

I'd Rather Have Jesus

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end intro

A |-----0-----|
E |--2-3---2---|
C |-----|
G |-----|

Intro:

E | Em7 | D finger |

Verse 1

D | D | G | D |
I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;
D | D | A | A7 | A7 |
I'd rather be His than have riches un-told;
D | D | G | D |
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.
D | D | A | D |
I'd rather be led by His nail pierced hand

Chorus:

D | A | A7 | G | D |
Than to be the king of a vast domain
| A | A7 | G | D |
Or be held in sin's dread sway.
D | D | G | D |
I'd rather have Jesus than anything—
| Em | A | G | G | D | pause
This world affords to-day.

Verse 2

D | D | G | D |
I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;
D | D | A | A7 | A7 |
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
D | D | G | D |
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.
D | D | A | D |
I'd rather be true to His holy name

Chorus:

D | A | A7 | G | D |
Than to be the king of a vast domain
| A | A7 | G | D |
Or be held in sin's dread sway.

D | D | G | D |

I'd rather have Je-sus than anything—

| Em | A | G | G | D | pause

This world aff-ords to-day.

Verse 3

D single | D | G | D |

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom;

D | D | A | A7 strum | A7 |

He's sweeter than ho-ney from out the- comb;

D | D | G | D |

He's all that my hungering sp-irit needs.

D | D | A | D |

I'd rather have Jesus and let Him- lead

Chorus:

D | A | A7 | G | D

Than to be the ki-ng of a vast domain

| A | A7 | G | D |

Or be- held in sin-'s dread sway.

D single | D | G | D |

I'd rather have Je-sus than anything—

| Em strum | A | G | G |

This world aff—ords to-day.

D single | D | G | D |

I'd rather have Je-sus than any-thing—

| Em7 strum | A | D | D |

This world aff—ords to-day.-

| Em7 | A | D | D |

This world aff-ords to-day.-

| Em7 slow | A | D single

This world aff—ords to-day.

