

Hercules Songs and Links

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Gospel Truth

Back when the world was new
The planet Earth was down on its luck
And everywhere gigantic brutes
Called Titans **ran** amok

It was a **nasty** place
There was a mess
Wherever you stepped
Where chaos reigned and
Earthquakes and volcanoes **never** slept

And then along came Zeus
He **hurled** his thunderbolt
He zapped
Locked those suckers in a vault
They're trapped
And on his own stopped
Chaos in its **tracks**
And that's the gospel—
Guy was too type A to just **relax**

And that's the world's first **dish**
Zeus tamed the globe
While still in his youth
Though, honey, it may seem imposs'ble
That's the gospel truth

On Mt. Olympus life was neat and
Smooth as sweet vermouth
Though, honey, it may seem imposs'ble
That's the gospel **truth**

**If there's one God you don't want to get steamed up
It's Hades, 'cause he had an **evil** plan
He ran the **Underworld**
But thought the **dead** were dull and uncouth

He was as **mean** as he was ruthless

And **that's** the Gospel **truth**
He had a **plan to shake things up**
And **that's** the **Gospel truth**

*******Young Herc was **mortal now**
But since he did not drink the last **drop**
He still retained his **godlike strength**
So thank his **lucky star**

But Zeus and **Hera wept**
Because their son could never come **home**
They'd have to watch their **precious baby**
Grow up **from afar**

Though Hades **horrid plan**
Was hatched before Herc' cut his first **tooth**
The boy grew stronger **every day**
And that's the gospel truth
The gospel truth

Links:

Sing-along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5s0W1xsV1U>

Instrumental (Karaoke with no guiding lyrics):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ig4Qu0TsTg>

I Can Go the Distance

I have often dreamed, of a far off place
Where a hero's welcome, would be waiting for me
Where the crowds will cheer, when they see my face
And a voice keeps saying, "This is where I'm meant to be"

I'll be there someday, I can go the distance
I will find my way, if I can be strong
I know every mile, will be worth my while
When I go the distance, I'll be right where I belong

Down an unknown road, to embrace my fate
Though that road may wander, it will lead me to you
And a thousand years, would be worth the wait
It might take a lifetime, but somehow I'll see it through

And I won't look back, I can go the distance
And I'll stay on track, no, I won't accept defeat
It's an uphill slope, but I won't lose hope
Till I go the distance, and my journey is complete

Like a shooting star, I will go the distance
I will search the world, I will face its harms
I don't care how far, I can go the distance
Till I find my hero's welcome, waiting in your arms

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Links: Unfortunately, there are no links for our version. Our version is a combination of the Hercules movie version and the Michael Bolton version that I play with them on Guitar. Most of the students know this one by heart from use in previous school years. I wouldn't use the movie version to practice because it's lyrics are different, instead have them sing without music.

One Last Hope

So, ya wanna be a hero, kid?
Well, whoop-dee-do!
I have been around the block before
With blockheads just like you
Each and everyone a disappointment
Pain for which there ain't no ointment
So much for excuses
Though a kid of Zeus is
Asking me to jump into the fray
My answer is two words

OK

You win
Oh gods
Oy vay!

I'd given up hope that someone would come along
A fellow who'd ring the bell for once
Not the gong
The kind who wins trophies
Won't settle for low fees
At least semi-pro fees
But no, I get the greenhorn

I've been out to pasture pal, my ambition gone
Content to spend lazy days and to graze my lawn
But you need an advisor
A satyr, but wiser
A good merchandiser
And oh!
There goes my ulcer!

I'm down to one last hope
And I hope it's you
Though, kid, you're not exactly
A dream come true
I've trained enough turkeys

Who never came through
You're my one last hope
So you'll have to do

Demigods have faced the odds
And ended up a mockery
Don't believe the stories
That you read on all the crockery

To be a true hero, kid, is a dying art
Like painting a masterpiece, it's a work of heart
It takes more than sinew
Comes down to what's in you
You have to continue to grow
Now that's more like it!

I'm down to one last shoot
And my last high note
Before that blasted Underworld
Gets my goat
My dreams are on you, kid
Go make 'em come true
Climb that uphill slope
Keep pushing that envelope
You're my one last hope
And, kid, it's up to you

Links:

Sing-Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajNTiE9G4hM>

Instrumental (Karaoke without the backing track):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqDISeNE0yc>

Zero to Hero

Bless my soul Herc was on a roll
Person of the week in every Greek opinion poll
What a pro, Herc could stop a show
Point him at a monster and we're talking SRO

He was a no one
A zero, zero
Now he's a honcho
He's a hero
He was a kid with his act down pat
From zero to hero in no time flat
Zero to hero just like that

When he smiled the girls went wild
With oohs and ahhs
And they slapped his face on ev'ry vase
On every vase

From heroes' fees and royalties
Our Herc had cash to burn
Now Nouveau Riche and famous
He could tell you
What the Grecians' earned

Say amen and there he goes again
Sweet and undefeated
And an awesome 10 for 10
Folks lined up
Just to watch him flex
And his perfect package
In a pair of pretty pees

Herc he comes, he sees, he conquers
Honey the crowds were going bonkers
He showed the moxie, brains, and spunk
From zero to hero a major hunk
From zero to hero and who'da thunk?

Who put the “glad” in “gladiator?” (Hercules!)
Whose daring deeds are great theatre? (Hercules!)
Isn't he bold? (No one braver!)
Isn't he sweet? (Our favorite flavor!)
Hercules! Hercules!
Hercules! Hercules!
Hercules! Hercules!

Bless my soul Herc was on a roll
Undefeated
Riding high and the nicest guy
Not conceited

He was a nothing
A zero, zero
Now he's a honcho
He's a hero

He hit the heights a breakneck speed!
From zero to hero
Herc is a hero
Now he's a hero
Yes indeed!

Links:

Sing-Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pl5MAxwv7dM>

Instrumental (without lyrics, but it is easy to keep up with):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqakVJIBtuk>

A Star is Born

Gonna shout it from the mountaintops

A star is born

It's a time for pulling out the stops

A star is born

Honey, hit us with a hallelu'

The kid came shining through

Girl, sing the song

Come blow your horn

A star is born

He's a hero who can please the crowd

A star is born

Come on everybody shout out loud

A star is born

Just remember in the darkest hour

Within your heart's the power

For making you

A hero too

So don't lose hope when you're forlorn

Just keep your eyes upon the skies

Every night a star is

Right in sight a star is

Burning bright a star is born

Like a beacon in the cold dark night

A star is born

Told ya everything would turn out right

A star is born

Just when everything was all at sea

The boy made history

The bottom line

He sure can shine

His rising sign is

Capricorn

He knew "how to"

He had a clue
Telling you a star is born

Here's a hero who can please the crowd
A star is born
Come on everybody shout out loud
A star is born
Just remember in the darkest hour
Within your heart's the power
For making you
A hero too
So don't lose hope when you're forlorn
Just keep your eyes upon the skies
Every night a star is
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Sing-Along: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQKPa6KY_3E

No Instrumental because it will be performed with the sing-along track to help the dance group be on point. This is due to the challenging nature of this song.