

# Cords of Loving Kindness

Hosea 11:4

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## Verse 1

**Dm**  
 You hold creation in Your hands,  
**Dm G**  
 There's nothing that's not Yours;  
**Dm**  
 Time and space, all they contain  
**G C**  
 Brought forth at Your com- mand:  
**Am Em**  
 The earth, the moon, the sun and stars  
**C F**  
 The creatures of the deep;  
**Dm**  
 The fish, the fowl, the beasts that crawl,  
**G Am**  
 Ev'ry breath of ev'ry man.

## Verse 2

**Dm**  
 You formed us in Your image,  
**Dm G**  
 Your likeness did we share;  
**Dm**  
 'Till sin entered by way of pride  
**G C**  
 When we believed a lie.  
**Am Em**  
 You gave us all we needed  
**C F**  
 Your command that gives us life;  
**Dm**  
 In- stead we choose to disobey  
**G Am**  
 And lose eternal life.

## Chorus

**G Dm**  
 With cords of loving kindness  
**G F**  
 You draw me to Your- self;  
**G Dm**  
 Your love for me will never end,  
**G C**  
 Your mercies without bounds!  
**G Dm**  
 And though I don't de- serve the grace  
**G F**  
 You're pouring out on me,  
**C Dm**  
 I willingly re- ceive by faith  
**Am7 Dm**  
 The grace that sets me free!

*2<sup>nd</sup> X to Bridge*

*3<sup>rd</sup> X to Chorus*

*4<sup>th</sup> X to End*

## Verse 3

**Dm Dm**  
 I was once a slave to sin  
**Dm G**  
 Com- pletely blind to You;  
**Dm Dm**  
 My feet were on the path to death,  
**G C**  
 My heart deceiving me;  
**Am Em**  
 Be- lieving that my righteousness  
**C F**  
 Was e- nough to offer You;  
**Dm Dm**  
 Then You showed me by Your word  
**G Am**  
 I must be born a- new.

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## Verse 4

**Dm**  
 Shall I deny the Word of God,  
**Dm**  
 Who formed me in the womb?  
**Dm**  
 Who saw my sin for what it was,  
**G**  
 A master over me?

**Am**  
 Shall I deny the hands that bled  
**Em**  
 Up- on the cross for me?  
**Dm**  
 The hands that heal the blind and lame,  
**G** **Am**  
 And set the captives free?

## To Chorus

## Bridge

**Dm**  
 Why would I choose to suffer  
**Am** **Em**  
 Death apart from You?  
**F**  
 The lake of fire's not made for me,  
**F** **Am**  
 Though that is where I'd be;  
**F**  
 You cast us from Your presence  
**Am** **Em**  
 And give us time to seek,  
**C** **Dm**  
 With empty hands and humble hearts,  
**C** **Dm**  
 Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
**G** **Am**  
 The only way to You!

## To Chorus

## End

**G** **Dm**  
 And though I don't de- serve the grace  
**G** **F**  
 You're pouring out on me,  
**Em** **F**  
 I willingly re- ceive by faith  
**G** **G7** **C**  
 The grace that sets me free!