"Forsaken" by: Justin Roach

I wrote this at a low point in my life; a time when I felt abandonment

My hope is fading My heart is breaking I feel all but dead This despair haunts me instead

All alone in this land Please tell me, where is your healing hand? My spirit crying out Crushed, there is no doubt

Where were you then? Where have you been? Where are you? Where are you?

You repeatedly turn away
Even up to this day
I've tried to be faithful
It really is to painful
To have a Father who only stares
At his hurting son, He who never cares

I cry out for your love I sob, Lord please, there is none I weep for your mercy God, you have divorced me

I look around
So many others
They claim to be loved
They claim to be brothers
Through a God, set apart
Their treasure, their love, their heart

Why can't I be one for Jesus to see? For Him to love me, to notice me, to see me He feels distant from this life He feels absent from this strife

A little bit of hope Is how I cope I continue to wait Praying, this not be my fate But, my hope is fading Soon to be none My heart is breaking Am I even your son

I pray for the day When I can be free Lord, what do you say? Please see me Please heal me Please free me

"Darkness" by: Justin Roach

I wrote this when I finally began to understand God's role in my life.

Darkness deepens my sorrow He obliterates my spirit He makes me hollow. Darkness condemns my soul He destroys my heart He holds me captive and takes control. Often he understands me This I do see Darkness never seems to forsake me Yet he never sets me free He convinces me that sin is good And all of this darkness, I should. He holds me tight Until I can longer fight. I try to flee From this darkness living in me

But see...

I also have this healer living within me. He can strengthen me He can deliver me He can heal me My healer can take away my pain He can take away this hurt He can take away my shame. My healer can restore my heart From the darkness who tore it apart My healer takes my soul From the darkness, He makes it whole I have this healer living within me From this darkness I will be set free This I finally choose to be I have this healer living within me From this darkness I will be set free But how, I'm waiting, I'm longing to see

Hold my hand,
Rest your head
This life is only temporary
I am here to stay
With you, all the way,
Allow me to carry you,
Let me hold you
This life is momentary
I am here to stay
With you, all the way
You will soon be free
From the burdens of your life
From your struggles and your strife

There won't be pain
There won't be sorrow
There won't be shame
You won't feel hollow
So hold me tight
and let me fight
Child I see your worn....
Your tired...
Your torn...
Struggling in this life in this form
Your healer is here
The darkness, you shall no longer fear.

I have never left you
Always here to protect you
I see your face....
I see your sorrow
Let me take your place
There is no more time to borrow.
Take hold fast
For I don't think you can last
Please son....I'm cryin...I'm hurtin
I'm beggin
Let me carry your burden
I can be yours
And you can be mine
I can heal your sores
And you will be fine

But see...

I never said it will be easy
I am always here
You still need to seek me
When your torn
I will see
When your worn
I will set you free
Darkness, do not fear
Your healer is here
Please child, rest easy
For I know that you can hear me