

Never Not In Need of Grace

"Two men went up to the temple to pray...." (Luke 18:9-14)

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Piano

The piano score is written for a grand piano in 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. The first system starts with a whole rest in the right hand and a half note C in the left hand, followed by a series of chords and moving lines. The second system begins with a measure marked '4' and features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The third system starts at measure '7' and includes a complex chordal texture. The fourth system begins at measure '11' and concludes with a final chord and a first ending marked '1. 2. 3.' and 'I'.

Chords: C, Eb/C, F, G, am, C, Eb/C, fm/Ab, Db/Bb, C, gm/C, Ab/C, C, Bb/C, Ab/C, C, Ab4/C, Ab/C, C, C, G/B

Measure numbers: 4, 7, 11

First ending: 1. 2. 3. I

14

am C G am

work real - ly hard and I rare - ly com - plain, I
 op - ti - mize things and I don't like to wait, I
 rare - ly make waves and I pull my own weight, all

16

F C/E G F G G F G

try not to show it when I'm in pain;
 watch, con - si - der al - ways cal - cu - late;
 fa - vors I re - ci - pro - cate;

19

am C G am G am

plan what I say and I keep to my space;
 usu - al - ly live at my max - i - mum pace;
 hon - or my par - ents and hon - or my race; but I'm

22

F C/E G am F B \flat C

ne - ver not in need of grace, no; I'm ne - ver not in need of grace.

Chorus

26

C E \flat /C F G am

Please save my soul, not just my face, I'm ne - ver not in need of grace.

30

C Eb/C

Not "Some-times," "May-be," "Just In Case," no, I'm

33

fm/Ab Db/Bb C

1. 2 gm/C Ab/C C Bb/C Ab/C C Ab4/C

ne-ver, ne-ver ev-er not in need of grace.

37

Ab/C C C G/B

(2.,3.) I

3 Bridge C Bb Ab Eb Db

41

C Bb/C +2 F Ab/F G

Dear-est Je-sus, how I need you, at my worst and at my best!

45

C Bb/C +2 F Ab G F G

Save me from my-self, I plead you! On-ly you can give me rest!

G F G F G G F G F G

49 *D.S. al Fine* 4 C

Please (grace.)

54 *Ab Db/Bb C*

No, I'm ne - ver, ne - ver ev - ver not in need of grace.

58 *fm/Ab Db/Bb C* *Fine*

No, I'm ne - ver, ne - ver ev - ver not in need of grace.

Jesus tells the story of two men who went to church to pray one day.

The first man was feeling pretty good about himself. He figured that, whatever's wrong with this world, it wasn't his fault, because he'd lived a pretty good life. So he prayed: "God, thank you I'm not like other people. I work hard, I do everything I'm supposed to do (and a little bit more), I stay in control and don't mess up; I keep it all together. Thank you, God." And he went on like this.

The other man was different. He knew he was no better than other people. Oh, he was a law abiding citizen, he paid his taxes and he even helped others pay their taxes too. But in his heart he knew his thoughts and desires were not pure, he worried about all the wrong things, and his heart was not whole. So when he prayed, he simply said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

That day, only one of those men went home right with God.

"I want to be like that man."

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Verse 1

I work really hard and I rarely complain.
I try not to show it when I'm in pain.
I plan what I say, and I keep to my space;
But I'm never not in need of grace, no,
I'm never not in need of grace

Chorus

Please save my soul not just my face--
I'm never not in need of grace
Not "Sometimes," "Maybe," "Just In Case"--
No I'm never, never ever not in need of grace.

Verse 2

I optimize things and I don't like to wait,
I watch, consider, and calculate.
I usually live at my maximum pace;
But I'm never not in need of grace, no
I'm never not in need of grace

Verse 3

I never make waves and I pull my own weight.
All favors I always reciprocate.
I honor my parents and honor my race;
But I'm never not in need of grace, no
I'm never not in need of grace.

Bridge

Dearest Jesus, how I need you--
at my worst and at my best!
Save me from myself, I plead you!
Only you can give me rest!