



**So God, what do  
YOU want for  
Christmas?**

**God's Christmas (Birthday) List**

...please Santa...  
I was a really good girl



Luke 10:27

He answered, "**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

## Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and **to love kindness**, and to walk humbly with your God?

So God...what do YOU want for Christmas?



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Kindness

*châçad, khaw-sad'*

*to bow (the neck only in courtesy to an equal), i.e. to be kind; show self merciful*

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*To love showing yourself to be a loyal friend to others thru your deeds.*

*Translates Mercy instead of Kindness at times and I think this is that it contains a sense that it isn't simply giving people what they deserve.*



**Good Samaritan**

**Luke 10:25-37**

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Luke 10:36-37

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, **“Go and do likewise.”**

## 2 Corinthians 9:8-10

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

# Be Light

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Matthew 5:14-16**

# Be Light

Encouraging Words to a Stranger - Christmas Child Shoebox – Family Service Project – Small Group/G.R.O.W. Group Project – Great Commission Fund Gift – Write Christmas cards to Missionaries – Find a way to serve someone in your Oikos – Write a letter of encouragement to an imprisoned believer – Buy a Goat for a poor village – Share Christ with someone – Volunteer to make a meal for the homeless shelter – Go Caroling in a bad neighborhood (or a good one) – Drop an anonymous bag of groceries off at someone's house who could use them – Put a gas card in a Christmas card and hand it to a stranger – Invite a friend to Church – Invite a lonely person to join your Christmas celebration – Write a letter of encouragement to a government official and tell them you are praying for them (even if you DON'T agree with them)

# Be Light

**Do it.**

**Write it.**

**Hand it in,  
or hang it up.**

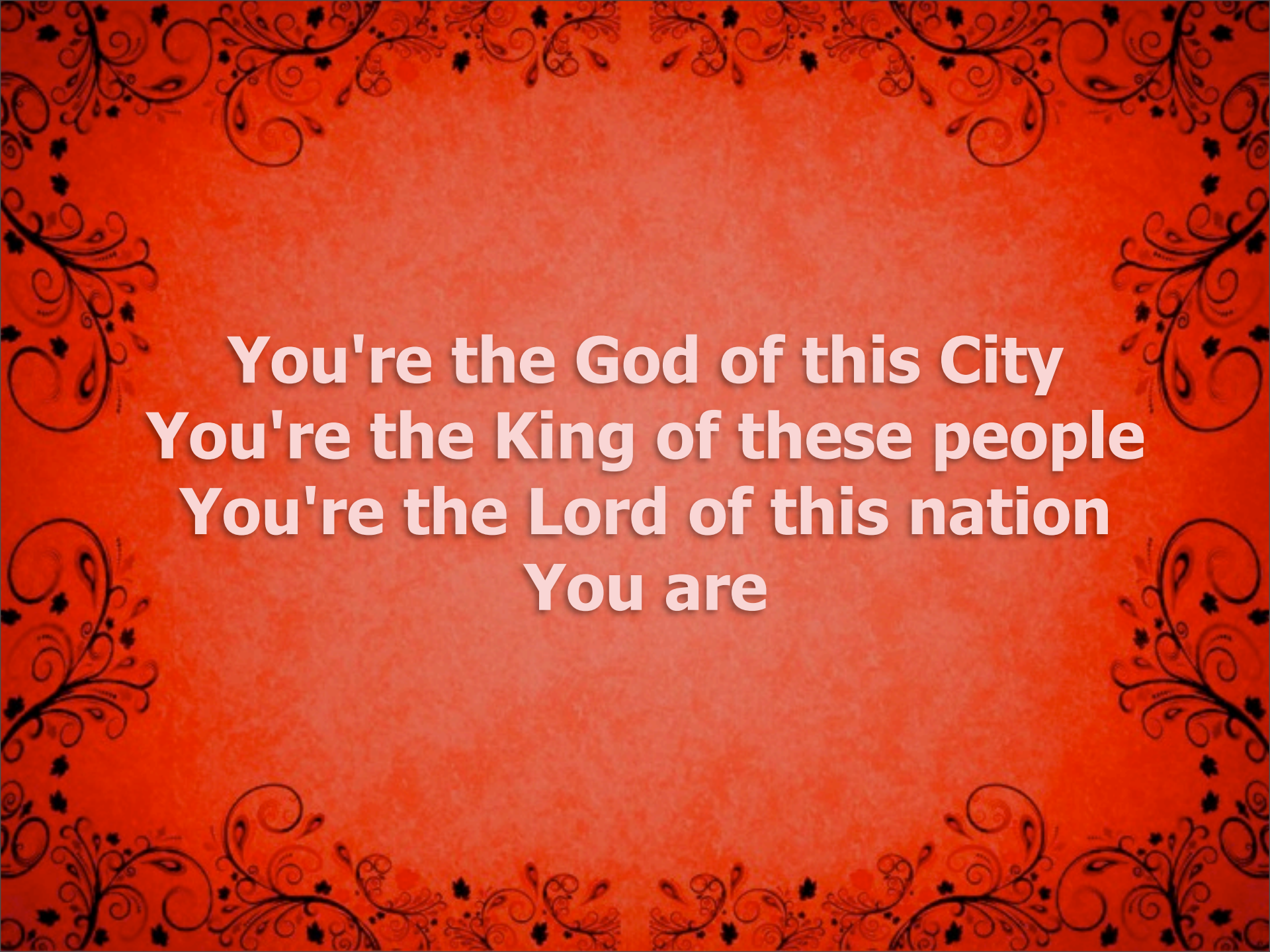
**Be Light.**

**For the Fathers Glory!**

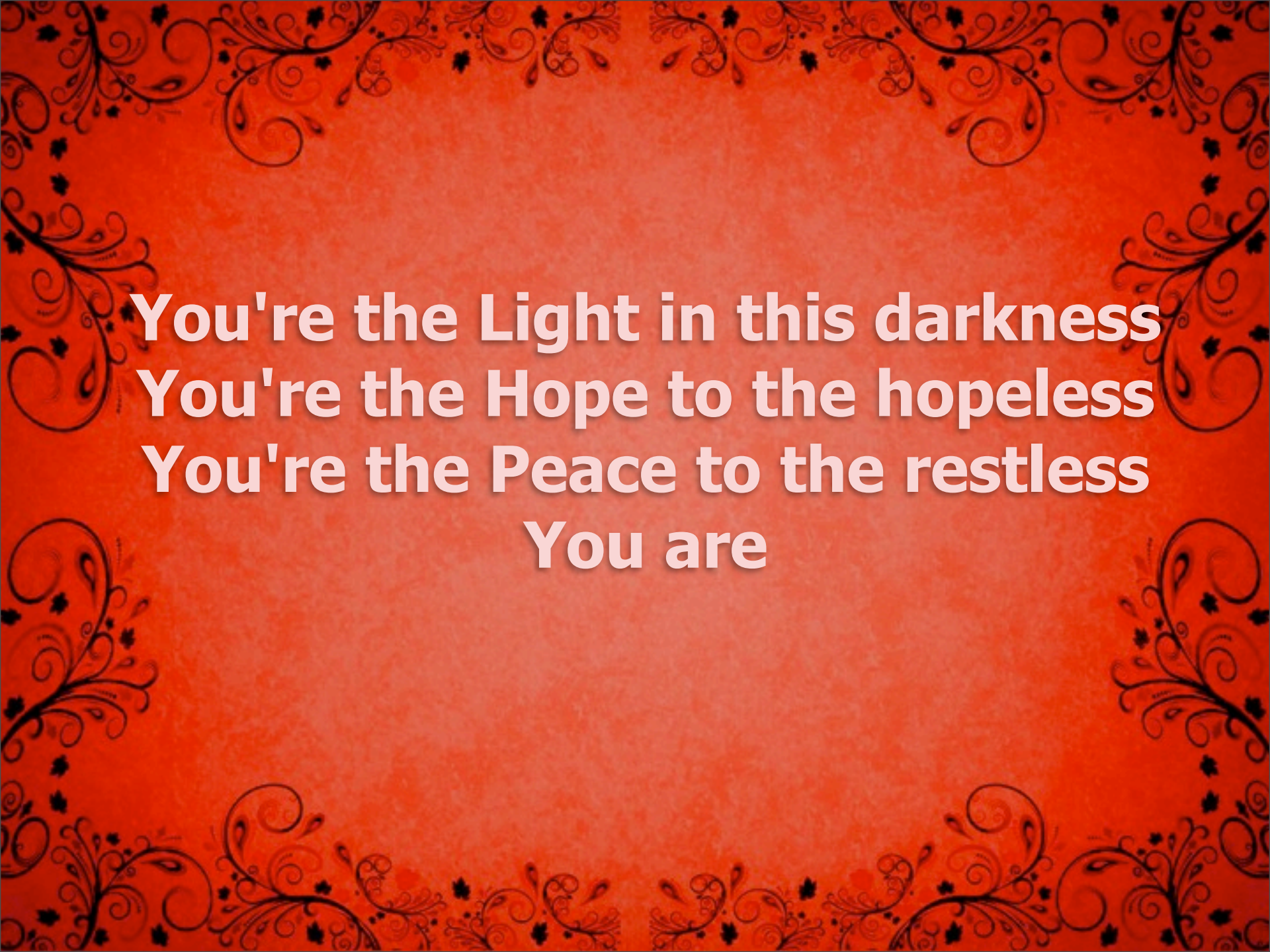




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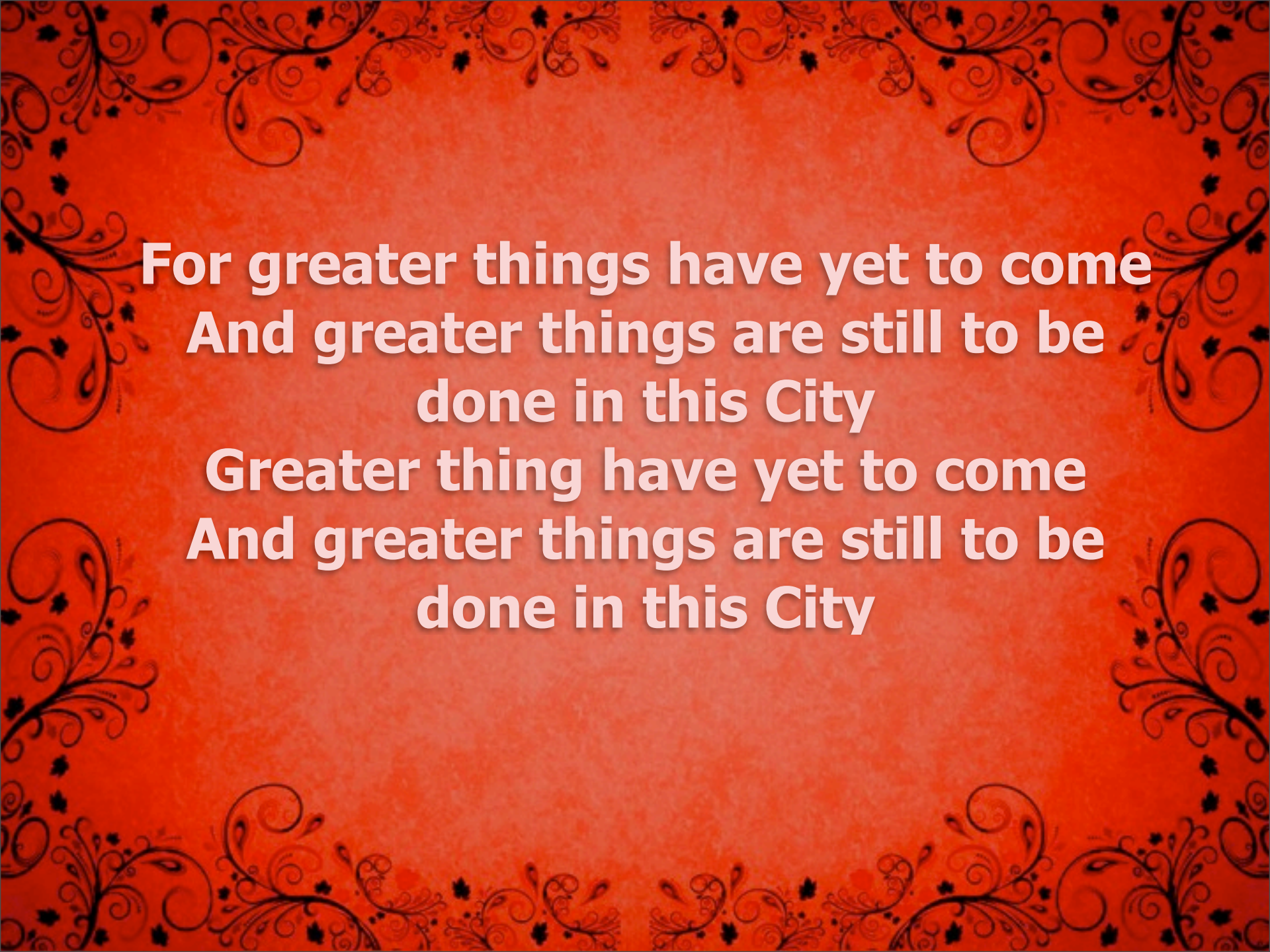
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You are**

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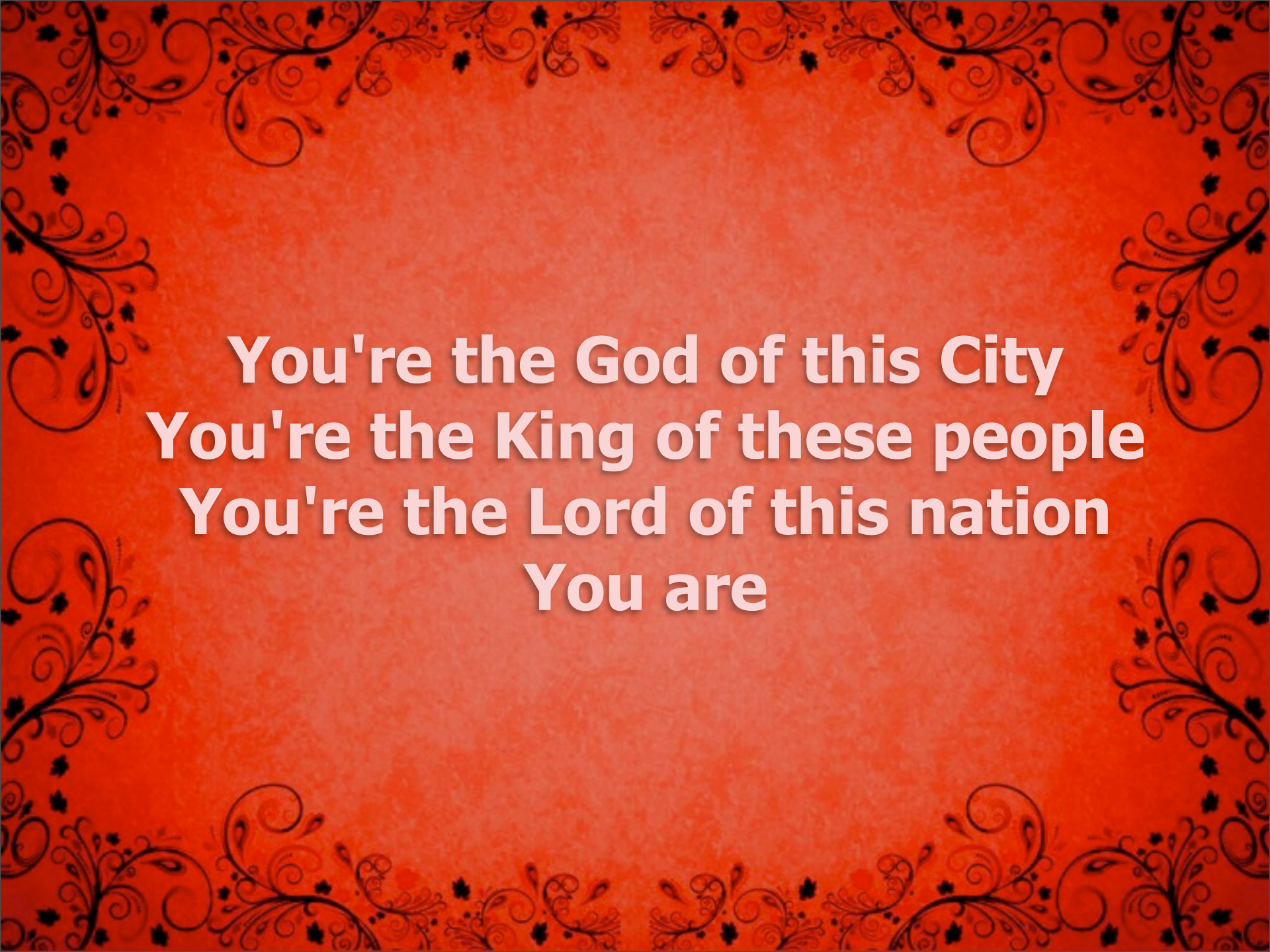
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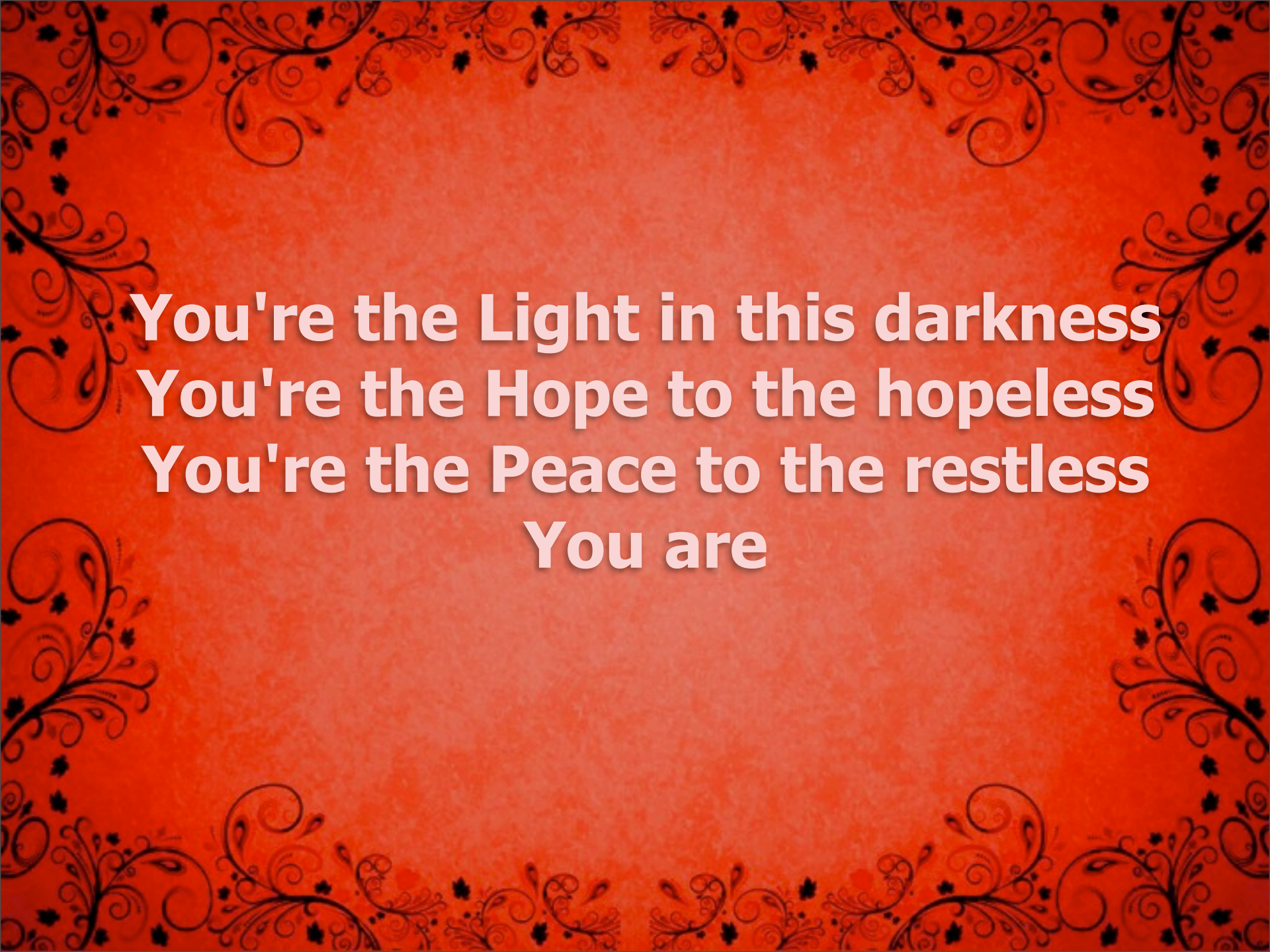
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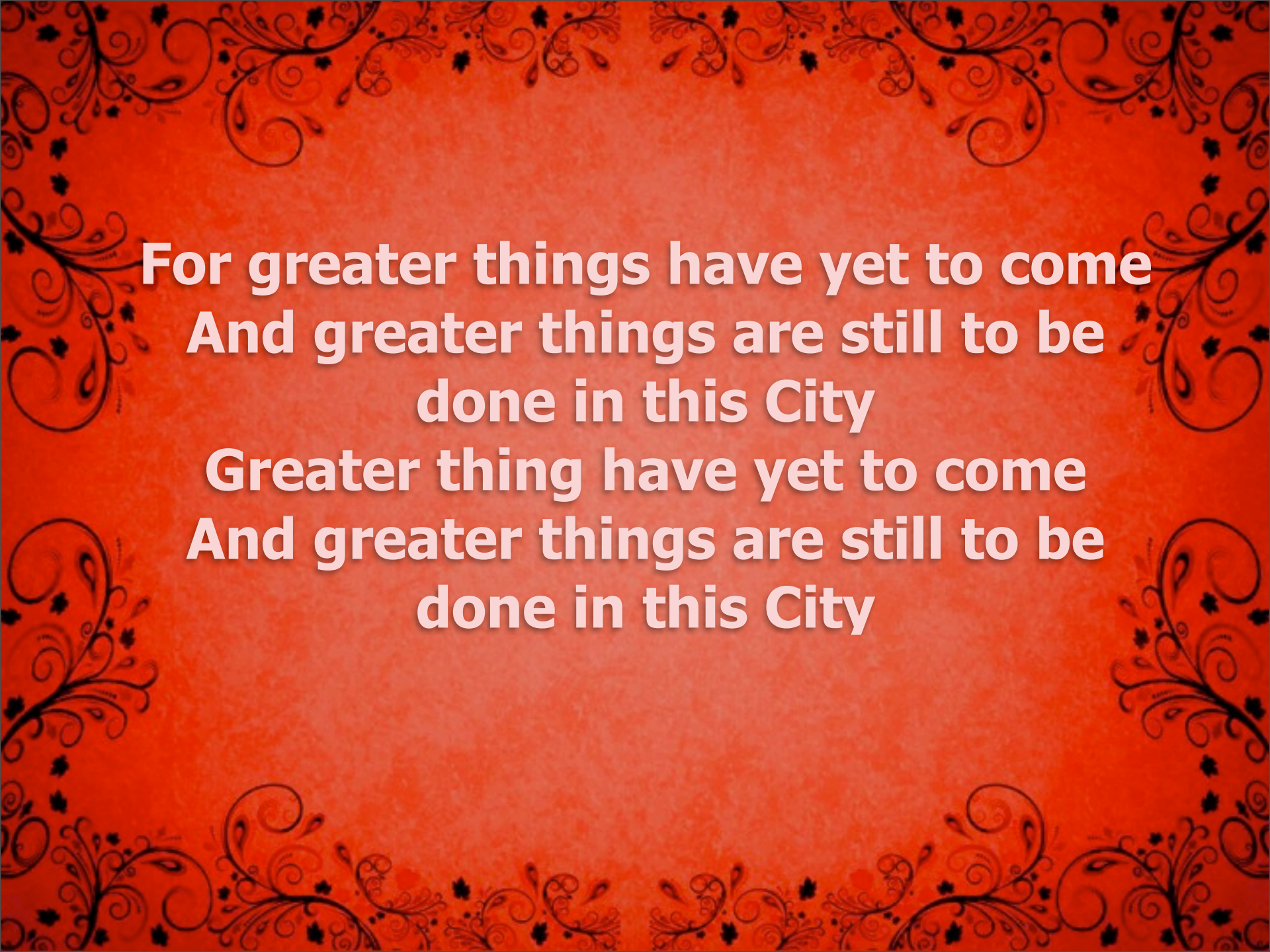
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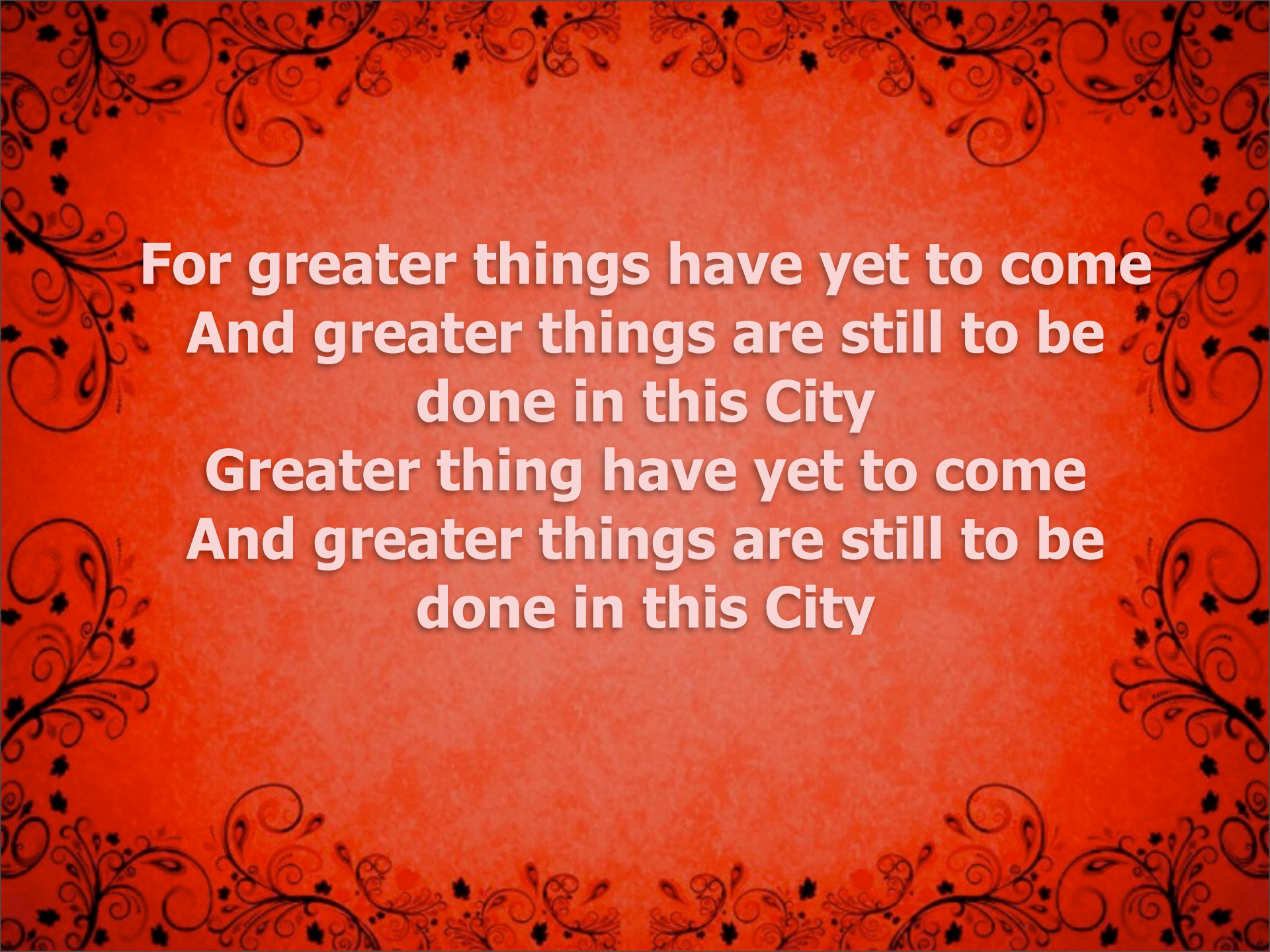
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