

Long Live The King

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My heart keeps beating even though I can't control it.
My lungs keep breathing I admit I don't know how.
Bring the flood or bring the fire in this lifetime
I'm ready for the altar or the plough
There are always days when I don't feel like singing
There are always days when I don't care at all
But I know the King of All Creation reigns completely
Over every moment great and small
Long live the One who gives us
Life and peace and hope for tomorrow
You've given everything we needed
From the palm of Your hand
I'll give my everything to the One
Who pledged to cancel My sorrow
All I have is Yours (Long Live the King)
Humbly we approach Your throne of Mercy
Aware that we're unworthy of Your Grace
(But) You have offered pardon and forgiveness
Grievances are gone without a trace
You restore our lives even though we don't deserve it
And You've given us a love that's not our own
You assemble all our broken, shattered pieces:
More beautiful than I had ever known
You Shall Reign Forever and Ever
You Shall Reign, You Shall Reign
Forever and Ever and Ever and Ever and

Behind the Song:

"I was driving to a memorial concert for Rick Pearson, a friend who had died of leukemia at the age of 23. He had everything going for him—he led worship at his church, at camps and at conferences, had recently gotten engaged and everybody seemed to love him. But for reasons that God only knows, Rick's time on earth was short. I felt like I should turn off the radio and drive in silence. It was a nice September day in Atlanta, and the top was down on my Jeep—I was just trying to enjoy the drive. But my thoughts were stuck on Rick and how God operates in an incredible way during times of apparent tragedy. The chorus to this song just came pouring out in the middle of my drive. Long live the One who gives us life, and peace and hope for tomorrow! Life does not end here! God reigns over all time and eternity, and has invited us to join Him. I'll give my everything to the One who pledged to cancel my sorrow." – Aaron Shust