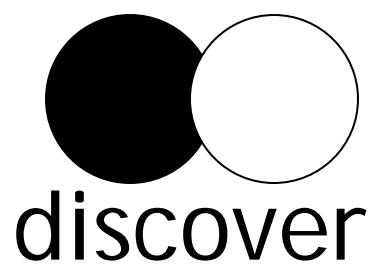


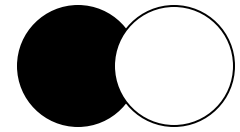
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# what if ... i can talk to God?

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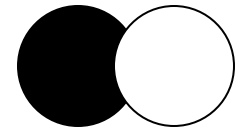
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Speak.

you see everything  
you know my thoughts  
you can hear me talk  
whether the words are said out loud  
or whether i speak them inwardly  
to myself  
quietly  
whatever the way, i know you hear

and jesus of nazareth says when i speak to God, i've to  
call God 'father'

jesus of nazareth:  
when you pray, say: 'our father in heaven'



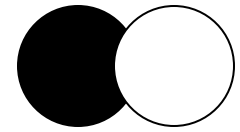
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father.

God,  
when i was a child,  
i thought of you as distant  
far away  
above and beyond me  
out of reach

but when i listen to jesus of nazareth describe you  
he talks of you as 'father'  
but not a far-away father  
not like a father that's out of reach

jesus of nazareth:  
when you pray, say: 'our father in heaven'



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ours.

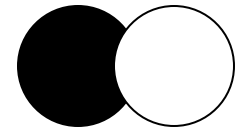
you're ours.  
'our father'

not that we own you  
not that we possess you  
but ours in that we belong to you

we're glad to be known as yours  
we're glad to bear your family name

jesus of nazareth invites us into God's family  
to become one of God's children

jesus of nazareth:  
when you pray, say: 'our father in heaven'



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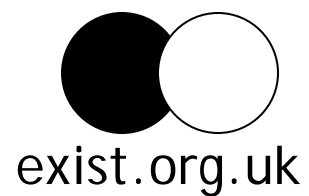
mine.

if everyone was to turn their back on you  
and say 'i want nothing to do with you'  
where would i stand?

would i still call you mine?  
would i still call you 'my father'?  
and 'my God'.

yes i would, even if the whole world were to deny you

jesus of nazareth:  
when you pray, say: 'our father in heaven'

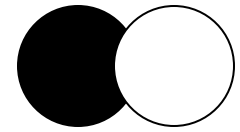


heaven.

heaven sounds like a place far far away  
a bit of an unreal place  
a bit of a dreamland  
intangible

but jesus of nazareth say's heaven's where God lives  
i wonder i he'd come and live inside me  
i wonder if my father in heaven  
would bring heaven to me

jesus of nazareth:  
when you pray, say: 'our father in heaven'



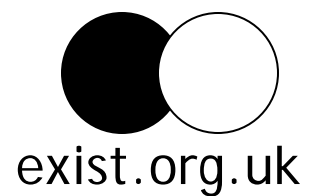
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close.

if all human fathers were like God,  
well, that'd be something.  
that'd change families

what kind of a father is God to me?  
he's close beside me all the time  
he helps me grow  
he protects me  
yet gives me freedom  
a freedom that lets me choose to love him

jesus of nazareth:  
when you pray, say: 'our father in heaven'



**listen.**

even though i talk a lot  
even though i talk and sometimes forget to listen  
even still, God's patient with me.

he listens to the cries of my heart  
to the deepest longings of my spirit

there, i've poured out my heart to him.  
time now for me to listen

**jesus of nazareth:**  
when you pray, say: 'our father in heaven'