### It's Okay Jane Marczewski

I moved to California in the summer time I changed my name thinking that it would change my mind I thought that all my problems they would stay behind I was a stick of dynamite and it was just a matter of time, yeah

Oh dang, oh my, now I can't hide Said I knew myself but I guess I lied

It's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay If you're lost, we're all a little lost and it's alright It's okay, it's okay, it's okay If you're lost, we're all a little lost and it's alright

It's alright, it's alright, it's alright

I wrote a hundred pages but I burned 'em all (Yeah, I burned 'em all) I drove through yellow lights and don't look back at all I don't look back at all

Oh dang, oh my, now I can't hide Said I knew what I wanted but I guess I lied

It's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay If you're lost, we're all a little lost and it's alright It's okay, it's okay, it's okay If you're lost, we're all a little lost and it's alright

Oh-oh-oh, it's alright To be lost sometimes

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# Faith and Trust



Our prayer is characterized by silence  $\sim$ 

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word. God is present in all our lives. God cares for us, and our life experiences are a source of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence we share from our hearts.

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#### To Ponder: Jane Marczewski

It's Okay is the story of the last year of my life.

[In response to comment "So you're not okay"] Well, not in every way, no. It's important that everyone knows that I am so much more than the bad things that happen to me.

You can't wait until life isn't hard any more before you decide to be happy.

I have a 2% chance of survival. But 2% is not 0%. 2% is something and I wish people knew how amazing it is.

I've been writing the songs that I needed to hear in my darkest moments.

God is as close to you as you want Him to be... you can blame Him and close yourself off to Him or if you are really courageous you can continue to look at God right in the face and accept comfort from Him.

God usually doesn't take our pain away, but will add things to your pain – promises and joy, friendships and secrets that he will whisper to you in the night. God will not relieve you of your struggle, but turn it into something completely profound. ...This season has been filled with so much joy, good memories and peace. I have never experienced the world in such a beautiful way.

... I am proof that you can walk through tragedy with complete joy.

#### Reading: Thomas Merton Thoughts in Solitude

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that, if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

## Sharing a word, a phrase a reflection