

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven (Jim Collins & Marty Dodson) (A)

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven by Kenny Chesney (2008) (B @ 138)

Intro

A D E E7 A
~~Everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now.~~

A D A E
Preacher told me last Sunday morning, "Son you better start living right.

A D E E7 A
You need to quit the women and whiskey and carrying on all night."

A D A E
Don't you wanna hear him call your name when you're standing at the pearly gates

A D E E7 A A E
I told the preacher, "Yes I do, but I hope they don't call to-day " I ain't ready!!

A D A E
Everybody wants to go to heaven, have a mansion high a-bove the clouds.

A D E E7 A
Everybody want to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now.

A D A E
'Said, preacher, maybe you didn't see me throw an extra twenty in the plate.

A D E E7 A
There's one for everything I did last night, and one to get me through to-day.

A D A E
Here's a ten to help you remember, next time you got the good Lord's ear.

A D E E7 A E
Say I'm coming but there ain't no hurry I'm having fun down here. Don't you know that

A D A E
Everybody wants to go to heaven. Get their wings and fly around.

A D E E7 A
Everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now.

Bridge

D A E
Someday I want to see those streets of gold in my halo.

D A E F#7
__ But I wouldn't mind waiting at least a hundred years or so -oh. (Key Change)

B **E** **B** **F#7**
Everybody wants to go to heaven. It beats the other place there ain't no doubt
B **E** **F#** **F#7** **B**
Everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now.

B **E** **B** **F#7**
Everybody wants to go to heaven. Hallelujah, let me hear you shout.
B **E** **F#** **F#7** **B**
Everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now.
F#7 **B** **Tacet** **E** **F#7** **B**
I think I speak for the crowd, nobody wants to go now-ow. Yea-eh.

Outro

B E F#7 B /

Notes

This song was first recorded by George Strait for his 2008 album *Troubadour*, but the song didn't make the album's final cut. However, it was made available as a digital download.

It was then recorded by Kenny Chesney who released it as the first single from his studio album *Lucky Old Sun*. Chesney's rendition of the song is a mid-tempo, set in a calypso orchestration with a slight reggae feel, and is backed by The Wailers – Bob Marley's former backing band – who also sing the final chorus on the album version. The music video was recorded in Jamaica.

The song would become Chesney's 15th #1 hit.

There are *numerous* other songs have the same title; the earliest I've found so far is by [Eddie Leonard](#) (1932) and there was a version in 1950 by Tom Delaney, Timmie Rogers, and Al Fields that was recorded by [Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra](#) and a few others. Here are some more contemporary incarnations:

- [Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven](#) (Loretta Lynn), recorded by Loretta Lynn (1965); 6 versions.
- [Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven](#) (Jean Kluger & Cy Coben) recorded by The Karlins with Geoff Love and His Orchestra (1968); 6 versions.
- [Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven](#) (Don Nix) recorded by Albert King (July 1971); 11 versions.
- [Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven](#) (Charles L. Larson) recorded by Glenn Yarbrough & The Limelites (1974); 2 versions.
- [Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven](#) (Bryn Haworth) recorded by Bryn Haworth (2005); 2 versions.
- A *really* upbeat version was recorded by [Ellen McIlwaine](#) (1973) and also by [R Rhiannon](#) (2000) that may have been based on the 1950 version by Tom Delaney.

Sources:

- [Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven](#), Wikipedia
- [Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven](#), SongFacts
- [Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven](#), SecondHand Songs

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven (Jim Collins & Marty Dodson) (C)

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C F G G7 C
You need to quit the women and whiskey and carrying on all night."

C F C G
Don't you wanna hear him call your name when you're standing at the pearly gates
C F G G7 C C G
I told the preacher, "Yes I do, but I hope they don't call to-day " I ain't ready!!

C F C G
Everybody wants to go to heaven, have a mansion high a-bove the clouds.
C F G G7 C
Everybody want to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now.

C F C G
'Said, preacher, maybe you didn't see me throw an extra twenty in the plate.
C F G G7 C
There's one for everything I did last night, and one to get me through to-day.

C F C G
Here's a ten to help you remember, next time you got the good Lord's ear.
C F G G7 C G
Say I'm coming but there ain't no hurry I'm having fun down here. Don't you know that

C F C G
Everybody wants to go to heaven. Get their wings and fly around.
C F G G7 C
Everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now.

Bridge

F C G
Someday I want to see those streets of gold in my halo.

F C G A7
__ But I wouldn't mind waiting at least a hundred years or so -oh. (Key Change)

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D **G** **D** **A7**
Everybody wants to go to heaven. It beats the other place there ain't no doubt

D **G** **A** **A7** **D**
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D **G** **D** **A7**
Everybody wants to go to heaven. Hallelujah, let me hear you shout.

D **G** **A** **A7** **D**
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A7 **D** **Tacet** **G** **A7** **D**
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Outro

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D G A A7 D D A
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G **C** **G** **D**
Preacher told me last Sunday morning, "Son you better start living right.
G **C** **D** **D7** **G**
You need to quit the women and whiskey and carrying on all night."

G **C** **G** **D**
Don't you wanna hear him call your name when you're standing at the pearly gates
G **C** **D** **D7** **G** **G** **D**
I told the preacher, "Yes I do, but I hope they don't call to-day " I ain't ready!!

G **C** **G** **D**
Everybody wants to go to heaven, have a mansion high a-bove the clouds.
G **C** **D** **D7** **G**
Everybody want to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now.

G **C** **G** **D**
'Said, preacher, maybe you didn't see me throw an extra twenty in the plate.
G **C** **D** **D7** **G**
There's one for everything I did last night, and one to get me through to-day.

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Everybody wants to go to heaven. Get their wings and fly around.
G **C** **D** **D7** **G**
Everybody wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now.

Bridge

C **G** **D**
Someday I want to see those streets of gold in my halo.

C **G** **D** **E7**
__ But I wouldn't mind waiting at least a hundred years or so -oh. (Key Change)

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A **D** **E** **E7** **A**
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A **D** **A** **E7**
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