

## JOY

From the Album *Get Real*

Music by J.S. Bach, adapted from an original cantata melody by Johann Schop

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I was traveling on route 81 through Virginia when suddenly  
I saw the flashing blue lights, I pulled over as fast as I could  
But the officer was unimpressed and he said "83 in a 65:  
That's reckless driving, 6 points on your license, I'll see you in court"  
I said "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRE"  
But dear sir, I'm a lowly musician, have mercy, I'm only a child....  
"HOLY WISDOM, LOVE MOST BRIGHT"  
Look I drive for a living and, oh, did I mention that I got a similar ticket last  
Wednesday, also in Virginia, I'm dead, yes I'm dead  
Then he said "there's a way to escape: if you get your speedometer checked  
and they find it was broken, you're free"  
"DRAWN BY THEE, OUR SOULS ASPIRE"  
My mechanic was clear: "your speedometer's fine... but we could say it's not..."  
"SOAR TO UNCREATED LIGHT"  
Have you heard of the tale of the man who was trapped in a flood saying,  
"God will provide," when along came a raft, then a boat, then a plane  
But he drowned 'cause he waved them along, saying, "God will provide"  
And God said, "look, I sent you a raft and a boat and a plane...."  
Well that's just how I felt with this man  
"WORD OF GOD, OUR FLESH THAT FASHIONED"  
How could I turn him down? After all, through him God had provided  
I know it's illegal, but I could do worse  
"WITH THE FIRE OF LIFE IMPASSIONED"  
Traffic court is a joke, and I know that to lie is bad karma  
But faith is a luxury I can't afford  
"STRIVING STILL TO TRUTH UNKNOWN"  
If I leave this to fate then they might take my license away for a year  
"SOARING, DYING ROUND THY THRONE"  
With no license, no concerts, I just can't afford it  
Look -- God has provided.... Or is this a test -- am I going to hell?  
No, 'cause Jews don't believe in that place  
But it's here in my head  
'Cause they lowered my first ticket down to improper equipment  
And I felt so guilty I thought I would die  
So when my second court date arrived I withheld the false document  
And they still let me off  
Glory to God!!!