



# EVERY TIME I BREATHE

## The Songs According to Mike Weaver

Every Time I Breathe – This is a mid-tempo ballad. What really hit me originally was the melody. It just has a real inviting sound to it. It is about drawing into the Lord. “*Every Time I Breathe I get a little bit closer.*” I think when people hear this song they are going to feel God wrapping his arms around them.

Let It Rise – I love the way we see people connect to this song in worship. This is not one of our original songs, but we reinvented the wheel a bit and made it our own. It was a fun one to work on.

Only Jesus – This is a faster tune. The lyric comes from a place of desperation in the Lord, and it ends with the realization that only Jesus satisfies. Some people treat salvation as if it is little more than fire insurance. This song declares that it is also about having abundant life and that satisfaction in this life that only Jesus can bring.

Wait – This song is pertinent to the times we live in. I can easily get wrapped up in the business of the schedule and don’t take time to wait on the Lord. But the scripture says they that wait on the Lord will renew their strength. No wonder we are so weary. We don’t take time to rest; to wait on the Lord.

It’s all the same – Fun! We played this one back in our indie days. It is one of the more interesting songs musically because it has multiple time signatures. It’s really the musician’s song.

Trust & Obey – We like to try things that haven’t been overdone. This is, of course, a new rendition of an old hymn, but I don’t know that it has ever been interpreted this way before. It seems like it has an odd meter, but when the chorus kicks in you will instantly recognize it.

Hold Me Jesus – When you cover a song, particularly one by Rich Mullens, you want to make sure you don’t take it to a place that the original artist never intended. You want to give it the respect it deserves. We used a children’s choir and some violin. I think it stays true to the spirit of Rich Mullins, but it also stays true to Big Daddy Weaver.

The Only One – This song really captures the heart and soul of the record. It is a call to come back to that place where you realize that no matter how many directions the world may be tugging you, Jesus really is the only way.

All For You – Worship is great. There is nothing like getting in a room with a bunch of believers and just letting loose. But Worship has to be more than getting excited, jumping around and acting crazy. It is about knowing who it is you are being a fool for. Worship means learning to live as a sacrifice, and being willing to die in order to truly live. As much as we respond to God in corporate worship, it mustn’t stop when we walk out of the church doors on Sunday morning.

When I See You – We all have times when life gets confusing, when we get tugged in a dozen different directions. But when we set our focus on God, even though the situation may not change, how we perceive it certainly does. When we focus on God there is a sense that somehow everything is going to work out according to His will. Once we’ve set our eyes on Christ how can we ever be the same?

Who You Are To Me – Who are you? What is your identity? How are you defined? By the things you do; by the things you own? According to the Bible we are defined by who Jesus is, and what He did for us. If we could only see ourselves the way God sees us, it would change our lives.