



A New Day, A New Hope

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Celine Dion is a renowned singer. She has launched many songs and most of them talk about love. She gained so many fans around the world. This fame has brought her to be one of the most successful and the richest woman singer in the world.



In the latest interview, she mentioned that she still wanted to sing in front of her fans even though she is in the recovery process of her illness. She was diagnosed with stiff-person syndrome (SPS), a rare autoimmune disorder. She said that she lost control on her voice. Although her condition was getting worse, she said that she had to be brave. Due to constant treatment, her state is increasing and she said to herself: "I'll sing again. That's for sure" (Weaver, 2024).

In 2001 she faced a difficult situation in her life. Year 2001 was a memorable year for her. It was the year when she had just had two-year hiatus after accompanying her husband fighting for oesophageal cancer. That year, finally after years having an infertility treatment, she born a baby boy. In her comeback, she sang the song A new day has come (A New Day Has Come, 2002).

This song reflects Celine's struggle to face the difficulties in her life. Since she believed that she could pass it, she sang this song. Despite her husband's death in 2016, this song tells a story how happy Celine was when she finally can win the battle. Additionally, she has three sons now.


This emotion was shown in the first and second line of this song: I was waiting for so long for a miracle to come. Longing for something good to happen is indeed everyone's wish. In the difficult time, everyone wishes to be able to get through those hassles. Moreover, when the situation seems hopeless for human to face, one will ask for a miracle. In many occasions, the miracles come to those who wait patiently and full of hope.

Through the line But I was waiting for you Hush, now I see a light in the sky Oh, it's almost blinding me I can't believe I've been touched by an angel with love, this song inspires the hearers that the wait will not be in vain. Celine Dion put the emotion of being able to conceive a baby in these lines since she finally saw the ray of light after a long wait. It is interesting to see the word blinding is used here. This word has the meaning that the light is so bright more than she




imagined. Especially in the part ... touched by an angel with love shows that Celine felt the love since she has experienced the miracle.

The word angel here can be understood as his son. This interpretation is supported by the lines All in the eyes of a boy. A boy here refers to his son; the fun fact is she had twin baby boy. The word these refers to the light which she could see in the dark, the joy which she could feel although she was in pain, and the strength when she felt weak. Indeed, Celine sees her children as her saviour in her desperate moment.



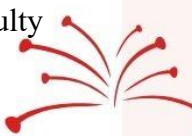
Everyone wishes for a miracle for example, miracle in finding a spouse despite the age, miracle to fulfil the daily needs despite difficulty in earning money, and healing despite suffering from incurable disease. Getting stroked by miracle feels like getting washed by the rain. This song manifests this feeling by saying 'Let the rain come down and wash away my tears Let it fill my soul and drown my fears'. Miracles that come in the difficult time will always be the oasis in the dessert. Miracles can wipe the tears and change it into happiness. Although the miracle has not come yet, having belief that there is a miracle can give strength to continue living. Miracle can make a fearful person be a brave one.

This song does not only a reminder for someone who needs encouragement to overcome the struggle but also a reminder for those who think that everything in this world come easily. In the lines 'And the world thought I had it all But I was waiting for you' show that everyone else sometimes think that someone who looks always happy must have had all good things in the world. However, in fact, that person has something he is struggling with; so, be kind to everyone since everyone has her or his own struggle.



When I first heard that song without knowing the story behind it, I got the sense that this song is meant for those who face the difficulties in their lives and look for the strength to face all tribulations. Every line and stanza; especially in these particular lines 'Everyone told me to be strong Hold on and don't shed a tear' have the meaning that we need to be strong whenever we face the difficulties. Shedding a tear will not help since the problem will not disappear or solved by itself just by succumbing to misery. It does not mean that someone is not allowed to get sad or cry; this song reminds us to get stronger day by day since the difficulties will always come to our lives.

When you feel down, remember that a new day means a new hope. As long as we live, a difficulty will always come to us; so, be brave facing those obstacles.



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