

## Bless His Holy Name: Andraé Crouch (1973)<sup>1</sup>

**Visualisation:** Anthrodirectionally, the singer is prepared to praise (called *blessing*) the LORD (called *lord*).

**Analysis:** This takes Ps.103:1 (roughly from the KJV tradition instead of the Geneva tradition) and connects with a phrase perhaps from 126:2. The ERV/NET/NCV/NIV/NLT/NOG lead the way in ditching the term *bless* as towards deity. He *blesses* us; we *praise* him. It was a more acceptable error in the nineteen seventies. In context, it is Yahweh, not the lord, who is praised. The higher includes Jesus: the trinity, not just one member humanised, has done great things for us, so should be highlighted by this song.

Suggestions: *Praise instead of bless, Yahweh instead of the lord*, and perhaps *the covenant king, instead of O my soul*. I used to substitute Oh right now, but of course being AD the song is only to prepare to praise him after it's sung. *Our covenant king* (or similar—see vv18f.) expands his name in the setting of Ps.103. Then *and all* would need to become something like *may all*. Dropping *O my soul* removes an anachronistic (yet still useful) way of talking, and broadens the song, but after all the psalm itself broadened out (vv20-2), so why not?

He has done great things / praise his holy name! // Praise Yahweh, our covenant king / may all that is within me / praise his holy name.

BAG	A	B	C	D	E	F	G <sup>1,2</sup>	H <sup>1,2</sup>	I	J <sup>1,2,3</sup>	K	L	M	Total	Grade
	-	-	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	76	B

<sup>1</sup> [www.elyrics.net/read/a/andrae-crouch-lyrics/bless-the-lord-lyrics.html](http://www.elyrics.net/read/a/andrae-crouch-lyrics/bless-the-lord-lyrics.html)

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A = Mixed Themes (-4); B = Incompletism (-4); C = Archaism (-8);

D = Blessing God (-4); E = Buddy or Boyfriend (-4); F = Polytheism (-8); G = Voxdeism: Soft (-24), Hard (-48);

H = Unitarianism: Soft (-60), Hard (-72); I = Misdirection (-12); J = Misvisualisation: Soft (-12), Mid (-24), Hard (-36); K = Boasting (-8); L = Decontextualising (-8); M = Hermit Harakiri (-12)