



Coast 2 Coast Feat. Fantastic Gems - 'Thank You Lord'



It was 1968, at East-side High School in Paterson, New Jersey, when a group of young teens made a pact. The young music group called, The Fantastic Gems, promised each other that they would reunite. After that, the group of talented musicians went off to college, the military, and new careers. Fast forward to 1986, and two of the original band members reformed in Washington D.C. as "Coast 2 Coast." Over the years, The Fantastic Gems never forgot their promise to get back together and they reunited. The result of their reunion was the release of The New Old Skool. The project took three years from conception to completion and was released June, 2019. The album is a tribute to their musical roots, and was made in recognition of the community who encouraged, supported and shaped their musical spirit. The New Old Skool features 11 great songs that fans of R & B, Gospel, Pop, and Jazz will love. "Thank You Lord" is an inspirational song that reflects the band's deep sense of gratitude and positive life spirit.

“Thank You Lord” from Coast 2 Coast Feat. The Fantastic Gems is both an inspirational song and a beautiful love ballad. Taking the spotlight in the instrumental section is a R & B synth that glimmers on the track through smooth motifs. Layers of keys form a lush soundscape with accents of legato string melodies that sweeten the arrangement giving it the perfect timbre for a love song. A falsetto vocalese in the intro sets the thoughtful mood.

Moving forward, the lead vocals are deeply expressive and moving. The arrangement thickens and the addition of rich background vocal harmonies grace the track as we make our way towards the hook. At the start of the build the lead vocalist sings, *“You’ve been so good to me ten thousand tongues are not enough / to thank you for the love you give to me,”* before completely letting loose on his vocals breaking into the chorus with a graceful passion.

“I thank you Lord (for love all enduring) I thank you Lord (for giving me such love) I thank you Lord (for love all renewing) For this and so much, much more I thank you Lord.”

The fusion of gospel, R & B, and soul come together creating a powerful, moving timbre for the hook that makes a memorable music experience for listeners. During the chorus, the background vocals add their own sense of passion and purpose.



“Thank You Lord” is a uniquely written love ballad that gives an uplifting message to the greatest love of all. Gratitude is a gift and Coast 2 Coast has much to be grateful for. It all started with a promise made by some talented teenagers back in 1968 that came into full fruition in 2019. The result of that promise is great music with a great message that fans of all generations and genres can enjoy.

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