

**One man caught on a barbed wire fence  
One man he resist  
One man washed on an empty beach.  
One man betrayed with a kiss  
In the name of love,  
What more in the name of love?**

Overall, "Pride" reminds us of what many have done "in the name of love." Jesus did the most important thing in the name of love when he gave Himself up on the Cross. In this season of Lent, think about what you do in the name of love, and whether it is in your name, or in His name.

**I waited patiently for the Lord  
He inclined and heard my cry.  
He brought me right out of the pit,  
Out of my miry clay.  
I will sing a new song,  
I will sing a new song.**

The lyrics for "40" come directly from Psalm 40:1-3, which reads: *"<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. <sup>2</sup>He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. <sup>3</sup>And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD."*

The song is frequently chosen for the closing of U2 concerts

**And if the night runs over  
And if the day won't last  
And if your way should falter  
Along the stormy pass  
It's just a moment, this time will pass.**

The song "Stuck in a Moment" was written about Bono's friend, Michael Hutchence, the lead singer of INXS, who committed suicide in 1997. It acts as a lesson to us, that difficult times will affect us all, but there is strength to be found not only in Jesus, but in His church as a whole. We can all act to support each other through service to our fellow woman, man and child.

**Take this city, a city should be shining on a hill.  
Take this city, if it be your will  
What no man can own, no man can take  
Take this heart and make it break**

"Yahweh" takes a phrase from Matthew 5:14-16, which says:  
<sup>14</sup>*You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.*  
<sup>15</sup>*Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.*  
<sup>16</sup>*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."*

The song reminds us to be a beacon for God - to take your soul, and let it sing.

**You're packing a suitcase for a place, none of us has been  
A place that has to be believed to be seen**

A common theme in U2's music is our path as a Church toward Heaven. "Walk On" highlights a few facets of this journey in that it is a place we prepare for, but must have faith to actually reach. The physical aspects of our lives, such as what we've "built" or "broken," are immaterial - it's the journey we travel and the people we've helped, the good we have done in the world.

**I believe in the Kingdom Come  
Then all the colors will bleed into one, bleed into one.  
But yes I'm still running.  
You broke the bonds, you loosened the chains,  
You carried the cross  
And my shame, and my shame.  
You know I believed it.  
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for.**

In Tony Campolo's book, Speaking My Mind, he writes:

*I once had a conversation with Bono, the lead singer for the rock band U2. I wanted to know how he could put together a song entitled, "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For," since I knew he was a firm believer in Christ. Bono answered, "Being a Christian hasn't given me all the answers; instead it's given me a whole new set of questions." The more I think about his answer, the more I think it applies to me too.*

**I wanna run, I want to hide  
I wanna tear down the walls that hold me inside  
I wanna reach out and touch the flame  
Where the streets have no name...  
We're still building then burning down love,  
burning down love  
And when I go there, I go there with you,  
It's all I can do**

Bono will sometimes read from scripture before certain songs, and at one concert, before performing "Where The Streets Have No Name," he recited from Psalm 116 (The Message), saying *What can I give back to God for the blessings he's poured out on me? I'll lift high the cup of salvation—a toast to God! I'll pray in the name of God; I'll complete what I promised God I'd do, and I'll do it together with his people. When they arrive at the gates of death, God welcomes those who love him. Oh, God, here I am, your servant, your faithful servant: set me free for your service!*

**See the world in green and blue,  
See China right in front of you  
See the canyons broken by cloud,  
See the tuna fleets clearing the sea out  
See the Bedouin fires at night,  
See the oil fields at first light and  
See the bird with a leaf in her mouth after  
the flood all the colors came out  
It was a beautiful day**

The lyrics of "Beautiful Day" are not as much a celebration of God's creation, but of our lives on Earth and what we do here before, eventually, reaching Heaven. God's creation is beautiful, and we shouldn't waste it!