

Can you change your mind....?

These are words from three of the songs of "Mother Mary", which was of course originally a Christmas story, but which also has great relevance to the times in which we now find ourselves

Song 1 - originally 'When all is said and done'

Once again it's Christmas time, why do we feel depressed?
People rushing everywhere, as if they are possessed.
We've lost the plot and meaning now, so all that's left is us;
for what we want and what we need, we're making such a fuss.
The rows, and fights and fallings out, to change this is a must

Supermarket trolleys crammed with food, we'll surely waste;
people living far and near who'd dearly love a taste
of what we daily throw away, neglected in their need.
How much could we help them if we only curbed our greed?
Selfishness consumes us so we cannot hear them plead

The treadmill of consumerism makes you want to shout;
everything you have to buy so no one goes without.
But what of those who've nothing do we think or even care?
Can't we see that what we have we're really meant to share?
Will we never change our lives it's really so unfair?

Does it have to be this way, can nothing yet be done?
Is anything still left before all happiness is gone?

Song 2 - originally "Slipping through my fingers"

Now there's a child in my arms, I'm a mother and I'm burdened with all the joys and
cares it brings;
What he'll become, I don't know, but I'm promised that in time,
he'll make the coldest hearts to sing

I know that pain and agony await me, and one day I may have to watch him die;
and see his friends abandon him, pretending they don't know him, that's a lie.
You can be so little, yet so great, so vulnerable and yet so powerful,
it's such a puzzle;
You can be so little yet so great, come among us to redeem our hate,
the pain and hurt we cause each other, you take away;
you can be so little yet so great.

In years to come how they'll use your birthday as the reason to do
all you hate to see or hear;

pampering themselves in self-seeking, forgetting what the truth is of your coming now and here.

Forever you are destined to be slighted because you will not matter any more; if only they'd come back to you, to know your love and share it as before

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Song 3 - originally "*Take a chance on me*"

Can you change your mind, and be good and kind?
Look around and see, come and follow me.
I will turn your life around, I will make you give;
I will show you how to love, how to truly live.
Come and follow me; come and follow me

It doesn't take that much effort once you are committed to me and what I stand for.
You can leave old ways behind you, follow on this new road, be caring and be cared for.
Listen to me now: if you can believe in me, I'll be there to set you free from yourself.
And I'll take away your pride, 'cos I'm always at your side,
I will make you whole, give you back your soul.

Don't live in your head, live in mine instead. Look around and see, come and follow me.
I will show you other things, you've not thought about;
I will give you joy inside, make you want to shout.
Open up your heart, make a brand new start, there's so much to see, come and follow me.
See the suffering near to you, maybe far away,
Let them all be dear to you, This and every day.
Come and follow me; come and follow me

I have giv'n my life and endured the strife, of the pain and cross, to achieve the loss
Of all the pride in us, all the greed and sin, shutting other people out, letting no one in.
By me you're redeemed, from all that it seemed, to be crushing you, filling up your life
with boredom, emptiness, feeling lost and sad, all that dragged you down,
all that made you bad
Now you're free at last, what is past is past. Look around and see, come and follow me.
And you don't have to care what your friends might say.
Just be strong and dare, live in me today.

