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### *He Will Carry You*

*There Is no problem too big God cannot solve It  
There Is no mountain too tall he cannot move It  
There Is no storm too dark God cannot calm It  
There Is no sorrow too deep he cannot soothe It*

*Chorus:*

*If he carried the weight of the world up on his shoulders  
I know my brother that he will carry you  
If he carried the weight of the world up on his shoulders  
I know my sister that he will carry you*

*He said Come unto me, all who are weary  
And I will give you rest*

## **Start to read at Mat 11:20**

*Context of scripture: Not for Christians but for those who had opportunity to witness His mighty works, yet refused to repent.*

*What should our attitude be towards those who do not heed to truth?  
Fear tactics?*

*City History-*

*Chorazin:* *a village in northern Galilee, two and a half miles from Capernaum on a hill above the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee.*

*Bethsaida:* *A city east of the Jordan River, in a “desert place” (that is, uncultivated ground used for grazing) possibly the site at which Jesus miraculously fed the*

*multitude with five loaves and two fish, where he walked on the water and healed the blind man by his spit (Mark 6, 8)*

*Capernaum: the home of the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John, as well as the tax collector Matthew. In Matthew 4:13 the town was reported to have been the home of Jesus. It was the place that Jesus said in Matt 4:16, The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.*

*Jesus healed the centurion's servant: I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. He healed the man who was sick of the palsy, whose friends brought him by rooftop and where Jesus had taught in the Temple.*

*Tyre: The Babylonians laid siege to the city and after 13 years broke through, only to discover that the residents had secretly moved to an island just off the coast leaving the army to defend an empty city. Nebuchadnezzar tore down the mainland city but couldn't defeat the island fortress because he couldn't prevent them from replenishing it from the sea.*

*300 years later Alexander the Great swooped down through Lebanon. Coming to Tyre he took the remains of the original city and threw them into the sea to build a causeway out to the Island. Then he attacked over the causeway and conquered the city in 8 months. In throwing the remains of the original city into the sea, he completed the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy in chapter 27.*

*Sidon - suffered several attacks, including attacks by the emperor Artaxerxes III and then by Alexander the Great in 333 BC.*

- (1) Come to me – not the Temple or the church*
- (2) Learn of me – Not the doctrine/traditions/teachings of the church*
- (3) Yoke – work together in a unique manner*
- (4) If Jesus was willing to offer repentance for those who had opportunity, yet refused Him, how much more will he help those who have sought Him?*

*Three versions:*

*(1) Mary Stevenson, 1936, (2) Carolyn Carty, 1963 (A man had a dream), (3) Margaret Fishback Powers, 1964 (I had a dream)*

*Mary Stevenson - Born in a family of eight children. Her mother dies when she was only six, which forced her father to raise all eight children by himself. Most of her childhood was spent during one of this nation's toughest and most trying times, The Great Depression.*

*At age sixteen she got into an abusive marriage that resulted in her flight and finding refuge on an Indian reservation outside of Claremore, Oklahoma with her infant son. She was able to return home after getting word that her husband had gone off to fight in WWII. During his absence she was forced to support herself by working at Philadelphia's Trocadero Theatre as a stage performer. When her husband returned from the War, he took their son away from her and she spent many years trying to get him back. In later years, she developed polio, which was said to be her greatest battle. She died in January of 1999.*

*It was in her early teens when she first wrote "Footprints in the Sand" having been inspired by the many things that had affected her young life.*

### *Footprints in the Sand*

*One night a man had a dream. He dreamed  
he was walking along the beach with the LORD.*

*Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.  
For each scene he noticed two sets of  
footprints in the sand: one belonging  
to him, and the other to the LORD.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him,  
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.*

*He noticed that many times along the path of  
his life there was only one set of footprints.*

*He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.*

*This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it:*

*"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."*

*The LORD replied:*

*"My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."*

*Closing:*

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I KNOW A MAN WHO CAN  
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Make It Over Again  
But I Know A Man Who Can

I Can't Take A Soul That's Sin Sick  
Wash It White As The Snow  
But I Know A Man Who Can

Some Call Him Savior, The Redeemer Of All Men  
I Call Him Jesus, For He's My Dearest Friend  
If You think no one can help you  
And Your Life Is Out Of Hand  
I Know A Man Who Can

I Can't Walk Upon The Water  
Calm The Dark And Raging Sea  
But I Know A Man Who Can

I Can't Cause Blind Eyes To Open  
Or Make The Lame To Walk Again  
But I Know A Man Who Can