

CASTLES

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The PARABLE of the House Upon the Sand
Matthew 7:24-27

LYRICS

VERSE 1

We build a castle in the sand,
we skip around it hand in hand.
Forever you're my new best friend.
And nothing will ever change that.
But soon the sunlight's going down
Sunkissed families homeward bound.
But you were nowhere to be found.
And our castle kingdom's swallowed in the ground.

PRE CHORUS

Did I think somehow today was a forever guarantee?
Did I try to make it something it could never ever be?

CHORUS

Like that castle in the sand, when the water meets the land.
Kingdoms vanish as I'm standing helplessly.
May all my dreams and all my plans be planted firmly in the hand
of the Rock who's holding all eternity.
All I count on is the Hand that's holding me.

VERSE 2

Grandma's house, you'll find me there.
Christmas baking fills the air.
Her books beside her favorite chair,
and nothing will ever change that.
Wish every year she'd stay the same.
She'll take my hand, she'll say my name.
But in my heart it's just a game.
She is moving on. No one is to blame.

PRE CHORUS

Did I think somehow those days were a forever guarantee?
Did I try to make them something they could never ever
be?

CHORUS (Harmony optional)

Like that castle in the sand, when the water meets the land.
Kingdoms vanish as I'm standing helplessly.
May all my dreams and all my plans be planted firmly in the hand
of the Rock who's holding all eternity.
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VERSE 3

My family felt the shifting tide.
In the shadows, tears are cried.
A marriage broken, dreams denied.
And nothing will ever change that.
My parents break the news one day,
Dancing Daddy moves away.
And all my prayers can't make him stay.
But life goes on. Help me find a way.

CHORUS (Harmony optional)

Like that castle in the sand, when the water meets the land.
Kingdoms vanish as I'm standing helplessly.
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of the Rock who's holding all eternity.
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VERSE 4

I'm older now, you'd think I'd know,
like that castle, long ago,
the waters rise, the winds will blow.
The sand can never be The Stone.

REFLECTIONS

- Have you ever let yourself down, big time?
- Have you ever been looking forward to a certain event but then been really disappointed at how it actually turned out?
- Can you think of a time when you were counting on a certain person being really impressive, and you ended up being not so impressed once you got to know them?
- Have you ever been stunned to learn that something you've counted on is falling apart? Maybe a friendship is lost, or a marriage is broken?
- Have you ever been devastated to learn that someone you admired greatly has been accused of some behavior you might never have imagined?
- Can you accept that we will always eventually be disappointed with ourselves, other people, events, and situations? This is because we are all deeply flawed. Only Jesus is perfect. It is only Jesus who will not wash away in the storm like the sand castle. It is only Jesus who will stand like a rock... yesterday, today and forever. You can build your life on the rock-Jesus.