

MIKE HYDEN - LYRIC WINNER- FALL 2004 - MORE AWARDS LUNCH - PHOTO ALBUM

Black & White © Mike Hyden

I dream of times not long ago
When life was good and life was slow
Where in the day we earned our pay
The streets were still at night
When families grouped to hear a show
In front of just a radio
We only knew a certain few
With TV's black and white

I hear the tales of family past
They lived each day as if their last
They crossed the sea for liberty
In search of human rights
The pictures like their faces bear
A wrinkle here, a hard day there
In awe I see my family
In photos black and white
CHORUS

Black and white
Are the colors of my dreams
Black and white
Are the threads that stitch our fabric at the seams
Black and white
Tell our history, our destiny, our plight
On a planet that revolves from day to night
Like black and white

The nights belong to rival gangs
With little hope of better things
They guard their turf, their piece of earth
For every inch they fight
The sirens roar, the bullets spray
And those who cannot get away
They take a ride handcuffed inside
An auto black and white

It seems today it's hard to say
What's right or wrong, the zone is gray
You're innocent if you have spent
Enough to prove you right
Why can't we live like years gone by
It seems that we don't even try
Our ethics were not such a blur
The rules were black and white
Chorus

The color of a person's skin
Will never tell the heart within
If color blind, think we would find
We're very much alike
But races war, dear souls are lost
We vow revenge at any cost
Let's all forgive so we can live
Together black and white

And as I sing this simple song
The many parts that play along
They join to be a symphony
One common goal in sight
The ebony and ivory
They co-exist in harmony
I'm proud to say I only play
A keyboard black and white
Chorus

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Songwriter Notes

Judges Critique for "Black & White"

Great idea! Well-developed and focused. The last verse (ebony and ivory) has been done! I know you have it in you to finish stronger! This song has real potential! Great rhymes and images. Good job! - Mary Dawson

Right- Songwriter of the Year- Vern Dailey.

Below, Semifinalist, Whit Hyde



Below- Bill Honker, 1st pl. winner in American/Folk/Bluegrass category performing "This Old Town"



Below, Joe Kirkland, semi-finalist in the Pop/Rock and Christian/Inspirational categories.



Below, Wayne Richards, 3rd pl. winner in the Singer/Songwriter category performing "So Easy"



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