

# I Choose You

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*Be my love in the world.*

## Nutshell:

John 15.16: “You didn’t choose me; I chose you.” A mellow meditation on what it means to belong to Jesus Christ and be instilled with great purpose.

## Songleader’s notes:

This Bible passage is assurance that God desires us, wholeheartedly claims us and commissions us to produce “lasting fruit.” In other words, active faith is a long-term endeavor.

- Verse 1: “To follow my way.” As in Psalm 1, the Way of God is justice and kindness. “But Jesus!” squirms Thomas, “We don’t know where you’re going! How can we know the way?” Jesus (with a giggle): “Dude. I *am* the way.”
- “To grow and to change.” What? Change? We’re not supposed to lock in the theological data and stay there forever? To grow in faith means to evolve as a person, though most of us would prefer to somehow accomplish the former without the latter.
- Verse 2: “To live as a friend,” because that’s so often what it looks like to love someone. And “To try it again” because we fail time and time again.
- Verse 3: “To live as a gift,” because it’s sometimes hard to believe our lives are a gift of God to one another. “To go and bear fruit”: In this scenario, we are branches of a thriving grape vine, designed to be productive.
- Refrain: “I choose you to be my love. Be my love in the world.” Is it a love note from Jesus or a call to embody Jesus’ love in the world? It’s both.


## How to lead it:

Print or project the words. Or teach the refrain and then use the space between phrases to prompt the words for these verses.

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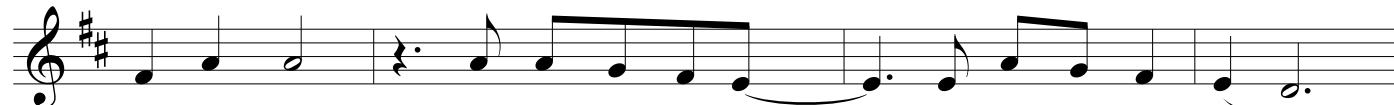
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I choose you to live as a gift, \_\_\_\_\_ to live as a gift \_\_\_\_\_

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I choose you to grow and to change, \_\_\_\_\_ to grow and to change \_\_\_\_\_  
I choose you to try it a - gain, \_\_\_\_\_ to try it a - gain \_\_\_\_\_  
I choose you to go and bear fruit, \_\_\_\_\_ to go and bear fruit \_\_\_\_\_

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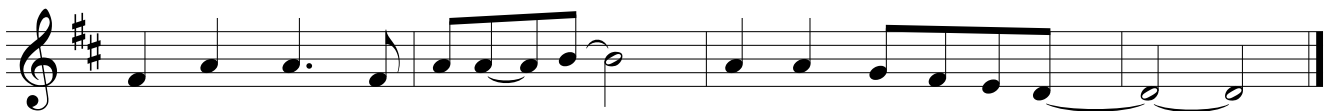
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