LARRY NORMAN (1947-2008)

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Back in the 1970s when I became a Christian there was hardly any Christian music scene - but there was an American guy with long blond hair and a raunchy guitar playing style called Larry Norman. OK, the eschatology of *I wish we'd all been ready* (probably his most famous song) has never really reflected my views but the social comment in *The Great American Novel* and *Six O'Clock News* really impress me as does the simple straight forward message of *Why Don't You Look Into Jesus* and *When I Was Up In Canada.* In fact, apart from some medieval stuff and some Bach, Larry Norman is still the only Christian musician on my MP3 player. His song *Servant* is in many ways my own testimony...

I am a servant, I am listening for my name
I sit here waiting I've been looking at the game
That I've been playing and I've been staying much the same
When you are lonely you're the only one to blame

I am a servant, I am waiting for Your call
I've been unfaithful so I sit here in the hall
How can You use me when I've never given all
How can You choose me when You know I quickly fall

So You feed my soul and you make me whole
And you let me know You love me
And I'm worthless now but I've made a vow
I will humbly bow before You
Oh please use me, I am lonely

I am a servant, getting ready for my part
There's been a change, a rearrangement in my heart
At last I'm learning there's no returning once I start
To live's a privilege, to love is such an art
But I need Your help to start
Oh please purify my heart

I am Your servant

It's good to know that when this day came, Larry was ready!

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