

HOLY NOW by Peter Mayer, c. 1999

drop D tuning: dadgbe

D
When I was a boy, each week
A
On Sunday, we would go to church
G
And pay attention to the priest
D
He would read the holy word

And consecrate the holy bread
A
And everyone would kneel and bow
G
Today the only difference is
D
Everything is holy now
Bm A G D
Everything, everything, everything is holy now

And when I was in Sunday school
We would learn about the time
Moses split the sea in two
Jesus made the water wine
And I remember feeling sad
That miracles don't happen still
But now I can't keep track
Because everything's a miracle
Everything, Everything, everything's a miracle

A D/F# G
Wine from water is not so small
Em C
But an even better magic trick
D
Is that anything is here at all
A D/F# G
So the challenging thing becomes
Em C
Not to look for miracles
A A7
But finding where there isn't one

When holy water was rare at best
It barely wet my fingertips
Now I have to hold my breath
Like I'm swimming in a sea of it
It used to be a world half there
Heaven's second rate hand-me-down
But I walk it with a reverent air
Because everything is holy now
Everything, everything
Everything is holy now

Read a questioning child's face
And say it's not a testament
That'd be very hard to say
See another new morning come
And say it's not a sacrament
I tell you that it can't be done

This morning, outside I stood
And saw a little red-winged bird
Shining like a burning bush
Singing like a scripture verse
It made me want to bow my head
I remember when church let out
How things have changed since then
Everything is holy now

It used to be a world half-there
Heaven's second rate hand-me-down
But I walk it with a reverent air
Because everything is holy now