

1 EXT. GOD'S COUNTRY - DAYBREAK 1

MAN's silhouette stands firm in the distance. Calm. Quiet. We can only hear the grassland whispering.

FADE OUT

SUBTITLE OVER BLACK

Be still, and know that I am God.
- Psalms 46:10

We hear a violin followed by strings. A melody begins to play and so does our story.

2 EXT. FARMHOUSE - NIGHT 2

(INTRO: INSTRUMENTAL)

A porch lamp shines in the dark.

ELIANA looks out from a window. Sorrow fills her eyes.

3 INT. FARMHOUSE - DINING ROOM - CONTINUOUS 3

(VERSE 1)

The door opens and BENJAMIN enters. He stares at his wife sitting at the dining table patiently waiting with supper ready.

VOICE
Man of sorrows bruised and battered

Eliana coughs into a handkerchief. She hints at a letter sitting on the table.

VOICE
My heart scattered at your feet

Benjamin grabs the letter and skims through it. He shakes his head in dissent.

VOICE
Deeply wounded by the hatred

Eliana rushes to her husband to appease him, but he pulls away and gets up, accidentally knocking dishes off the table.

VOICE

The disappointment of one like me

Eliana kneels and picks up the broken dishes off the floor.
She struggles to contain her emotions.

4 EXT. CHURCH - MORNING 4

(CHORUS 1)

THENA sings at the steps of an abandoned church building.

THENA

O' my savior, come and comfort
Save my heart from being torn

A breeze turns the pages of a Bible in the foreground.

5 INT. FARMHOUSE - LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS 5

Eliana wipes her tears and pages through her Bible sitting
next to a wood burning stove.

VOICE

And write the pages of my story.
As you only know the way it goes

The warm fire soothes her and she finds comfort in the words.

6 COLLAGE: NATURE, FARM, CROSS IN BEDROOM WALL, THENA 6

(INTERLUDE 1: INSTRUMENTAL)

7 EXT. FARMHOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT 7

(VERSE 2)

Eliana stands outside her bedroom door, longing for her
husband, but unsure how to get through to him.

VOICE

And in my sorrow I remembered

8 INT. FARMHOUSE - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS 8

Inside the bedroom Benjamin looks at his fractured reflection
on a large cracked mirror. His eyes filled with sorrow.

VOICE

How you were broken and all alone

He turns to look out the window and sees...

9 FLASHBACK: GRASSLAND 9

... Eliana in a field of tall grass. She looks up at the skies, mesmerized.

VOICE

And now I see you clear as daybreak
And your smile, it takes me home

10 EXT. CHURCH - MORNING 10

(CHORUS 2)

THENA

O' my savior, come and comfort

11 EXT. FARM - SHED - DAY 11

Benjamin is drunk. He struggles to keep his balance but bumps into things, knocking down tools.

VOICE

Save my heart from being torn

12 INT. FARMHOUSE - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS 12

Benjamin accidentally falls back and cracks the glass on a large mirror.

VOICE

And write the pages of my story
As you only know the way it goes

He looks over and notices Eliana in bed reading her Bible. She's been there all along. He turns away, ashamed.

13 EXT. FARM - OAK TREE - AFTERNOON 13

(INTERLUDE 2: INSTRUMENTAL)

An axe comes down splitting a log in half. Benjamin grabs the pieces and adds them to a stack of split firewood before placing the next log on the chopping block.

He looks over and notices Eliana by the barn.

14 EXT. BARN - CONTINUOUS 14

Eliana carries a wicker laundry basket full of white sheets. A few goats in her path scatter as she makes her way to the clothesline.

She begins to hang the sheets to dry, but grows weak and her vision blurs.

ELIANA'S POV - BENJAMIN NOTICES HER AND RUNS TOWARDS HER.

The laundry basket drops to the ground and Eliana faints. A lonely white bed sheet blows in the wind.

15 INT. FARMHOUSE - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS 15

(BRIDGE: INSTRUMENTAL)

Benjamin rushes in frantically, carrying Eliana in his arms, unconscious. He lays her in bed and pulls a blanket over to keep her warm.

He kneels at the foot of the bed and notices the wooden cross hanging on the wall. He shies away from it.

16 EXT. FARMHOUSE - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS 16

Through the window we see Benjamin pleading.

17 DREAM SEQUENCE: GRASSLAND 17

(VERSE 3)

Eliana leads Benjamin by the hand through the tall grass. Benjamin looks up at the skies in awe.

VOICE

Man of Sorrows, man of sunlight

Light shines down from the firmament.

VOICE

Shining down your kingdom come

Eliana looks back over her shoulder and nods. Benjamin lets go of her hand.

18 INT. FARMHOUSE - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS 18

Eliana's opens her eyes and looks up at her husband. She appears calm and in a profound state of peace.

VOICE

And my home now is where you take
me.

Benjamin lets go of his wife's hand.

19 DREAM SEQUENCE: GRASSLAND 19

Eliana falls to her knees in the middle of the open grass field, basking in God's presence.

VOICE

After all is said and done.

Her eyes are gleaming, heart and soul ready.

20 INT. FARMHOUSE - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS 20

(CHORUS 3)

Benjamin gently closes Eliana's eyes in bed.

VOICE

O' my savior, come and comfort

He kisses her on the forehead tenderly.

21 EXT. CHURCH - DAY 21

CLOSE ON

THENA

Save my heart from being torn

22 INT. BARN - THE NEXT DAY 22

Benjamin pulls down the white bed sheet left behind on the clothes line. His eyes filled with sorrow.

VOICE

And write the pages of my story

23 INT. FARMHOUSE - BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS 23

The bed has been made with the clean white bed sheets.

Benjamin notices his Bible behind the broken mirror. He picks it up and slumps on the floor, defeated and surrendered.

VOICE

As you only know the way it goes.

He opens the Bible and begins reading.

24 INT/EXT. ABANDONED BARN - HIGH NOON

24

A silhouette in the distance. Thena emerges from inside a dark barn carrying Eliana's Bible.

VOICE

Yeah...

25 EXT. POND - AFTERNOON

25

A wooden deck leads us to a pond. Benjamin emerges holding his Bible close to his side, just like Thena. He walks the deck towards three ELDERS waist deep in the water.

VOICE

Man of Sorrows...

The elders bless Benjamin and submerge him.

VOICE

Shining down your kingdom come.

They pull Benjamin out of the water. His eyes gleam just like Eliana's when she fell to her knees in God's presence.

AERIAL VIEW

We ascend away from Benjamin and the elders in the pond.

26 EXT. GOD'S COUNTRY - DAYBREAK

26

Benjamin's silhouette stands firm in the distance. Calm. Quiet. The grassland whispers.

FADE TO BLACK