

# The Book of Vice and Virtue

Words and music by Peter Brunette

1.

**Bm** **D6** **Bm**  
In the book of vice and virtue,  
**D6** **Em**  
There's a page that bears your name,  
**G6** **F#m** **Em**  
Where your deeds are logged for the reckoning  
**A7** **D**  
Of your share of praise and blame.  
**Bm** **D6** **Bm**  
When the angel blows his trumpet,  
**D6** **Em**  
Will you look him in the eye?  
**G6** **F#m** **Em**  
Can you say this world is a better place  
**A7** **D** **D7**  
For the fact that you passed by?

CHORUS:

**G** **F#m** **Bm**  
Stand beside me, sweet Jesus,  
**D** **Em** **A7**  
When I lay this burden down.  
**Bm** **D7** **G**  
Stand beside me, sweet Jesus,  
**Em** **A7** **D**  
When I hear the trumpet sound.

2.

**Bm** **D6** **Bm**  
Did you give your hand in marriage  
**D6** **Em**  
Out of love or out of lust?  
**G6** **F#m** **Em**  
Were you mindful of the vows you made?  
**A7** **D**  
Were you worthy of the trust?  
**Bm** **D6** **Bm**  
When your children needed guidance,  
**D6** **Em**  
Did you let them sink or swim?

And when troubles laid your neighbour low,  
Were you there to comfort him?

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3.

Did you fight for truth and justice  
In this shady vale of tears?  
Did you walk the path of righteousness,  
Overcome your doubts and fears?  
When the final toll is tallied  
For the rich man and the slave,  
Will the angels sing you a welcome song  
Or will the devil dance on your grave?

### CHORUS

### ENDING:

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There's a page that bears your name.