

The Kingdom of God is Within

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Where's the Kingdom of God?
It's within
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Sho' nuff within

I'm gonna take a little time and tell you a story about the nature of man, his pitfalls and glory; struggling with life on a day to day basis, putting on airs and various faces, only to discover – time and time again – that the Kingdom of God is within.

Everybody's wondering where God is; The Kingdom of God is within
Everybody's looking for heaven; The Kingdom of God is within
Everybody's searchin' for a paradise – The Kingdom of God is within
Everybody's looking for the good life – The Kingdom of God is within
I've got to get the word out, although it's been said time and time again. It's like you've never heard this... The Kingdom of God is within.

Verse 1: The Kingdom of God is within, to know yourself is where it all begins. Appreciate from whence you came; you're not just a body, more than just a name. You're a powerful spirit, a God, that's true. So look within yourself, rediscover you. Your path may lead you to and fro, sometimes up high and then down low. But there's one thing we all must see, we each have our own destiny.

While everybody's wondering where God is:
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Verse 2: Religion has tried for thousands of years to sustain our hopes and ease our fears by teaching us to worship an external god who can save our souls and fill our hearts with faith and hope, peace and love – the things that original man was made of.

The time has come when we've got to be on the serious side about our history. For we too are gods and it's time that we pull back the veil so we can see the contributions that we have made, rising to mastery, evolving from slaves. When from within was how we lived, we created math, built pyramids.

We've got to bring back brotherhood to bind us together for the common good;
cause here we are at eternity's door with problems too large to ignore; hating,
stealing, killing, crack rock dealing when our collective soul needs healing.
I'm here to tell you on the serious tip, we've got to go within to reverse this trip!

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Verse: So many people walking around paranoid, life seems snuffed out, all null and void,
searching for a way to get back on track; jump-start me anyhow, cocaine, crack. I'm
in a terrible slide, got to grab a hold to just a strand of pride. The best I've found is
temporary bliss in my life-long search for happiness.

But I don't care what the numbers say. I know I can't go out that way. I've got to find
out who I am to break these chains and become a new man. I know that if I am to be
free, I've got to take responsibility. Though life may shake me, it can't break me.
Death may stalk me but it can't take me. Within my soul is the master plan.
There is no doubt, I'm the original man.

Got to get the word out!

Although it's been said time and time again, it's like you've never heard this...
the Kingdom of God is within.

Verse: We sit up in our ivory towers worshipping the god of external powers when what we
need is deep inside beneath our ego and our pride. We spend time trying to keep a
brother down, so busy scheming that we don't hear the sound of our own souls cry-
ing, spirits dying, putting on a face but knowing that we're lying; cause circumstances
got us all in trances...lifeless bodies, private dances.

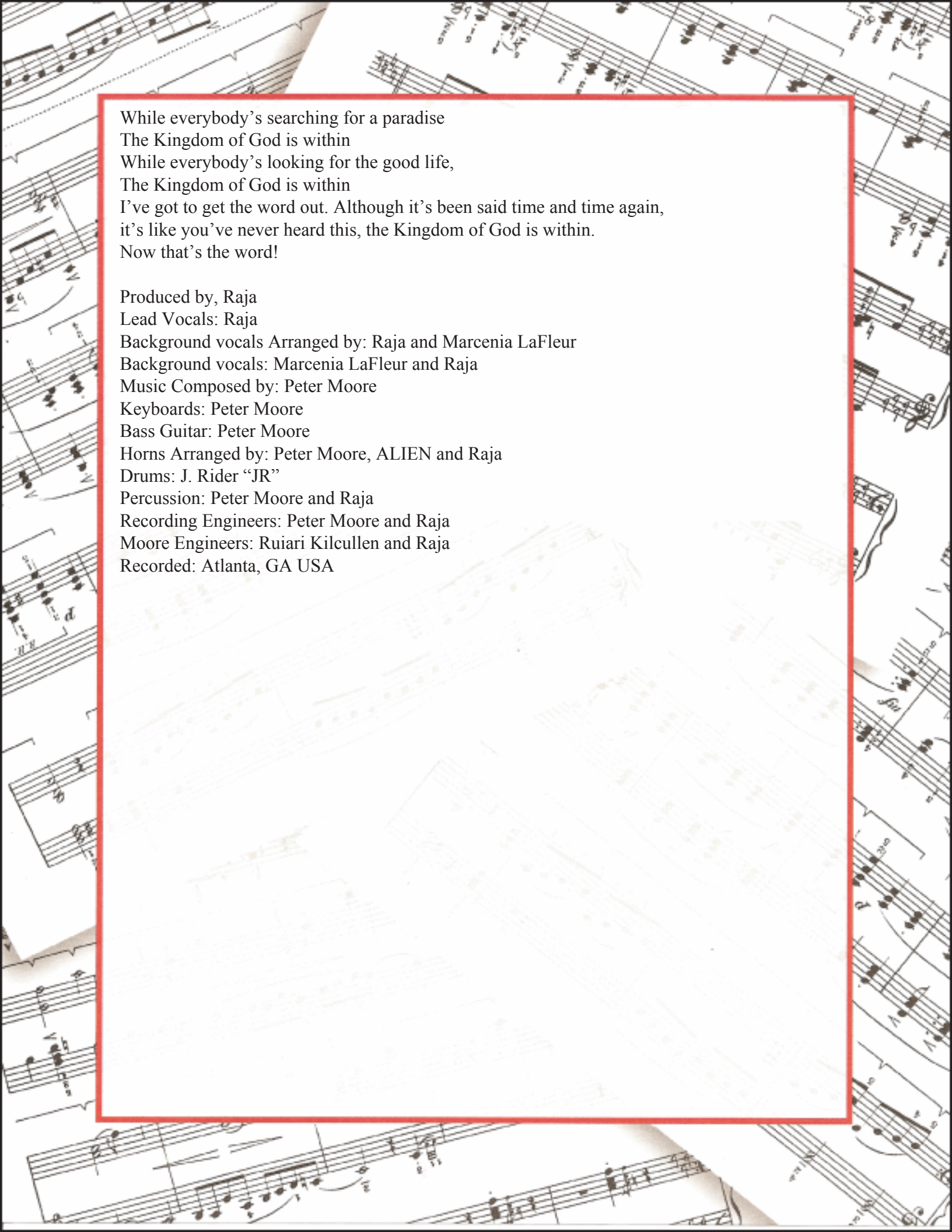
Check see what time it is, the alarm's already sounded. Wake the kids. Get them mov-
ing, flowing, grooving, understanding life, checking what they're doing. Life gives
back what you put in. It's your own blessing and your own sin. There's no one judg-
ing, it's up to you to turn it all around before your life is through.

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While everybody's looking for a heaven

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The background of the entire image is a collage of various musical sheet music staves, some in black ink and some in a faded, light brown color. The staves contain notes, rests, and other musical symbols, creating a textured, artistic backdrop for the text.

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I've got to get the word out. Although it's been said time and time again,
it's like you've never heard this, the Kingdom of God is within.
Now that's the word!

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