LYRIC SHEET · FOR CHURCHES

MERCY FOUND ME FIRST

Caleb Ridge · Every Mile Held

Key **A major**
Tempo **90 bpm**

INTRO LINE

Before I knew the road back home, mercy found me first

VERSE 1

I was digging broken cisterns in a dry and thirsty earth
I had Sunday words and Monday wounds I tried to hide in dust
Then Jesus came with nail-scarred hands and called my fear to trust
I knew the hymns but missed the King who stood beneath their sound
I wore a smile like Sunday clothes while sin kept pulling down
But love stepped in before I had a cleaner prayer to give
And raised this beggar from the grave so dead bones learned to live

PRE-CHORUS

I did not climb to heaven
He bent low with saving worth

CHORUS

Mercy found me first when my prayers were only ashes
Grace ran past my pride and pulled me from the wreckage
Love did not wait till I made my heart clean
The Lamb came near while sin still covered me
Now every grateful breath is a gift I never earned
I love Him because mercy found me first

VERSE 2

I still stumble on the foothills where the old desires call
But the Shepherd knows the canyon and His rod protects my fall
Repentance feels like freedom when forgiveness sings my name
And holiness grows sweeter as He burns away my shame
The world says I should trust myself and write my chosen end
But I have seen my wandering heart and need a stronger Friend
The One who starts the saving work will carry it along
Till faith becomes a finished sight and weakness turns to song

PRE-CHORUS

He keeps what He awakens
He guards what He returns

CHORUS

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BRIDGE

Not by works my hands could gather
Not by vows my mouth could keep
Christ alone became my shelter
When the flood was over me

FINAL CHORUS

Mercy found me first from a grave of empty treasures
Grace rewrote my name in a book of endless mercies
Love did not wait till I made my heart clean
The Lamb came near while sin still covered me
Now every step of faith is a flame His kindness stirred
I follow Jesus because mercy found me first

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