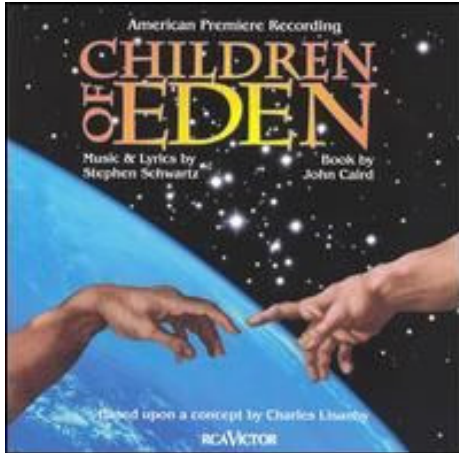


Children of Eden Disc 1

By Stephen Schwartz



Let There Be

STORYTELLERS

In the beginning...

In the beginning,
God created the Heaven and Earth
Without form--void--darkness.
And God said:

FATHER

Let there be!

STORYTELLERS

Light!

FATHER

I woke up from a curious dream
I dreamed a perfect garden
And there were whirling shapes
And swirling sounds
And I wasn't lonely anymore

I woke up from a wonderful dream
Woke, full of energy and hunger
And now this hunger will be stilled
And my emptiness be filled
As I set about to build
My dream

Let there be, let there be
Morning
Let there be
Evening, day
Let there be

Let there be

STORYTELLERS

Let there be

FATHER

Waters, weathers, winters, wonders

STORYTELLERS AND FATHER

Let there be

Land and

FATHER

Speeding comets with hearts of ice!
Spinning planets with rings of fire!

STORYTELLERS AND FATHER

Cosmic sparks

And quasars and quarks

And suns convulsing

Pulsars pulsing

STORYTELLERS

Let there be

FATHER

Let there be

STORYTELLERS AND FATHER

Let there be

FATHER

Whales!

Snails!

Sharks!

Larks!

Apples trees with dappled barks!
And granite mountains and flaxen plains
Giant lizards with tiny brains
Fluorescent fish and crescent worms
And a million bugs and trillion germs

STORYTELLERS

Let there be

FATHER

Let there be

STORYTELLERS AND FATHER

Let there be

(And God saw, it was good, it was good)

Let there be, let there be

FATHER

It's not enough! It's still not enough.
There was something more in my dream.
Something that could see it and share it.
What was it, though?
I only know
I wasn't lonely anymore.

There is one more thing to build,
One more void that must be filled,
I'll make creatures I'll call children-
Shaped like me!

FATHER AND STORYTELLERS

Let there be, let there be

FATHER

Something, someone
Small and skinny
Clawless, furless
Finless, fangless

FATHER AND STORYTELLERS

Let there be
Man who can

FATHER

Wander over my flaxen plains
Wonder up at my granite mountains
Count the stars and wish for wings
And hold a tool and think of things
And search for answers he cannot see

STORYTELLERS

And dream of glory

FATHER

And worship me!

STORYTELLERS

Let there be

FATHER

Let there be

STORYTELLERS AND FATHER

Let there be
(And God saw, it was good, it was good)

FATHER

Let there be

STORYTELLERS

Let there be

FATHER AND STORYTELLERS

Let there be

STORYTELLERS (AND FATHER)

And the father breathed into his children the breath of life
(let...)

And the children became living souls (there...)
And the father gave to his children a garden
And called the garden...Eden (be...)

STORYTELLERS AND FATHER

Let there be!



In Pursuit of Excellence

I've been watching you for a while now
My pretty little miss
And I've got to tell you thisss
You make me want to hisss
Your aimless curiosity is fast becoming tiresome
Knowledge, dear, is power
And it's high time you acquired some
Dumb, dumb, dumb, dumb, dumb

Lesson one for free

Repeat it after me:

I'm in pursuit in excellence

Excellence is what I wish

Once I was a feckless dreamer

Now no being is supremer

Why waste time wallowing in ignorance?
Why be just a big fat fish in a tiny little pond?
Look beyond!

And if the quickest route

Means a taste of forbidden fruit

What the hey, it's all in pursuit of excellence!

Time for some sophisticating

It's no sin to be scintillating

So don't be such a stiff

Mmm, just take a sniff

Really, what's the diff?

If a couple fibs are spoken

A couple vows are broken

That's the price I guess

No pain, no gain!

How can I live...
I cannot live...
I will not live..
In a world without... you

FATHER
Adam!!!



Expulsion

FATHER
Oh my children that I love so well
What wrong you do to me
Why could you not resist the spell
Of one seductive tree?

When all around you, I gave you fields to roam
Sapphire skies and chromium waterfalls
All that I had to give, I gave to you
Ungrateful children!
Live in the wilderness!

EVE
Why did you put questions in me?

FATHER
Why did you disobey me?

EVE
That's not an answer!

FATHER
Bear your own children
Answer for yourselves

ADAM
We will!

FATHER AND STORYTELLERS

Sweat to make your daily bread
Sweat while thorns and thistles mock your harvest
Sweat 'til the day you return to the clay for which it seems
you yearn
Dust you were
Dust you are
To dust you will return!
And at this place
I set my sword
Now and forever will it burn!

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Adam & Eve think back to what they did wrong in the Garden of Eden.

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The First Choice, The Result, and Promise of Redemption Genesis 3:1-24

Has God *really* said? —————→ **Where** are you? **Who** told you? **What** have you done?

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "**Has God indeed said**, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, **nor shall you touch it**, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree **desirable to make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "**Where are you?**" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "**Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?**" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "**What is this you have done?**" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So the LORD God said to the serpent:

"**Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed (singular masculine) and her Seed (singular masculine); he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.**"

16 To the woman He said:

"**I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.**"

17 Then to Adam He said:

"**Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':**

"**Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.**"

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. 21 Also for Adam and his wife **the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them**. 22 Then the LORD God said, "**Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever**"-- 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

The Serpent

Rev 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down-that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Temptation

1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

Matt 4:1-10

4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "**It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'**" (*the lust of the flesh*)

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

*"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."*

7 Jesus answered him, "**It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'**" (*the pride of life*)

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

10 Jesus said to him, "**Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'**" (*the lust of the eyes*)

Woman's Seed

Gal 3:16

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.

Isa 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Matt 1:22-23

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"-which means, "God with us."

1 Peter 1:23

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 John 3:9

No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

Jehovah's Provision for Sin

Gen 22:13-14

He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

Rom 3:25-26

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished- he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Rom 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned- for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, *who was a pattern of the one to come.*

1 Cor 15:45-48

So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven.