



from Garth...

Lyrics, quotes, and a special blessing

This autumn has seen a return to a few gigs, which has been both enjoyable, and even therapeutic!



When Peace Dies, Embrace It. It Will Live Again - painting by Malak Mattar

Easter Revolution

It all started with recording the **Easter Revolution** album in GingerDog's new studio in Rattlesden, not far from Bury St Edmunds. The album is nearly finished, just a little more mixing to go!

As a companion to the CD there will be a little booklet also called **Easter Revolution**, which has some quotes and thoughts from people that have inspired some of the lyrics in the album.

Malak Mattar from Gaza has agreed for us to use her wonderful painting entitled *When Peace Dies, Embrace It. It Will Live again* for the album cover. Some of you will have seen this - we put the painting on the powerpoint when I sang at Amos Day and featured new songs from the album.

On Sunday 31st of October Paul Tabraham, minister of Emmanuel Church in Eastbourne, asked if I would sing the song *Forgiveness For Humanity* from the new album. His wife Claire had done backing vocals on the album - so she joined me on the song. I'll put some of the lyrics below - you'll see the timing could not be more relevant, at the time of the COP26 Conference. (Thanks to Ben Hewitt for the two verses of this song.)

Beside this song in the booklet I have put a quote from CS Lewis - it says,
***A great many things have gone wrong with the world that God made
And God insists, and insists very loudly
On our putting them right again***
C S Lewis

Forgiveness For Humanity

**Forgive our generation for stealing from the future
Thinking we have the right to do whatever we want
Forgive us for plundering so much from the planet
Leaving climate carnage for generations to come**

**Forgive us for choking a living breathing planet
And filling the air with fumes
Forgive us for ending species that you have created
And leaving plastic to fill up the oceans**

**Give us a new spirit - a spirit of hope
Give us a new way that's making us whole
May we treat all with justice and with equality
So loving our neighbour becomes the human way
And loving our planet becomes the natural way**

We are hoping the Easter album might be out by Christmas (Easter is for life, not just for Easter!) - but it may be a little longer and we will certainly do some launch events in March (Lent).

Be assured there will be another newsletter dropping into your inbox as soon as the album is available to order!



Click the poster for tickets

In the Storms of Life

As I said, recently we've been back on the road doing a series of four concerts called In the Storms of Life - the title postponed from the tour that was supposed to begin just as lockdown hit in March 2020.

The first one of these was at All Saint's Eastbourne on 10th September - then further afield we've been up to Heald Green in Cheadle, Greater Manchester where Jacob Devadason is the Vicar - Jacob worked with us on the Dalit Drum album and I visited his village in India, so it is always great to be back with him.

Then back over to Crosby near Liverpool with Jim Stewart - another lovely evening. This concert was not only live, but live-streamed, thanks to Jim, and we were joined online by friends from Nicaragua and Palestine.

I've been accompanied at various of these concerts by Dave Perry on guitar, and Chris Rogers on fiddle - both also play on the album.

And you'll see by the above poster that the last concert of this tour is still to come! Rusper in West Sussex next Saturday evening - tickets still available!

This is the church my sister Rachel goes to - it's on the Eve of Advent Sunday, so I will be including some songs from the **Peace at Christmas** album.

Although that's the end of the In the Storms of Life tour, I'm joining Amos Trust's **Beautiful Resistance Christmas Carol Tour** on the 13th of December at St Paul's Church, Canterbury for a few songs - see some of you there!

Blessing - Go With Peace, Go With Love



The album ends with a song called **Easter Revolution Finale**
It's a kind of blessing to be sung to one another.

*Go with peace, go with love, go with justice in your heart
Go with peace, go with love, go with justice in your heart
As members of the Easter Revolution
Go with peace, go with love, go with justice in your heart*

Jesus our leader, our teacher, our guide
Our liberator, healer and friend
You're the inspiration for the community of love
You walk beside us right till the end

Go with peace, go with love, go with justice in your heart

*Go with peace, go with love, go with justice in your heart
As members of the Easter Revolution
Go with peace, go with love, go with justice in your heart*

You reach out to the forgotten and to the refugee
You're the champion of the despised
We give you thanks that your love never ends
You show us the way and call us your friends

*So go with peace, go with love, go with justice in your heart
Go with peace, go with love, go with justice in your heart
As a member of the Easter Revolution
Go with peace, go with love, go with justice in your heart*

Garth Hewitt

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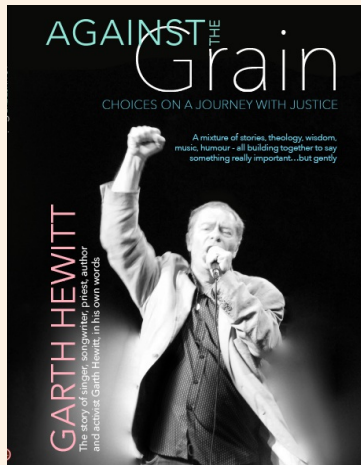
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