

6. Gonna give God a go

Gini J Shepheard Life song

Sung by Raine Waruhia

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Verse 1:

Born to a hard working family
Dad was Niuean, my Mum Maori
Abuse hit me harder than her death
Through the drunk hit and run aftermath

Verse 2:

Physical, emotional, incestual pain
Running away, brought back again
Whanau split from home to the streets
Working with gangsta girls for our keep, oh

Chorus 1a:

"I'm in a bad way, I yelled at the sky
If You're up there God, You better hear my cry!"

Verse 3:

Too young for clubs, playing spacey games
Smoking, drinking with alias names
Fighting we went to jail together
Celebrated as birds of the feather

Verse 4:

Trouble we caused terrorised the land
Tired of gang life, substances in hand
Left with young ones, another on the way
Overcome with rage, I cried out that day

Chorus 1:

"I'm in a bad way, I yelled at the sky
If You're up there God, You better hear my cry!"
Packed up my life, gonna give God a go
Stoned in my sunnies and leather trench coat

Chorus 2:

In a quiet place Pastor brought me in
'Jesus is God's son, died for my sin'
I'm a new creation, been born again
My heart leapt for joy, light poured in

Bridge 1:

Understanding, joy and peace
I learned to pray, in need of increase
The Lord helped me give and release
Pain and hatred, forgive every piece

Bridge 2:

Given a bright future and a hope
Husband, kids, He taught me to cope
To love the homeless right in my home
Teaching whanau what I have been shown.

Chorus 1:

Chorus 2: