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## ON THE RECORD

### 'My way' to 'our way'



By CHARLIE MARTIN

Scottish electronic music producer, songwriter and vocalist Calvin Harris' latest release is "My Way." While he has quite a list of awards and recordings, especially in the U.K., he might be best known on this side of the Atlantic for having dated U.S. pop/country diva Taylor Swift.

The song presents an up-tempo, "tropical house" style, and contrary to what many have speculated, Harris states that the song is not about his breakup with Swift. In an interview on British radio, Harris discussed how earlier in life, he was frustrated because he wasn't giving his music the attention that it deserved. So he quit his job in the grocery business and decided to focus on music to live "my way."

"My Way" highlights two perceptions about how to enter this new year. Like Harris, there are occasions in life when we need to assess if we are taking those risks that most support our dreams and passions. Each turn of the calendar reminds us that our lives are moving steadily forward. Are you headed where you truly want to go? Can you say, "Yes, I'm doing my life, my way"?

The song's character describes how he has faced a roadblock, that is, "you were the one thing in my way." Who this "you" is remains unidentified. However, he has decided to stop giving this individual the power to direct his life. Now he is taking total responsibility for moving toward the goals most important to him.

It is true that, at times, others in your life, even those very important to you, might not support how you want to create your future. When this is the case, first remember that loving relationships are a treasure. You can still move toward the future you want, but do so with kindness toward those others who might not understand your decisions. Remind them that their presence in your life is important to you. As you go forward, clarify that you are not attempting to hurt them. Your decision to go "my way" is not a statement of disrespect. Rather, you are affirming the purpose that you feel you must seek.

There is a second dimension to the song that can aid our entry into 2017. "My way" is important, but at this point in human history, even more pressing is "our way." Given the escalating threat to the environment, the continued prevalence of violence and the immense suffering of millions of God's people on the planet, we need to make sure that decisions for "my way" also enhance "our way."

As Jesus' disciples, we never lose sight of the needs of others, even as we strive to create our own lives. So, as we start 2017, look around both locally and globally. How will you use the gift of this new year to promote "our way" where the dignity of others is also supported?

Be specific. Define two endeavors for how you will bring your time and talent to address suffering among our human family.

Be a leader. Talk with your parish youth group, religious education class or another gathering of your peers, encouraging them to work together to make a positive difference for others in 2017.

God has given each of us a wonder-filled gift – life. Yes, your life, filled with the challenge and opportunity to live "my way," but also with the chance to use your personal gifts and skills to help build an "our way" that promotes justice, peacemaking and effective solutions for problems that people face.

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### "My Way"

Why wait to say, at least I did it my way  
Lie awake, two-faced  
But in my heart I understand  
I made my move and it was all about you  
Now I feel so far removed

#### Refrain:

You were the one thing in my way  
You were the one thing in my way

My way, oh way, oh way, oh way  
My way, oh way, oh way, oh way  
My way, oh way, oh way, oh way  
My way, oh way, oh way, oh way

(Repeat first verse and refrain.)  
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My way, oh way, oh way, oh way  
My way, oh way, oh way, oh way  
My way, oh way, oh way, oh way  
My way, oh way, oh way, oh way

Sung by Calvin Harris  
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## CHILDREN'S STORY

### The Magi bring gifts to Jesus

By JENNIFER FICCAGLIA  
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At the time of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, there were Magi from the East who arrived in Jerusalem.

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was deeply concerned.

So he gathered the chief priests and the scribes and asked them what the Scriptures said about the place where the Messiah was to be born.

"In Bethlehem of Judah," they replied, "for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Upon hearing this, King Herod secretly called the Magi to see him. He asked them when the star first appeared so he could figure out exactly when the Messiah had been born.

Then he told the Magi that Bethlehem was the city in which the Messiah was to be born and told them to go there.

"Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage," King Herod told them.

The Magi didn't know it, but King Herod was lying to them. He actually wanted to harm the Messiah, because he feared the Messiah would take away his kingly power.



After their meeting with King Herod, the Magi continued on their journey. As they headed toward Bethlehem, they once again saw the star and followed it.

As they came into Bethlehem, the star stopped over the place where Jesus was.

The Magi were overjoyed because they knew they had finally found the Messiah. They entered the house and saw Jesus with Mary, his mother.

The Magi prostrated themselves – which means to lay facedown on the ground – and paid homage to Jesus.

Then they gave Jesus very expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

And before the Magi left Bethlehem, they were warned in a dream not to return to King Herod. So they left for their home country by a different route.

#### READ MORE ABOUT IT:

Matthew 2

#### Q&A

1. Who was the person the Magi were looking for?
2. What did King Herod want to do to the Messiah?

## PUZZLE

Use the hints provided to fill in the words missing from the following sentences.

1. Where is the \_\_\_\_\_ king of the \_\_\_\_\_? (Matthew 2:2)
2. Go and \_\_\_\_\_ diligently for the \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 2:8)
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and did him \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 2:11)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is going to search for the child to \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Matthew 2:13)

Answer: See page 14

ESSAY: What gift would you give to Jesus and why?

## FEATURED SAINT

### St. ITA

St. Ita was born near Waterford, Ireland, and was said to be descended from royalty. She persuaded her father to allow her to remain unmarried so she could concentrate on her faith life.

She eventually moved to County Limerick where she and some other young women served God. It is said she founded a school for young boys, and one of her students was the famous abbot and missionary St. Brendan. St. Ita died in 570, and we honor her on Jan. 15.



## BIBLE ACCENT

### Gospel of Matthew refers to Magi

Matthew 2 is the only Gospel that describes "Magi from the East" – also known as the Wise Men or the Three Kings – who visited Jesus after his birth and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2 is short on details about the Magi. For example, the Gospel does not say how many there were. Since the Magi gave Jesus three gifts, it is tradition to say that there were three.

It also is tradition to say that the men were kings, although a note in the New American Bible says the word "Magi" refers to the priestly caste of ancient Persia (modern-day Iran, which is to the east of Bethlehem).

The same note in the New American Bible calls the Magi "astrologers," which means they studied the stars because they thought those heavenly bodies played a role in earthly events.

Although the Bible does not refer to the Magi by name, traditionally they are called Caspar (or Gaspar), Melchior and Balthazar.

The Catholic Church remembers the Magi's visit to Jesus on Jan. 6, the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, which is sometimes called Three Kings Day. In the U.S. Catholic Church, the solemnity is celebrated on the Sunday that falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8. This year, it was celebrated on Jan. 8.

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