



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

"Magic" B.o.B. featuring Rivers Cuomo

Media Information

Album:	<i>B.o.B. Presents: The Adventures of Bobby Ray</i>
Release Date:	April 13, 2010
Label:	Grand Hustle
Length:	3 min 16 sec

Key Lyrics

I break all the rules like Evel
Kniefel
It's a spectacular show,
'cause my heart pumps diesel
So whatever you saying,
it don't entertain my ego
I do this everyday,
Hocus Pocus is my steelo
I got the magic in me
(I got the magic, baby)
Every time I touch that track
it turns into gold
(Yes it turns to gold)
Everybody knows
I've got the magic in me
(I got the magic, baby)

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Scripture:

Romans 12:6-8
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Catechism:

#913
#2429

Faith Connection

At first blush, this infectiously fun song could be dismissed as nothing but boastfulness or rampant ego. And yet, the message of the lyrics isn't really one of arrogance (holding oneself above or better than another) but rather of celebrating one's own gift. The magic sung about is put to the service of entertaining others; in other words, the gift is offered, not selfishly or egotistically but enthusiastically and generously. And we are called to do just that; as St Paul writes: "We have different gifts... If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith ... if it is giving, then give generously." Pride always poses a danger, but withholding one's gifts is selfishness, which is just as damaging. Our job is to find our own 'magic' and as the protagonist of the song does invite everyone to "come one, come all, and see the show tonight."

Discussion Questions

1. How much do you recognize your own gifts?
2. How much do you share those gifts?
3. Where do you fall on the spectrum between selfish hiding on one end and prideful self-aggrandizement on the other?
4. How much have you made sure that your gifts are used "in accordance with your faith" and not for selfish or evil purposes?

