

## Welcome! Please read this:

Thanks for visiting us! In this document you'll find some english versions of Santiago's songs. Firstly those that are translated into a singable version, and secondly those that are just translations of its meaning. Many of this english lyrics are still in process (not easy at all to put a poem in other language!) so please, be patient.. . Job zone :) If you think that there's a better choice for a word, verse, or idea (which keeps the original spanish sense), please send us your suggestions to [info@santiagobenavides.com](mailto:info@santiagobenavides.com). Thanks again!!

### No one but You

*(Orig. "Quién sino tú" by Santiago Benavides)*

*Tr. Joel Sierra MX (Singable)*

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We have come this far by faith  
not by our strength, not by our might  
we have come this far by faith  
and so we give all the glory and all gratitude  
and so we give all the honor to You.

For no one but You has been our refuge,  
and no one but You has quenched our thirst  
no one but You has been our sustainer  
when we didn't have anything...  
Oh Lord, only you have been faithful and true.

We have come this far by faith  
your Spirit has led us like a wind in the sea  
and wherever you may take us we'll go  
let your voice sound clearly through us,  
and may your life change us  
Your justice and your peace will break through.  
for no one but You has been our refuge,  
and no one but You has quenched our thirst  
no one but You has been our sustainer  
when we didn't have anything  
Oh Lord, only you have been faithful and true.

For no one but You has spoken to raise us  
the beat of our heart is the pow'r of your dream  
and no one but You has given us shelter  
and planted the good seed  
Oh Lord, only you, torn by love's saving wound.

### God as Well

*(Orig. "Dios También" by Santiago Benavides)*

*Tr. Debbie Ardiles and family USA (Singable)*

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God as well was a humble migrant  
God as well had to flee His land  
God as well was a refugee  
and felt deeply disheartened  
when in His greatest need

God as well lost His child  
God as well tasted loneliness

God as well was friendless on that day  
he sought more than ever  
to find a warm embrace

/God as well///  
has gone through days of pain  
/God as well///  
has wept.

God as well was held a captive  
God as well suffered  
his love to give  
God as well was criticized  
for not casting a stone  
and choosing to forgive

God as well was a spouse betrayed  
God as well was a sidelined kid  
God as well was a youth rejected  
and had rebellious children to redeem

God as well..

## All of the Rest Will Come

*(Orig. "Todo lo Demás Vendrá" by Santiago Benavides)*  
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All the wishes I have  
inside of my heart  
I surrender to you

Bringing you my dreams  
I'm longing to see  
Yours through me come true

I have faith  
that your grace  
something beautiful will do  
something beautiful will do

And all of the rest will come  
all of the rest will come  
while seeking your kingdom  
of mercy and justice  
all of the rest will come

## If we don't fill the earth

*(Orig. "Si no Llenamos la Tierra" by Santiago Benavides)*

*Tr. Alex Ortiz, Steve Johnson, Milton Acosta*

*(Juts the chorus is singable... the rest is just a translation of  
the meaning)*

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If we don't proclaim hope  
it will be the leader of Nirvana  
that will set the standards  
If we don't bear witness  
it will be a reality show  
they will hear

If we don't exalt modesty  
it will be the Narco style  
who will inspire them  
If we don't sing about purity  
Daddy Yankee with Don Omar  
(latin rappers) will sing of their exploits

If we don't fill the earth with Jesus  
sharing His true and life  
then darkness and wickedness  
will disguise as light

If innocence is not alive in us  
Lady Gaga will be in charge  
of sexual education  
If we don't speak wisdom  
surely Justin Bieber  
will be the philosopher

If we don't live differently  
MTV will continue being  
the model of virtue  
And "El Patrón del Mal"  
(*tv series inspired on Pablo Escobar's life*)  
and X Factor  
will feed the dreams that the youth will have

If we don't fill the earth with Jesus  
sharing His true and life  
then darkness and wickedness  
will disguise as light

If we don't listen to their troubles  
the horoscope will be there  
ready to counsel  
And if that wasn't enough  
It would be the prophets  
who profit from words they just made up

If injustice doesn't hurt us  
Batman will be the model  
of righteousness  
If we are not flavored by the Gospel  
They will look for a taste of heaven  
Watching porno on the internet

If we don't fill the earth with Jesus  
sharing His true and life  
then darkness and wickedness  
will disguise as light  
then darkness and wickedness  
will disguise itself,  
and it will spread everywhere  
and show itself as light

## El Ruso

*(Orig. "El Ruso" by Santiago Benavides)*

*Tr. Alex Ortiz, Steve Johnson, Milton Acosta, Langham  
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*(Non singable version)*

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*Watch "El Ruso" video with english subtitles here:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_aQR0fcqSiY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_aQR0fcqSiY)

*and more about Julian's testimony here:*

<http://us.langham.org/story-el-ruso-life-crime-life-christ/>

"El Ruso" they called him  
in the underworld of Medellín  
of all the ones in the business  
only he survived  
average height,  
broad shoulders, military look  
name brand clothes,  
Jean Paul cologne, the original one

Everything started as a kid  
when he changed the town  
for the city  
since studying doesn't pay,  
he left school for the streets

And as always in life  
he who searches for something,  
something he will find

they introduced him to a 'Duro'  
(gang boss)  
and from there on he was a criminal

Running in '93  
at the time of Pablo Escobar  
'El Ruso' makes  
his motorcycle thunder  
because someone's  
end is near

He didn't calculate  
that the law  
had been following  
his trail for months  
and finishing his errand  
they captured him just like that

A 25-year sentence  
they gave him in Bellavista  
and at the thought  
of being an old man  
even if he got out some day

He decided it was better  
to die than to keep living  
in an afternoon of weariness  
he put the rope on his neck

Things turned  
out wrong,

or rather turned  
out right...  
'El Ruso' couldn't  
kill himself  
he has never understood why

In any case, it seemed  
to him  
that there had  
to be some reason  
for him to still be alive  
almost having died  
more than once

He locked himself  
in the dungeon  
and shut his eyes tight  
at the top of his lungs  
he yelled  
he didn't care  
if they heard him

“Jesus, if you really exist  
come rescue me now  
only you can save me  
from my terrible evil”

Since this story I am telling  
sixteen years have passed  
nobody can imagine it when  
they see him preaching

He travels the  
same streets  
where one day  
he did so much harm  
now with a Bible  
and a smile on his face

Going from door to door  
he knocks  
and some recognize him  
they are scared,  
but in an instant  
they see that now  
he's another man

I was a criminal  
he tells them  
but God transformed me  
and today  
I come to invite you  
to know his love

Oh! come and know  
His great love!  
Because he so loves us  
that he gave his only Son  
that whoever  
who believes in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life

Oh! come and know  
His great love!  
Ask 'El Ruso', he can tell you  
in a poor neighborhood  
you'll find him  
he left hell to go back home

Don't call  
him 'Ruso'  
because now  
he's Julián

## My Dream

*(Orig. "Mi Sueño" by Santiago Benavides)*  
*Tr. Alex Ortiz, Steve Johnson, Milton Acosta*  
*(Non singable version)*  
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My dream is to dream  
of the things  
that you have always dreamed

that I would desire  
what you have desired  
that I would love what you love

My dream is that  
I might only dream  
of what is in your heart  
My dream is to dream big

and what's bigger than you?

My dream is to live dreaming  
of that which is your passion  
My dream is  
that the day will come  
when you have all of my love

My dream is  
that nothing would occupy  
your place in my  
deepest wish  
My dream is  
no more, no less  
than dreaming of you  
oh Lord!

## The Secret of Beauty

*(Orig. "El Secreto de la Belleza" by Santiago Benavides)*  
*Tr. Steve Johnson, Milton Acosta*  
*(Non singable version)*  
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The secret of beauty  
isn't "36-24-36"  
it isn't lotions that fill wrinkles  
it isn't clothes  
that come from Europe

The secret of beauty  
isn't in being surrounded  
by luxury and wealth  
It isn't surgery that stretches  
and stretches..  
it isn't being sexy or 'flexy',  
or 'plexy'

The secret of beauty  
is something in the heart  
it's a life that revives ours  
it's a reflection of Someone greater...

The secret of beauty  
isn't cucumber for dark circles  
it isn't chocolate on your face  
nor slime-therapy nor urine-therapy!!!

The secret of beauty  
is for every race, nation and color  
it doesn't ask anyone to be different  
from how his Creator  
wanted him or her to be

The secret of beauty  
is Christ in the heart  
it's his life becoming ours  
it's living radiating his love  
it's the smile that brings hope  
the little 'pill of faith'

it's that gaze clear as a window  
that God's character  
reveals  
The secret of beauty///  
Is Him

## Thank you for Peter

*(Orig. "Gracias por Pedro" by Santiago Benavides)*

*Tr. Omar Piedrahíta*

*(Non singable version)*

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Seeing in reality  
how I am  
how I have  
a some crooked heart  
And full of selfishness

Finding out that  
I'm another one in the crowd  
whose great dream is to achieve greater things  
than my neighbor

Remembering  
that each time  
I have promised even  
to give you my life  
the rooster  
has always crowed

Or that when you speak  
I pretend  
to be deaf and mute  
so today I want  
to worship you  
in a very unusual way..

Thank you for Peter  
thank you for Jonah  
thank you also  
for Balaam's donkey  
thank you for being  
an expert in putting up  
with those of us  
who are not that good  
and even so we intend  
to share about you  
to mankind

What would it be of us  
without the certainty  
that you see us  
With lovingkindness

That you wanted  
to make your team  
precisely with  
those players  
that are not  
very professionals

That you love  
to defy religion  
and to make  
great things with  
unexpected instruments

I look myself  
on the mirror  
and rightly  
I just can be grateful  
For such brothers

Thank you for Peter  
thank you for Jonah  
thank you also  
for Balaam's donkey  
thank you for being  
an expert in putting up  
with those of us  
who are not that good  
and even so we intend  
to share about you...  
dream about you  
sing about you  
to mankind.