

“Malice In the Palace” (Song Lyrics)

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Crisis in the Palace (K-8)

Narrator: And in that year, the kingdom was abuzz with whispers and rumors of a terrible scandal,

Speaker 2: (gasp) Really?

Speaker 1: Yes!

Speakers 3 and 4: (gasp) You’re joking!

Speakers 1 and 2: No!

Speakers 5-8: (gasp) You think?

Speakers 1-4: Maybe.

All: Shocking! Ghastly! Dreadful!

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There’s a crisis in the palace, ev’rybody has a diff’reent point of view!

He said, she said.

Group 1: He doesn’t! **Group 2:** Yes, he does!

Whispers, rumors,

listen to the buzz, listen to the buzz, listen to the buzz.

Buzz buzz buzz buzz!

Oh, the king had a feast for six long months.

It was a great success. For when a king invites someone, the someone best say yes!

Then the king said, (Go and fetch the queen, the party’s getting slow.”) Her lovely face will liven up the place. But the queen said:

(No!) *Gasp*

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Then the king called his wisemen far and wide to tell him what to do. They said, (“You must forbid the queen to ever come to you.”) So the king said, (“Thus it shall be done, because she won’t obey.”) He proved to all that he was still in charge. **Girls:** But the queen got her way! (Ha!)

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buzz!

Beauty secrets, everyone should know.

Beauty secrets, are the kind that show!

Candidates: Everyone’s who’s anyone knows it’s true, you gotta have style and a great hair-do! If you’re not good lookin you won’t get looks. Judging by the cover isn’t just for books!

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Esther: I belong to the One who made the lion and the lamb, Creator of all beauty, who loves me as I am. One who sees my secret self, who knows my deepest part. True beauty is the love of God you hide within your heart.

Candidate 1: Well, Kid, that’s fine if you want to keep your beauty a secret...

Candidate 2: But we’re here to tell you...

All: Beauty secrets, are the kind that show!

Stand Up (K-8)

Mordecai: Stand up, stand up, stand up for what is right. Stand up, stand up, stand up and fight the fight. Be firm, be brave, hold tight to what is true. God who saves is standing up for you.

Crowd 5: Even when the others around you fall?

Mordecai: Stand up for what is right.

Crowd 6: Even when believing can cost you all?

Mordecai: Stand up for what is right.

Crowd 7: Even when you’re feelin’ like you’re all alone?

Mordecai: Stand up for what is right.

All: Stand up, stand up, stand up for what is right. Stand up, stand up, stand up and fight the fight. Be firm, be brave, hold tight to what is true. God who saves is standing up for you.

When it’s time, time to make a choice.

Listen, listen for the Master’s voice. If the word, word of God is clear, sing with joy the song you hear.

Even when the others around you fall?

Stand up for what is right.

Even when believing can cost you all?

Stand up for what is right.

Even when you’re feelin’ like you’re all alone?

Stand up for what is right.

Even when the road ahead’s unknown?

Stand up and fight the fight.

Stand up, stand up, stand up! STAND UP!

Wings of the Dawn (1-8)

Esther: Mighty One, you hear me, though my voice is small. In the night, be near me when darkness falls. For you whispered in my heartbeat on the day that I was made, and I know you go beside me when I’m afraid. If I climb to the heights of a mountain, or search the depths below, I know your arms will hide me ev’rywhere I go. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, or fly beyond the sea, I will find you there waiting for me.

All: Mighty One, you hear me, though my voice is small. In the night, be near me when darkness falls. For you whispered in my heartbeat on the day that I was made, and I know you go beside me when I’m afraid. If I climb to the heights of a mountain, or search the depths below, I know your arms will hide me (for where you are, I go) ev’rywhere I go. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, or fly beyond the sea, (**Esther:** I will find you there) I will find you there waiting for me.

It Would Take a Miracle (3-8)

Haman: Now it’s time to celebrate the end of everything I hate. Israel and Mordecai tomorrow face a day to die. I’m a man who had the will to make a plot with secret skill.

Haman and Zareh: A man with brains and iron nerve. **Haman:** I’ll get the things that I deserve. For there’s a plan no one can see, a

final day that waits for me. **Zaresh:** Who will rise and who will fall? **Haman:** There’s only one who knows it all. **Zaresh and Haman:** And it would take a miracle, it would take a miracle, it would take a miracle, this I vow! **With friends:** Yes, it would take a miracle, it would take a miracle, it would take a miracle to save them now!

People of Israel (Choir): Now it’s time to fast and wait and pray to God it’s not too late. Haman with his evil lies has planned a day for us to die. But there’s a ruler higher still who has an even stronger will, who has the power to surround and turn a kingdom upside down. And it would take a miracle, it would take a miracle, it would take a miracle, this is true! And if you need a miracle, really need a miracle, never underestimate what God can do!

All: For there’s a plan no one can see, a final day that waits for me. Who will rise and who will fall? There’s only one who knows it all.

And it would take a miracle, (it would take) it would take a miracle, (take a miracle,) it would take a miracle, this is true! (this I vow!)

And if you need a miracle, (It would take,) really need a miracle, (take a miracle to save them now!) never underestimate what God can do!

This Is the Day (1-8)

This is the day, this is the hour, a sense of excitement is filling the hall. This is the day, this is the hour, the Queen tells her secret to all. This is the day, this is the hour, **Esther:** the end of the silence, the start of a song.

All: This is the day, this is the hour, **Esther:**

for naming to whom I belong. **All:** This is the day, (This is the day,) the turn of the story we waited to know. This is the hour, (this is the hour) to see where the myst’ry will go. This is the day, this is the hour, the King in his glory, the Queen in her place. This is the day she faces a power, with only the power of grace. This is the day, this is the hour, a sense of excitement is filling the hall. This is the day, this is the hour, the Queen tells her secret, the Queen tells her secret, the Queen tells her secret to all!

A Simple Prayer (3-8)

We know there is a hidden hand behind the things we see,
that guides until at last we find the place we need to be.

And though our part is small and weak, we know that when we kneel,
and offer up a broken heart, God’s power is revealed.

And so we say a simple prayer, that when the day is through,
O loving God, we see your face
and find our place, and find our place in you.

God Is Our God (K-8)

God is our God, we will proclaim.

God is our God, forever amen!

We are the ones called by the name of the God who is true, true to the end.

Send the word by royal rider, racing with the wind.

The loyal God of Israel is rising to defend.

God’s truth will overtake the lies of those who hate,

until a day of sorrow is a day to celebrate!

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We are the ones called by the name of the
God who is true, true to the end.
Give a shout for Esther who was brave and
faced the day, ESTHER!
Raise a cry for Mordecai, who had the faith
to pray. MORDECAI!
When we witness power used to help the
cause of sin,
we'll make a noise to tell the world that evil
will not win!
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will not win!
God is our God, we will proclaim.
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God who is true, true to the end,
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