

## HAVE MERCY

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Intro: With each passing day, the gap between the presumed haves and have nots widens, and we find ourselves perched on either side of an abyss, quite often quietly jeering those whose values, interpretation of truth and, thus, their net worth place them on the opposing side.

Verse 1:

In a presumption of superiority, one reasons, "I've got more money than you," while another counters with a greater spirituality, humanity and cosmic consciousness. The conflict spirals to the next level, as judgment begets insult, which so easily fosters an all-out assault on another's right to exist.

Rap: Facing an abyss such as this can be daunting, but walking away hopelessly can be haunting.

But before you judge the matter hopeless, turn and walk away, ask yourself, "What can I do, what can I say to make a difference today?" "What do I possess inside that, if liberally applied, can help to stem the tide?" And ask yourself, "Do I have mercy?"

Chorus: You can decide to have a little mercy, have mercy

Do you have mercy? If not, Marci tell them about the light.

Verse 2:

If you let a little light in your life, rise above the malice and strife, you'll find the peace you're searching for knocking at your door. Have mercy!

Chorus: Have mercy

Verse 3 Rap:

Mercy and truth, never let them forsake thee, bind them round your neck, are they etched when I check see the tables of your heart where your treasures are buried, beneath the scars from the burdens you've carried? Mercy and truth makes your spirit pleasing, your burden's light and your yoke is made easy.

Ad-libs: Keep them tight, shine the light, the real bling, hurtful things, make me clean.

Chorus: Have a little mercy, have mercy.

Raja: I want goodness and mercy to follow me so, Tomi, tell me something good.

Verse 4:

If you've got any kind of feelings at all, then check yourself and hear your heart's call. With the shape we're in, the greater good beckons us all to have mercy.

Chorus: Have Mercy, Have a little mercy

Remember Hurricane Katrina

Verse 5 Rap:

Desperate people waving from a perch on the roof; politicians fussin' and ignoring the truth; people dying from neglect and despair; time passes and we don't seem to care. The words tumble off your tongue when your lips part, but is it written on the tables of your heart...truth and mercy?

Radio Transmission: There are no obvious signs of chaos. We're doing our best to keep the situation in check, while waiting for the mayor, governor and the president to decide who's in charge.

Raja: We've got to find a way to bring some understanding here today. Can we talk to you?

Chorus: What's goin' on, what's written in your heart, can we have a little mercy?

Father, mother, brother sister don't let your hope fade away. With a little mercy from your heart, we can bring some understanding here today.

Chorus: Have Mercy, have a little mercy.

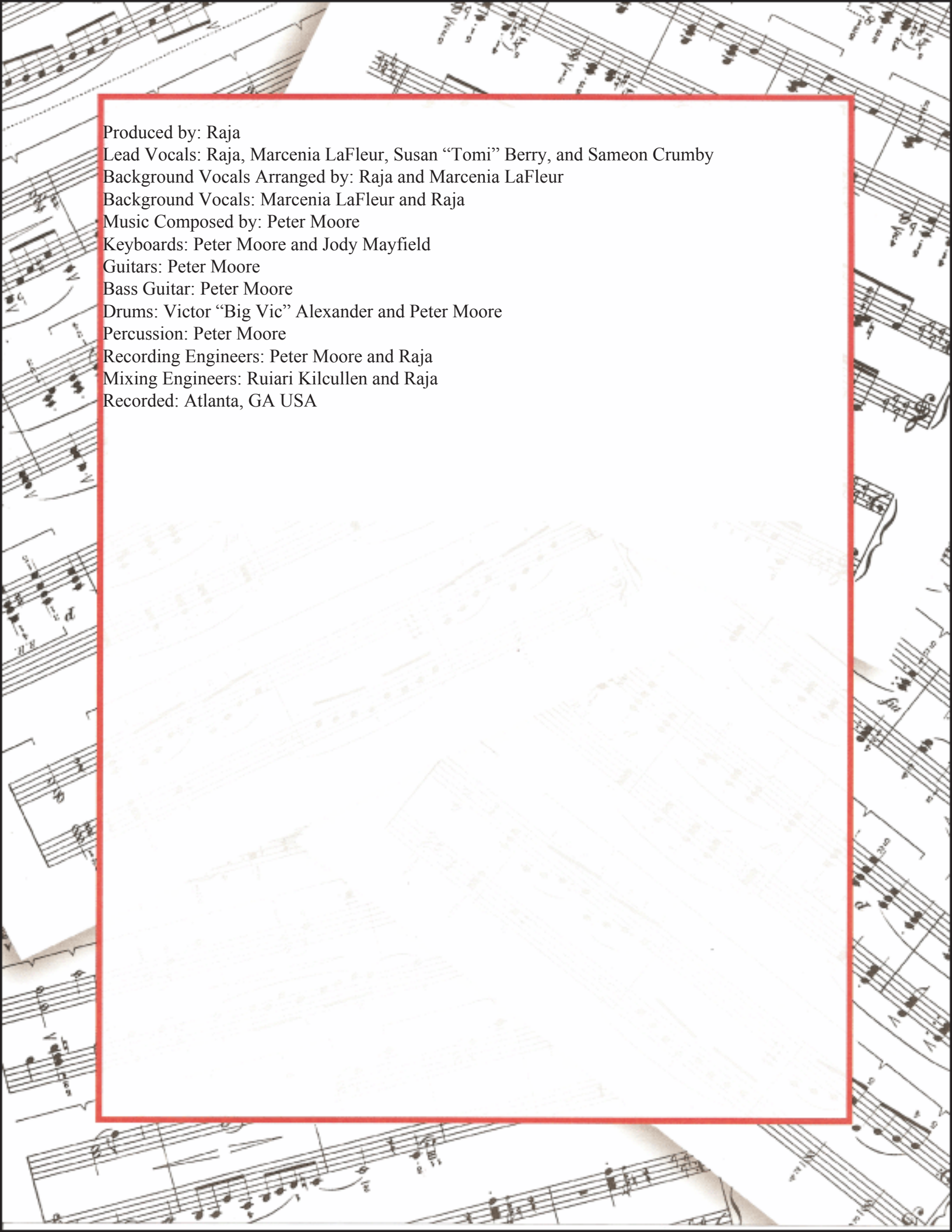
Verse: Let me tell you about your attitude

It's easy to have a little attitude, judge somebody, fly off and be rude; but sooner or later the things you judge others for will stare you in your face and put you in your place for sure. So have a little mercy.

We're just here to bring a little truth and mercy, cause that's what we do. Now that we've done what we're gonna do, let's take it home ya'll.

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Repeat: Have Mercy

The background of the image is a collage of various musical sheet music staves, some in black ink and some in a faded, light brown color. The staves are arranged in a non-linear, overlapping fashion, creating a textured, artistic backdrop for the text.

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