

Chapter 41

Something In The Way She Moves

BIBLE

Then the angel of Yahweh stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.¹

Behold, there a woman met him with the attire of a prostitute, and with crafty intent.²

Turning to the disciples, he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things that you see.”³ He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I complete my mission.’”⁴

They called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.”⁵

Yahweh’s angel found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain on the way to Shur.⁶

He said, “Come in, you blessed of Yahweh. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.”⁷ He said “moreover, I have *something* to tell you.” She said, “Say on.”⁸

COMMENTARY

¹ **Numbers 22:24** [*The “angel of Yahweh” is George, the “third angel”*]

² **Proverbs 7:10**

³ **Luke 10:23** In “Something,” George tells us there’s “something in the things she shows me.”

⁴ **Luke 13:32**

⁵ **Genesis 24:58**

⁶ **Genesis 16:7** [*“Yahweh’s angel” is George*]

⁷ **Genesis 24:31**

⁸ **1 Kings 2:14** There are more than 150 different cover versions of George’s beautiful “Something”, second only to “Yesterday” in the number of times that a Beatle song has been recorded by another artist. Artists who have covered “Something” include Elvis Presley, Ray Charles, James Brown, Shirley Bassey, Tony Bennett, Ike & Tina Turner, Eric Clapton, Joe Cocker, Isaac Hayes, Julio Iglesias, Neil Diamond, Peggy Lee, Lena Horne, Della Reese, Perry Como, Johnny Mathis, Engelbert Humperdinck, Liberace, Andy Williams, Willie Nelson, Smokey Robinson, and Frank Sinatra, who called it the “greatest love song of the last 50 years.”

“Behold, you are beautiful, my love. Behold, you are beautiful. Your eyes are doves, beloved.⁹ Your temples are like a piece of a pomegranate behind your veil.¹⁰

“Let's go early up to the vineyards. Let's see whether the vine has budded, its blossom is open, and the pomegranates are in flower. There I will give you my love.”¹¹

When he had come, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim; and the children of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he led them.¹²

As they went on their way, he entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.¹³ The man looked steadfastly at her, remaining silent, to know whether Yahweh had made his journey prosperous or not.¹⁴

About this time, he went into the house to do his work, and there were none of the men of the house inside.¹⁵

Having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, you highly favored one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women!”¹⁶

⁹ **Song Of Solomon 1:15** George: “I think all love is part of a universal love. When you love a woman, it's the God in her that you see. The only complete love is for God.”

¹⁰ **Song Of Solomon 6:7** George struggled for a while trying to come up with the second line of “Something.” “Attracts me like no other lover” was, briefly, “attracts me like a pomegranate.”

Pomegranates, along with grapes and figs, were the fruits that the spies brought back to Moses to demonstrate the fertility of the promised land. (Numbers 13:16-27)

¹¹ **Song of Solomon 7:12** George: “I'll make love to you, if you want me to.” (“Love You To”)

¹² **Judges 3:27**

¹³ **Luke 10:38**

¹⁴ **Genesis 24:21** George's widow Olivia Harrison: “George had a really curious mind, and when he got into something, he wanted to know everything. He had a crazy side, too. He liked to have fun, you know.”

¹⁵ **Genesis 39:11** George's friend Terry Gilliam (member of *Monty Python*): “I've always been intrigued with George's spirituality, which is absolutely essential to him. But he was living in the material world. So he was caught in these two worlds, a very spiritual world and a very material world.”

¹⁶ **Luke 1:28**

“I have rejoiced in the way of your testimonies, as much as in all riches.¹⁷ Your two breasts are like two fawns, that are twins of a roe.¹⁸

“How beautiful and how pleasant you are, love, for delights!¹⁹ How well you prepare your way to seek love! Therefore you have taught even the wicked women your ways.”²⁰

He asked for water. She gave him milk. She brought him butter in a lordly dish.²¹ When she had brought them near to him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, “Come, lie with me, my sister!”²²

It came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.²³ She sits at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city.²⁴

He began to tell the people this parable. “A man planted a vineyard, and rented it out to some farmers, and went into another country for a long time.”²⁵ When she heard this, she arose quickly, and went to him.²⁶

He said to her, “Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man comes and inquires of you, and says, ‘Is there any man here?’ that you shall say, ‘No.’”²⁷

¹⁷ **Psalm 119:14** “There’s something in the way she woos me,” George declares in “Something.”

¹⁸ **Song Of Solomon 7:3** Allen W Pollack on “Something”: “It’s a slow, passionate number in which the protagonist stands on the knife edge of likely and inevitably falling in love but without the complete certainty that he will yet arrive there. It’s an exquisitely bittersweet state of heart effectively evoked in the music as much as it is specified by the words.”

¹⁹ **Song of Solomon 7:6** When George first played “Something” to a group of Krishna followers, he told them it was actually about Lord Krishna. George realized however that he could never sing a love song to a man on a Beatle album. “I had to say ‘she’,” he told his friends, “otherwise they’d think I’m a poof.”

²⁰ **Jeremiah 2:33** Derek Johnson of the NME, in an unusually prescient review of “Something” written shortly after its release in 1969: “It’s a song that grows on you, and mark my words, it will - in a big way!”

²¹ **Judges 5:25**

²² **2 Samuel 13:11**

²³ **Judges 16:4**

²⁴ **Proverbs 9:14**

²⁵ **Luke 20:9**

²⁶ **John 11:29**

²⁷ **Judges 4:20**

“Now I ask one petition of you. Don’t deny me.” She said to him, “Say on.”²⁸ He said, “Please show me your glory.”²⁹

They lie all night naked without clothing, and have no covering in the cold.³⁰ She opens her mouth with wisdom. Faithful instruction is on her tongue.³¹

He said, “Do it a second time;” and they did it the second time. He said, “Do it a third time;” and they did it the third time.³²

“My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places of the mountainside, let me see your face. Let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.”³³

“You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore will I give her cup into your hand.”³⁴

The young lady ran, and told her mother’s house about these words.³⁵ “My beloved thrust his hand in through the latch opening. My heart pounded for him!”³⁶

“His mouth is sweetness; yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, daughters of Jerusalem.”³⁷

²⁸ **1 Kings 2:16**

²⁹ **Exodus 33:18** “There’s something in her style that shows me,” George declares in “Something.”

³⁰ **Job 24:7**

³¹ **Psalms 31:26**

³² **1 King 18:34**

³³ **Song of Solomon 2:14** “Because you’re sweet and lovely, girl, I love you”, George sings in “For You Blue.”

³⁴ **Ezekiel 23:31** “There’s something in the way she moves,” George observes in “Something.” This lyric comes from the James Taylor song, “Something in the Way She Moves.” Taylor was a recording artist for the Beatles label *Apple* at the time.

³⁵ **Genesis 24:28**

³⁶ **Song of Solomon 5:4**

³⁷ **Song Of Solomon 5:16** Olivia Harrison, on George’s reputation as a womanizer: “He did like women and women did like him. If he just said a couple of words to you it would have a profound effect. So it was hard to deal with someone who was so well loved... You go through challenges in your marriage and here is what I found: the first time we had a big hiccup in the road, we came through things, and then you go, ‘Wow!’ There is a reward at the end of it... ‘There is this incredible reward because you have lived through more and you have let go of something.”

“His heart is as firm as a stone, yes, firm as the lower millstone.³⁸ My beloved is white and ruddy. The best among ten thousand.”³⁹

The angel of Yahweh went further, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.⁴⁰

And he said, “Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, even mine.⁴¹ For if a man thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.”⁴²

“Most certainly I tell you, a servant is not greater than his lord, neither one who is sent greater than he who sent him.⁴³ Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”⁴⁴

“Yahweh upholds the humble. He brings the wicked down to the ground.⁴⁵ He will guide the humble in justice. He will teach the humble his way.⁴⁶ Surely he mocks the mockers, but he gives grace to the humble.”⁴⁷

“When pride comes, then comes shame, but with humility comes wisdom.⁴⁸ The result of humility and the fear of Yahweh is wealth, honor, and life.”⁴⁹

³⁸ **Job 41:24**

³⁹ **Song Of Solomon 5:10**

⁴⁰ **Numbers 22:26** [*“The angel of Yahweh” is George*]

⁴¹ **2 Samuel 22:2** Ernest Hemingway:

“There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self.”

⁴² **Galatians 6:3** Saint Augustine:

“Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues.”

⁴³ **John 13:16** (Anonymous) “True

humility is staying teachable, regardless of how much you already know.”

⁴⁴ **Matthew 23:12** John Ruskin: “I believe the first test of a truly great man is in his humility.”

⁴⁵ **Psalms 147:6** Rabindranath Tagore:

“We come nearest to the great when we are great in humility”

⁴⁶ **Psalms 25:9** C.S. Lewis: “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less.”

⁴⁷ **Proverbs 3:34** Thomas Merton:

“Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.”

⁴⁸ **Proverbs 11:2** Harold Warner:

“Humility is the gateway into the grace and the favor of God.”

⁴⁹ **Proverbs 22:4** To “fear Yahweh” is to be in awe of the Divine power and presence that wants to express itself through us. We can align with this energy with a heart that is not puffed up with pride over our human accomplishments.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”⁵⁰

“For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people. He crowns the humble with salvation.”⁵¹

“Make my joy full, by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind;⁵² doing nothing through rivalry or through conceit, but in humility, each counting others better than himself.”⁵³

“Likewise, you younger ones, be subject to the elder. Yes, all of you clothe yourselves with humility, to subject yourselves to one another; for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’”⁵⁴

“Sing praise to Yahweh, you saints of his. Give thanks to his holy name.”⁵⁵
The crucible is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but man is refined by his praise.”⁵⁶

“Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his loving kindness endures forever.”⁵⁷ Praise Yahweh, my soul, and don’t forget all his benefits.”⁵⁸
What will I give to Yahweh for all his benefits toward me?”⁵⁹

“Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one keep warm alone?”⁶⁰

⁵⁰ **Matthew 5:3** To be “poor in spirit” is to be humble, teachable.

⁵¹ **Psalms 149:4**

⁵² **Philippians 2:2**

⁵³ **Philippians 2:3**

⁵⁴ **1 Peter 5:5**

⁵⁵ **Psalms 30:4**

⁵⁶ **Proverbs 27:21**

⁵⁷ **1 Chronicles 16:34**

Dhani Harrison, on his father: “I think the two sides of him allowed him to do what he needed to do in this life and have the experiences that he had. When he died there was only one side of him which was the deeply, deeply spiritual person, and he was very set, pointed on one goal, and there was no more mischief or conflict or up and down. There was just one him.”

⁵⁸ **Psalms 103:2** Olivia Harrison:

“Life to [George] was a quest for deeper meaning and everything was important to him but nothing really mattered. His particular way of embracing and dismissing life’s joys and disasters was completely disarming...He plunged in to the heart of people, places and things he encountered, the good and the bad. He claimed to be a sinner but never a saint.”

⁵⁹ **Psalms 116:12**

⁶⁰ **Ecclesiastes 4:11** George:

“Everyone who comes out of Liverpool thinks they are a comedian, and we [The Beatles] were no exception.”