

Thank-You For the Trials by Kevin McCarthy 11/16/00

[Verse 1]

It's easy to be grateful when you know you have a lot
You're expected to say thank-you when you're given things you want
But if life always goes our way how will we ever grow?
If faith is never tested; is it faith? We'll never know.

[Chorus]

**So thank-you for the trials, Lord, You've allowed into my life
Thank-you for the hard times, and the struggles, and the strife.
They've helped me to rely on You and not on earthly things;
To know with calm assurance, I'm a child of the King**

[Verse 2]

I know that friends desert you, kingdoms fall in just a day
The things most men rely on are the things that pass away
Health and wealth are fine but what you're left with when they leave
Is bitterness and anger if they're all that you believe.

[Bridge]

The things that I don't have, well, they're things I can live without
I see my children and my wife, and I can never doubt
That You have made me richer than the rulers of this age
You've helped me keep my eyes on you with every step I take