

STEPHANIE SMITH

BEHIND THE SONGS

NOT AFRAID

Not Afraid came to be one evening when Jamie brought a melody to the table. He kept singing "not afraid" over the hook, but we had trouble taking it anywhere from there. As Aaron began exploring other hook options, I became more and more attached to "not afraid." After a frustrating hour or so, we moved on to try working the verse first. It clicked immediately, and a very relatable topic for everyone was birthed. This song means a lot to me, you see I am a huge communicator and I place a lot of value on relationships. I like to think that most of my relationships are very healthy and that I can learn from all of them, but the reality is people come and go in our lives, even the good and bad comes and goes. There is only One who remains consistent and He is faithful to meet us right where we are.

*Sorry it's over
I think it's the best thing for now
I'm takin' the memories
Don't wanna leave them all behind...
Some are good, some are bad
Some are in between
But I gotta do what's right for me*

*So I'm not afraid to walk away
Let me go for the last time
Finally got it straight for the first time
Not afraid cause I know he's there to meet me
So I'll be gone, I'll be gone,
But not alone, alone, alone*

*I hate how it happened
But it just wasn't supposed to be
Let's not talk about it
(Cause always) lookin' back
Won't help a thing
So leave the good, leave the bad,
And the in between
I'm gonna do what's right for me*

*It may not be easy
Cause at its best, life is still hard
But he is with me,
And I am not alone
So, I'm not afraid...*

Luke 1:45

"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord." You are blessed for believing that the Lord would keep his promise to you.

SUPERSTAR

Superstar was the first song Jamie Moore, Aaron Rice and I wrote together as a team. Before we began the session we spent some time in prayer and getting to know each other. What was dominantly on my heart this particular evening was the idea of encouraging God's creation, specifically teenage girls. To conceptualize an anthem from the eyes of the Father, proclaiming that every single one- male, female, born, unborn- is unique and plays an irreplaceable role in his plan and purpose; that's exciting to me. The song is delivered in a simple, fun package as the chorus sings "I may be just a girl to you, you don't have to listen if you don't want to..." It's non-threatening, and it never claims to "know it all," however it is my hope that we would embrace and start living our true identity.... Children made in the image of the Living God.

*So you don't know everything,
so you cave to what they think, about you
You get lost in dreams
Of who you wanna be
Tell me is it hard to find
The star that shines deep inside
you were made with loves embrace
The image of amazing grace*

Chorus:

*I may be just a girl to you
Don't have to listen if you don't want to
I wish that you could see from His view
In His eyes, what you are
He made you to be a superstar
(A Superstar x2)*

*You may not make the walk of fame
A star may never wear your name
But you will always be
The lead inside His dream
Way before you ever knew
A bigger plan included you
not that hard, if you just try
Cause you and I were made to shine*

Chorus:

Bridge:

*Superstar
You're a hit the way you are
Superstar
Don't ever look back, gotta leave your mark
Superstar
You are, you are, you are....*

*You know what you are (x2)
S U P E R S T A R Super Star
You know what you are
In His eyes, what you are
He made you to be a
Super Star*

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