

“Storywriter” Program Notes

“Storywriter” is an upbeat song with sensitive lyrics and strong imagery. In fact, the whole song is built around one image: pieces of a torn-up book surrounding a person. The book once told the person’s view of their story, but it has been ripped to shreds and the story can no longer be read as it once was. However, in the first pre-chorus, the person sees some words printed on the paper: “Trust the Storywriter.” These words are the jubilant highlight of the song, and the turning point from confusion and pain to peace, joy, and even celebration. From there on out, the song reminds the person that even though their story is confusing, they can have abiding peace and joy because God understands said story and has a plan for their life.

The song’s upbeat feel stands in contrast to and simultaneously supports its sensitive lyrics. The song does acknowledge existent pain and confusion (which is enhanced by the occasional minor four chord), but does so with a happy groove that foreshadows the coming hope and indestructible joy the Lord makes possible.