I Will Go and Do, Not Knowing Beforehand

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1 Nephi 3:7- "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded..."

1 Nephi 4:6-7 "And I was led by the Spirit, not knowing beforehand the things which I should do. Nevertheless, I went forth..."

• "I need a song..." The beginning

Doctrine and Covenants 11:13 -"I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy."

• The first songs

D&C 6:28- "...and in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

Nephi

"We must be confident in our first promptings. Sometimes we rationalize; we wonder if we are feeling a spiritual impression or if it is just our own thoughts... The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that if you will listen to the first promptings, you will get it right nine times out of ten."

- -Elder Ronald A. Rasband, "Let the Holy Spirit Guide"
 - The Lord's timing: George Washington's theme
 - Help me to not panic!!!

Ether 12:6- "...dispute not because you see not, for ye receive no witness until after the trial of your faith."

Ben's story

- I only got overwhelmed when I murmured and had a temporal focus.
- The Atonement

"I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free, for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me." -Hymn "His Eye is On the Sparrow"

• Isaac's story

Sacrifice does indeed bring forth the blessings of heaven, because sacrifice is a law of heaven.

- Keep your covenants
- Living worthily of the Holy Ghost:
 Tighten your standards
- Lock box

Opposition in all things

- Lock jaw
- Villanova rehearsal

Stories of Faith

- Shawn's story/the singing Founding Fathers
- My first temple walk-through/songs

Lyrics to the Finale

"I Have a Mission/We the People"

I have a mission for this day;

A righteous cause to bring forth.

But how can I perform this great work?

I am weak, and I question my worth.

I cannot see the way before,

But with faith my feet are shod.

I will face each new test and give it my best

In this nation under God."

We the people of this generation,

Chosen for these latter-days.

Staying worthy to enter the Temple of God,

Where we worship and give praise.

Grateful that we know the Plan of Salvation;

Holding to the iron rod.

Turning hearts to our Fathers as prophesied,

Leading each one back to God.

These are the last days I live in,

But with faith my feet

So I'll face each new test since I have been blessed

With a Temple of our God.

We'll sing and we'll shout

With the armies of Heaven.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

To God and the Lamb!

Let glory to them

In the highest be given

Hence forth and forever,

Amen and Amen!

Hence forth and forever,

Amen and Amen!

We have a temple of our own,

A sacred place where I can go

To learn the things of eternity;

To find peace, where I find strength to grow.

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