



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

"Mine" Taylor Swift

Media Information

Album: *Mine - Single*
Release Date: August 4, 2010
Label: Big Machine Records
Length: 3 min 51 sec

Key Lyrics

"And I remember that fight,
two-thirty AM
You said everything
was slipping right out
of our hands
I ran out, crying,
and you followed me out
into the street

Braced myself
for the goodbye, cause
that's all I've ever known
Then, you took me by
surprise
You said, 'I'll never leave
you alone.'"

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Scripture:

Ephesians 5:31-32
John 14:18

Catechism:

1662
1661

Faith Connection

At first glance this song might seem counter to Catholic teaching, since our faith teaches that no one owns another, that no one can really be 'mine.' Except the beautiful last verse in which the perspective of the song reverses to the man in the relationship who returns the expression 'you are the best thing that's ever been mine.' Suddenly the possession is mutual and mutually given. And two people giving themselves to each other through not only good times but bad should sound very familiar; we call it marriage. And as a sacrament, it's a symbol of Christ and the Church. In other words, just like in the song when we (the Church) run out into the metaphorical street after feeling abandoned or sinning things into a wreck bracing ourselves for the big goodbye, Jesus comes to us and says "I'll never leave you alone."

Discussion Questions

1. Has anyone ever claimed you as 'mine'? How did that feel?
2. Do you believe that God has done so? Why?
3. What does it mean to you to hear that Jesus will 'never leave you alone'?
4. How do you deal with feeling alone?
5. What do you think about marriage?

