

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL 2019

DAY 2

Steven Curtis Chapman is a prolific Grammy award winning contemporary Christian artist, record producer, actor and author. He is also a devoted father of several children and a very strong advocate for adoption and international orphan care. He and his wife Mary Beth were the adoptive parents of a beautiful little girl from China named Maria Sue Chunxi Chapman. Tragically, on May 21, 2008, their oldest son was pulling into the driveway while Maria Sue was running out to meet him. He didn't see her in time and he accidentally ran over her. The tragedy of this accidental death so devastated Chapman that he was unsure if he would ever perform again. However, eventually, reflecting on this accident, he penned these beautiful words of hope. These words are so fitting to meditate on, especially on the day following Ash Wednesday. I hope and pray that they will bless you today:

Beauty will Rise

It was the day the world went wrong
I screamed until my voice was gone
And watched through the tears as everything
Came crashing down
Slowly panic turns to pain
As we awake to what remains
And sift through the ashes
That are left behind
But buried deep beneath
All our broken dreams, we have this hope
Out of these ashes beauty will rise
And we will dance among the ruins
We will see it with our own eyes
Out of these ashes beauty will rise

For we know joy is coming in the morning
In the morning, beauty will rise
So take another breath for now
And let the tears come washing down
And if you can't believe, I will believe for you
Cause I have seen the signs of spring
Just watch and see
Out of these ashes beauty will rise
And we will dance among the ruins
We will see it with our own eyes
Out of these ashes beauty will rise
For we know joy is coming in the morning
In the morning

I can hear it in the distance
And it's not too far away
It's the music and the laughter
Of a wedding and a feast
I can almost feel the hand of God
Reaching for my face to wipe the tears away
You say it's time to make everything new
Make it all new
This is our hope
This is a promise
This is our hope
This is a promise
It will take our breath away
To see the beauty that's been made
Out of the ashes, out of the ashes

TODAY'S PRAYER

“God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

(Luke 18:13)