spittin it quick, I call it fasting,
Cuz every time I'm turning my eye unto the Divine I'm feeling so fine,
Material needs not bothering me, intoxicated by the choice wine,
The spirit of life, drink up your cup, yeah, throw your hands up, all love to the Most High,
Your wondrous utterance, we listen, we arise, in Your Name we glorify, hey!

[Chorus - Colby Jeffers & Xandra Black]

Can I get a hallelujah, feel the Holy Spirit running through yuh, who we praising?
The Most Generous, The All Merciful,
Divine Providence, The All Powerful,
Divine Countenance, The All Glorious,
The All Bounteous, we victorious,
Cuz we turn our face unto the Cause,
And we lifting up our hands giving all the praise to God,
Feel the love flowing infinite,
And we know we powerless without the power of the Omnipotent!

[Brian / Brenn]

When you open up the window and the light come right in,
You can find me riding to where the Most High be,
Asking God to enlighten me with this light in me,
Burning veils so I can see His dynasty, please define me,
Cuz I've been struggling with my Faith like who should I praise if I wanna be saved,
Cuz if the rapture was today I'd be afraid of where I would go,
Please save me, I give my trust to You,
And these sun rays shine deeply on me,
I'll reflect it right back out onto the community,
I'll disconnect negative energy with the powers You send me through my written verses,
Got me feeling perfect with purpose, I stay searching, dispersing his gift
Rehearsing, reversing curses so I can I lift this message to heaven,
I'm breathless by the beauty, now listen to this...

[Chorus - Colby Jeffers & Xandra Black]

God is glorious, Allah'u'Abha! So open up and feel the Glory Yá Bahá'u'l-Abhá, praising,
The Most Generous, The All Merciful,
Divine Providence, The All Powerful,
Divine Countenance, The All Glorious,
The All Bounteous, we victorious,
Cuz we turn our face unto the Cause,
And we lifting up our hands giving all the praise to God,
Feel the love flowing infinite,
And we know we powerless without the power of the Omnipotent!

[Tony / Reflectionz]

I feel empowered, used to be a coward,
Let me see if I can shake it, let me see if I can break it by these deeds not words,
Let your voice be heard, let these demons deter,
Now everybody up,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let's go door to door,
Let's see the universe begin to be restored,
This is heated, won't be beat, no matter what i won't be seated,
So let's feel the unity, be the unity, building unity, see the unity,
Let the definition mean something more than you and me,
Examine close use your scrutiny and truthfully, hey,
Let it take you higher places, let it twist you up and rewind,
And when you hit the ground you'll see why,
This is so important every morning every night,
As I let the divine feed my soul, open up and take a bite, hey!

[Chorus - Colby Jeffers & Xandra Black]

If you feel us throw hands up! Everybody out ya seat, lemme see you stand up! Praising!
The Most Generous, The All Merciful,
Divine Providence, The All Powerful,
Divine Countenance, The All Glorious,
The All Bounteous, we victorious,
Cuz we turn our face unto the Cause,
And we lifting up our hands giving all the praise to God,
Feel the love flowing infinite,
And we know we powerless without the power of the Omnipotent!

4) Elevation

[Chorus - Colby Jeffers, Reflectionz, Brenn]

Uh, yo,
I'm trying to let my higher nature take over,
I gotta to let my higher nature take over,
God please let my higher nature take over,
Before my life reaches game over, ay,

[Colby Jeffers]

We only get this one life,
Trying to do this thing right,
Working on my knowledge of self,
Trying to see with my inner eye,
Guess that's why they call it insight,
As I think to myself,
I was created rich, made noble,
Why do I lie to myself?
Trying to cross this bridge, stay hopeful,
As I turn my sight to myself,
And I see God standing within me,
Mighty, powerful, self-subsisting,
And I see God standing within me,
Mighty, powerful, self-subsisting,
Selfless, selfish,
Heedful, heedless,
Which path am I gonna take,
As I battle everyday, God I plead this....

[Chorus - Colby Jeffers, Reflectionz, Brenn]

I'm trying to let my higher nature take over,
I gotta to let my higher nature take over,
God please let my higher nature take over,
Before my life reaches game over, ay,

[Tony / Reflectionz]

We on a road that's feeling so long, so long, so long, so long, so long,
I don't know what to do about it,
This mission is the main mission, no sides, no quests,
Always looking for what's best,
I always had something in my chest,
I tried reaching out, inside I was screaming and shouting,

While I was giving up and doubting, yeah,
I was giving up and doubting, yeah,
My soul kept shouting and counting the days,
I was working on rerouting my life in a haze,
Figuring out what was right, finally opened up my eyes to see the sight,
It was like fade out, fade in, at first it was dim,
And now i see the light (yeah now I see the light,)
And it led me to this life,
Now it's looking so bright so bright so bright so bright

[Chorus - Colby Jeffers, Reflectionz, Brenn]

I'm trying to let my higher nature take over,
I gotta to let my higher nature take over,
God please let my higher nature take over,
Before my life reaches game over, ay,

[Brian / Brenn]

I looked inside my cup and saw that murky water,
I know if I take a sip it'll probably hurt my father,
I'm looking for something that can purify, I'm hurt inside,
I've come to find its worse when I blur the lines between right and wrongs,
So I take my pen and writes my wrongs,
Guided by my songs, yes I'm still fighting strong,
Guided by the wrong light and I'm running fast from my past,
And when I look to the future I'm worried,
Cuz when I'm standing in the sunlight I don't got no reflection cuz my mirror's dirty,
I'm in danger trying to find my higher nature, there ain't no time for later,
I'm indecisive trying to fill this void with my vices that I've been blessed with,
I know what I gotta do now, detach from my lower side,
I never ever seem to find that hope inside that loaded nine on all those cold nights,
So I put my hands together and pray to that open sky,
Help me...

5) Universal Love

[Colby Jeffers]

It is the greatest gift of man.
It's the magnet which renders existence eternal,
It diffuses life with infinite joy,
If it penetrates the heart of man all the forces of the universe will be realized in him,
Let me tell you what I'm talking 'bout...
We're all seeking that inner joy,
Every individual, every man, every woman, every girl, every boy,
Unlike the passing emotions acting like a potion,
Got you feeling buzzed for a little while,
Then your smile turns around to a frown,
Like a gamer just ran outta tokens, huh,
So ditch the arcade, think outside the X-Box,
Take a look deep in your heart, that is the best spot,
Then feel that certitude cuz you got that conscious knowledge,
Fostering a pure heart, prayer is the polish, ayy,
This joy is infinite, this love is heaven sent,
Peace to the superficial for the permanent, cuz

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

The greatest gift of man is universal love, whoa oh,
Universal love, whoa oh, universal love,

[Brian Rap Verse]

I'm not the preaching type but I'll sure preach to this,
Love is limitless,
I'd rather die with love than live without it,
It's my foundation,
I've been getting confirmations on my way through this maze I've been placed in,
Most days it a struggle,
You gotta find divine guidance it widens your heart,
You can fly through crisis on auto pilot with nothing to worry about,
I've been blessed with reassurance,
Now when I look in the sky I see beauty in the world,
From the the trees in the dirt that my feet walk upon,
The sound of the birds when they chirp,
And the water that flows from coast to coast,
The oneness of humanity can only be achieved with one thing:
L-O-V-E, so open up your heart and sing...

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

The greatest gift of man is universal love, whoa oh,
Universal love, whoa oh, universal love,

[Tony / Reflectionz]

You and me finally at peace in the land of tranquility where its just you and me,
No longer liabilities where we focus on unity in the world we can see,
Cuz this is my world, your world, our world, God's world, everybody's world mix it up like a swirl,
Tic toc tic toc, we on a clock

So lemme see your hands, lemme see you can,
I said, lemme see your hands, lemme see you can,
Out of sight, out of mind that purity that is mine
In my heart, In my soul let it fly and hit your goals,
You know the drill, let's let it roll!

Eye - Chaste!

Hand - Faithful!

Tongue - Truthful!

Heart - Enlightened!

Eye - Chaste!

Hand - Faithful!

Tongue - Truthful!

Heart - Enlightened!

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

The greatest gift of man is universal love, whoa oh,
Universal love, whoa oh, universal love,

[Colby Jeffers]

So give it up everyone, open up your hearts,
Let's all come together and unlock the gift of universal love,
Release the power!

[Chorus - Ally / Xandra Black]

The greatest gift of man is universal love, whoa oh,
Universal love, whoa oh, universal love,