



*Christmas  
then*



*Christmas  
Now*



# Types of Songs

- ❑ Ballad - Poem or song set to music
- ❑ Anthem - Powerful or celebratory in nature
- ❑ Bop - Top 40 feel good, light message song
- ❑ Banger - Speaks to your current situation and narrates what you're feeling
- ❑ Jam - Timeless, moves you no matter what and makes you feel warm and safe



# Main Point

Our song about our relationship and experience with God should be a mashup of a ballad, a banger, and a jam



# Mary's Song

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

Luke 1:46-48 NIV



# Mary's Song

- ❑ Shows Mary's character
- ❑ Recognizes who God is
- ❑ Recognizes who she is
- ❑ Paints a picture of a trifold God



# Mary's Song

He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

Luke 1:51-52 NIV



# Mary's Song

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.”

Luke 1:53-55 NIV



# Mary's Song

- ❑ What God has done is going to do
- ❑ She is being prophetic
- ❑ God is not tied to human expectations or ways
- ❑ Her song is honest, raw, and real





The background is a dark, starry night sky. A bright, multi-pointed star with a long vertical tail of smaller stars is positioned at the top center. Below the star, the text 'O HOLY NIGHT' is written in a large, white, serif font. Underneath that, in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, is the text 'BASED ON THE POEM BY PLACIDE CARPEAU'. At the bottom of the image, a cityscape is depicted, illuminated from below with a warm, golden light. The buildings have various architectural styles, including domes and arches. The city is set on a dark, flat surface, possibly a plain or a beach, with some dark, leafy plants visible in the foreground on the left and right sides.

# O HOLY NIGHT

BASED ON THE POEM BY PLACIDE CARPEAU

*O night when Christ was  
born*

*O night divine!*

*O night, O night divine!*



# Our Mary's Song

- ❑ Appreciate what God has done for us
- ❑ Recognize who God is and our place with Him
- ❑ Point forward
- ❑ God is present and active not absent and dormant



# Zechariah

- ❑ Priest married to Elizabeth
- ❑ Visited by an angel
- ❑ Told he will have a child and to name him John
- ❑ Unable to speak until the child is born



# Zechariah's Song

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago)

Luke 1:68-70 NIV



# Zechariah's Song

salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Luke 1:71-75 NIV



# Zechariah's Song

- ❑ Upbeat song of thanksgiving
- ❑ Recognizes the strength of God
- ❑ Shows God is working out His plan
- ❑ Points forward



# Zechariah's Song

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,

Luke 1:76-77 NIV





# Zechariah's Song

- ❑ This section is personal and about his son
- ❑ Will be a prophet who prepares the way for the Messiah



# Zechariah's Song

78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Luke 1:78-79 NIV



# Zechariah's Song

- ❑ Concludes with the Messiah
- ❑ Bring people to light
- ❑ Bring peace
- ❑ It is an upbeat song that's still personal but a song you want to crank up



# Our Zechariah's Song

- ❑ A song we want to turn up
- ❑ Recognize the strength and position of God
- ❑ Understand God's peace



# Application

- ❑ Write your song
- ❑ Make it personal and reflective like Mary
- ❑ Make it thankful and joyful like Zechariah
- ❑ Make it a ballad, a banger, and a jam all in one

