

Where did the Years Go?

Dedicated to Adrian Pfitzer

CHORUS 1: Where did the years go?
Where did they go?
We're given a lifetime to wonder and grow.
But the tears of a lifetime had passed through your soul.
And the lies of a lifetime had taken their toll,
Though the scars of a lifetime are now rendered whole,
Your empty place gapes like a hole,
And the Liar keeps grasping at souls.

VS. 1: And now we will miss your opinions and fun,
And the promise emerging of who you'd become,
The laugh in your voice and the depth of your eyes,
Your compassionate listening, your Facebook replies.

CHORUS 2: And, where did the years go?
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But the tears of a lifetime had passed through your soul.
And the lies of a lifetime had taken their toll,
But the Lord has replaced what the Enemy stole,
For you've trusted the maker of souls.
In His presence, your joy will be full.

VS. 2: Just as the same sunlight shines down on us all
Who live in a world broken up by the fall,
The radiance of God's Son who died in our place
Shines here in my life, and on you, face to face.
He's mended your brokenness, wiped tears away,
He mends every heart that comes to Him today.
He understands damage, the struggle that's ours,
And the proof of his loving is shown by His scars.

BRIDGE: I want to live greatly and love greatly too,
To bring brothers and sisters to Jesus like you,
And, life is more fragile than I ever knew,
Truth-telling more urgent, the chances so few,

ENDING CHORUS:
The truth is that Jesus, the Lover of all
Reaches out wounded hands to lift sinners who fall.
Let me not run from mercy, but turn to His grace.
Knowing I am not worthy, but He won the race.
He's the victor and champion, defeater of death,
Who is offering life beyond this borrowed breath.
If we listen to him, the peripherals fit in,
And we'll find we are more than we'd dreamed of before.