

“Mumbai 26/11”
a message to my father for the sake of the world
Lyrics

SONG STORY

Met with the decision to go back to Mumbai or to carry onto Rishikesh, my guitar, my pen, and my heart guided me back to Rishikesh. On the night of 26/11-2008, I received a call from a great friend in Mumbai.

After catching my breath upon hearing the news of her two friends (Father and Daughter) being shot down in a hotel during the attacks, I felt an eerie connection to the events. Almost instantly I received a uplifting message in song through the voice of the daughter.

Just before releasing the album, their in-depth story was revealed to me. Amazed by the parallels to the song and humbled by the statement that the song gives closure to the family, I am deeply honored to have played my part and hope through the eyes of death, you can see the beauty of life.

PRODUCTION STORY

To capture the emotional depth of the event, the song had to be recorded in a classical Indian style. The violin and the sitar were recorded in Rishikesh and formed the base in which I produced on while traveling on trains across the country. Bhavdeep Jaipurwale, a classically trained Indian Vocalist and Producer, came in 3 days before we were set to leave India and filled in the canvas with his rich experience, thus completing the picture.

CREDITS

Lyrics and Composition: Daniel Tyler Pohnke - Production Musical Arrangement: Bhavdeep Jaipurwale - Strings Section Arrangement: Amitai Pariente - Lead Vocals: Daniel Tyler Pohnke - Hindustani Classical Alaaps: Shubha Joshi and Bhavdeep Jaipurwale - Keyboards and Programming: Sanjay Jaipurwale - Tabla, Pakhawaj, Kanjira: Rajesh Rajbhatt - Sitar: Bhuwan Chandra - Violin (main) - Siwananda Sharama - Strings Section Violin: Chen Shenar - Violin / Viola: Keren Tannenbaum - Cello: Yael Shapira - Acoustic Guitar: Daniel Tyler Pohnke - Sound: Shantanu Mukherjee, Venkatesh Iyer - Recorded at Samved Studios, Mumbai, India - Strings recorded at Tamuz Studios, Ramat Aviv, Israel - Mixed at 4DA LOVE studios by Daniel Tyler Pohnke

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Oh, what a beautiful day it is to pray
Take a walk in the park, I'm down on my knees to give thanks
Could you imagine that our lives would end this way
In the safety of our favorite dining place

As the bombs went off and the bullets touched your face
That's when I realized this would be the last words I would say
So I grabbed your hand and then I caught your gaze
and light filled the room and swept us away....

I'm gonna speak to you in a language that you will know
Let every moment be the moment that touches your soul
Cause the truth is, anytime, we can go
So live your days like a child, who always glows

When the bombs went off and the bullets touched your face
That's when I realized this would be the last words I would say
So, I held your hand and then I caught your gaze
and light filled the room and swept us away

It's been a long, long windy road
the truth is, I gave it everything that's for sure
I got to be thankful, oh so thankful to this World
No pain, no suffering, it was just time to go!!!

When the bombs went off and the bullets touched your face
That's when I realized this would be the last words I would say
So, I grabbed your hand and caught your gaze
and light filled the room and swept us away

Don't You Worry My Friend
I'm gonna see you again