

Clarity Soothes the Loudest Noise

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Ever since my early childhood, the noise was loud and clear,
Most times they seemed so distant, at times harmfully near.
Sometimes they seemed like voices, speaking words I knew were bad,
At times the noise and voices, made me very, very sad.

As my age crept up in years, the chatter became disturbing,
There was no slowing down, I knew there was no curbing.
Most sunny days did catch my eyes and what I saw was rain,
My flesh was warm, my eyes saw clear, I was caught in emotional pain.

Oh dear Lord, please hear these words, please listen to my plea,
The struggle and the chaos, are beginning to frighten thee.
The noises and the voices are getting louder every day,
Even sometimes when I'm kneeling, and looking up to pray.

Many moons have past I'm older now it's difficult to rest,
I'm married now, have several kids, and try to do my best.
Strange thoughts come to my mind, the voices call my name,
Telling me to do some things, that would make me ashamed.

Almost daily now the simple tasks are difficult to perform,
Like living as a normal man and wanting to conform.
My wife may ask me please, to go get milk and bread,
But the demons tie me down as they're playing in my head.

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Now that bugle blew its mighty charge, it's time to take control,
I'm gunning for you now, my general's on a roll.
He gave me the command, to fight and never quit,
He told me that my mind is sound and soon you will submit.

Man this battle's tough, you're sharp just like a knife,
Time will set me free, I'm taking back my life.
The general wrote a script, he sent me new supplies.
He gave me great advice, and that's to focus on the prize.

Oh dear Lord, you heard my words; you listened to my plea,
The struggle and the chaos; with your help are gone you see.
The noises and the voices now come only from the street,
With your help and my good general, I was able to defeat.