

The Face of Jesus

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C **F** **C**
I saw the face of Jesus one January day.
Am7 **Em7**
His knotted beard and worn-out clothes
Dm7 **G**
made me almost turn away.
F **C**
He asked for money. He was hungry.
Dm7 **Bb**
But something made me say,
C **Am** **G** **C**
we can go inside and have some lunch, if that'd be okay.

F **C** **Dm7** **C**
It was the face of Jesus that I didn't recognize.
F **C** **Dm7** **G** **C**
It was the face of Jesus beneath a thin disguise.
F **C** **Bb** **G** **C**
God's spirit moved within me and took me by surprise.
F **C** **Dm7** **G** **C**
It was the face of Jesus that opened up my eyes.

C **F** **C**
We stood in line and ordered as others frowned and stared.
Am7 **Em7**
As we sat, I fumbled with the food,
Dm7 **G**
and thought, should I be scared?
F **C**
Without a word, as if he'd heard me,
Dm7 **Bb**
he stood and left his chair
C **Am** **G** **C**
to pick up a straw, a gesture for which I was unprepared.

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F **G/F** **C**
 to be the light shining out of darkness;
F **G/F** **C**
 to share God's love, no matter where or when;
F **E7** **Am** **Am/G**
 to be the hope that offers others wholeness;
F **Dm7** **Gsus4** **G**
 to share God's glory again and again and again;

F **C** **Dm7** **C**
 to be the face of Jesus that others recognize,
F **C** **Dm7** **G** **C**
 to be the face of Jesus, no longer in disguise.
F **C** **Bb** **G** **C**
 May my life reflect the abundance of all that God supplies,
F **C** **Dm7** **G** **C**
 to be the face of Jesus that opens others' eyes.