Verse 1:
Hollin’/Hollin’/Hallelujah God/it came in the nick of time/Calvinism was sublime/rescued me from my decline/bigger picture painted God/scripture get prioritized/plus it fit my introverted nerdy burdened quirky side/I’m persuaded by the Bible Mr. John/sold his exegesis from Geneva Switzerland/hand its crazy though/you put what you know/to the fire/test your systematics with other erudite paradigms (what you find?)/you find great men/who know Greek Hebrew too/you find great women well learned outside of group/then them strong pillars that used to stand start to fall/now you’re diggin’ through the rubble struggle to rebuild your walls (hold up)

Hook:
I see scattered tulips/come with me I show you what I found/I be diggin’ in the text/funny what you find when you’re low to the ground (repeat 1x)

Verse 2:
Hollin’/Hollin’ I can’t take it God now I need some peace of mind/tulips seen on the ground they eisegete’d Romans 9/from what used to seem like the biggest thing at the time/God’s sovereignty/started really shrinking God down in size/I’m predestined right/let’s assume I’m one of the elect/at a low point/life a mess in the flesh/where you find me at/introspecting trying to check/looking deep within myself trying my best to assess/was I genuine/am I regenerate/better yet/was I ever really with Him/will He hit me with Matthew 7/let’s be clear/we justified by our faith/maybe Mr. Calvin had sanctification out of place/I don’t know
Verse 1:

Let me show the difference of these two traditions; it can be complicated but let's go the distance/the Lutheran approach versus John Calvin's; you know a lot about the latter from my nine albums/Philipp Melanchthon/Luther's young boy/Book of Concord/Artikel four (IV)/explains fully what it means to be justified/and where to go to find proof that you trusted God; but first there're three uses of the law/the first really serves as a curb for us all/the fear of punishment keeps us from going too far/that's for Christians and non-Christians alike to be sure/the second use/really serves as a mirror/and always accuses keeping consciences in terror/it's where the law comes crushing and you feel like you are nothing/now you live in fear of judgment/hold up

Hook:

Two types of righteousness/call it 2KR/one is horizontal/one is vertical/one before each other/one before the LORD/one is active/one is passive/keep them apart/

Verse 2:

The third use/exclusive to the Christian/empowered by the Spirit shows us how that we should live in/a sinful world with sin remnants while being forgiven/the old Adam gotta drown down in baptism (so remember it)/if you've been redeemed/better say so/we can't become clean/Coram Deo/what that mean/that's Latin for "before God"/we spiritually poor and on the payroll/the wages of sin is death/case closed/so vertically if Jesus doesn't save souls/then the doors of heaven forever will stay closed/even our righteousness to God is like a waste load/oh/but praise God for His Son though/another Latin phrase/Coram Mundo/(what that mean) "how we live before each other"/we should be serving/loving/healing/and building one another up
Verse 3:

In the Calvinistic tradition/emphasis on holy living starts to reach out it’s position/in such a way that it proves our justification/progressive nature of sanctification becomes the basis/upon which one can find his assurance/so more self examination/pure motives and endurance/introspection now you’re etching/into Coram Deo/misusing the third use of the law if I can say so/yea the third use serves as a guide but our sanctified lives will not get us justified/Paul quoted Genesis in Romans 4/said that Abraham was justified by his faith/but the chapter he quoted/Genesis 15/in chapter 12 in Genesis was when he got saved/he call him ungodly on that same page/but he’d been living sanctified and left his pagan ways/the point is/if you’re fresh in or been saved/he counted him as righteous because of his faith/that’s why Luther emphasized the completed work of justification/over the partial incomplete’d work (sanctification)/so how should we then live below/focus on serving our neighbor that is Coram Mundo/and when the second use comes crushing your soul/let it drive you to the gospel/cause Christ carried that load
Verse 1:
Luther put that doctrine at the top of boy/told the “opps” (opposition) that it was the chief article (justification)/him and John were both monergistic with it/Calvin got the ball but kinda ran an audible/justified by our faith/yeah they both believed/credit to the Most High/not the coca leaves/drank wine with the sinners/got to know the thieves/racking up them good deeds hope He notice these/nope/Coram Deo “between you and God”/get you ruined/what you doing/you ain’t gone influence God/so many tried/so many died/nome of it coincides/all of your strides will be denied/only faith justifies/yeah/though the nuance here is slight/implications day and night/make a difference how you fight/what we doing/looking for assurance Luther’s right/sola fide it’s on sight/synergism take a hike

Hook:
Faith is a gift/I’ve been baptized/I meet Him at the altar in the bread and the wine/it’s more than a sign/that’s why it’s emphasized/that since Christ died/only faith justifies/boy faith is a gift

Verse 2:
He rock a priest collar/he cop a crewneck/both monergistic in the pulpit/one told me faith’s where the proof’s at/the other told me better do a fruit check/both told me righteousness was extra nos/and that faith was a gift so no man can boast/but Luther wrote the solas so I know he knows/when the radical Reformers going overdose/1/better know this term it Coram Mundo/2/the other term to know is Coram Deo/please/but you gotta keep them both in there jurisdiction/cause when you mix them then you’re adding to the case load/my sanctification/Coram Mundo is where I’m active/my justification/Coram Deo is where I’m passive/but we emphasize mostly the completed (justification) work/my new obedience naturally follows after/that’s facts
Verse 1:
Back in 2008/back when I wrote a song called “Who Can Pluck Us”/and on it I gave a list/of ways you can test yourself just to discover/if you’re really in the Faith/part of the elect/or one of the others/I sent you to 1st John/in order to find/if you’re one of the brothers/or one of sisters/I followed the system but took out of context/that John was addressing the antinomianism and the proto-gnostics/he was not trying to give us a test/just to check on our genuine faith or to provide a place where to find your assurance as if your works were the primary way/hold up/if we say that we have not sin/then we make Him out to be a straight liar/and His word is not in/is not in us/is a signifier/he’s not writing to doubting believers to give them a test so they clearly see if they’re saved or not/but he’s sending a warning to Christians against these heresies/go read it

Hook:
Justified by faith/I say we ain’t pointing to faith/hollering grace/you can bank on/they gone/say what we say/sola fide/functionally this don’t seem like the case/point them in the wrong place/I say point place/sola fide

Verse 2:
Lest you hear me wrong/we should bear fruit and seek to grow/say you a branch connected with the Vine/then I’m expecting to see results/but the problem is/with sanctification/being the place that you wanna take them/when obviously/dude probably/depressed and doubting his salvation/it’s kind of Pharisaic how we arbitrarily make these laws/he’s been saved now for how long and he’s still struggling with the same flaws/and then you prescribe he scuba dive in that same heart/that sin filled/hope killed/broken willed/and super dark/you don’t send that person inside himself/you remind that saint that it’s extra nos (outside himself)/we justified by faith alone/so quick to say he ain’t a saved soul/you on “go mode”/snatching away faith/probably why non-believers stay away/now you’re doing damage/he can’t meet your standards/that actually have nothing to do with His grace
Verse 1:
I used to think like that/matter of fact/I never thought about them at all/not about the Ethiopian Church/Eastern Orthodox/or Rome (Roman Catholic)/not about the Assyrian/Armenian/Coptic Church at all/and I ain’t know nothing bout the Lutherans/but I knew who Martin Luther was/I used to think like that/that bread and wine were elements that represent/I do not think like/this is my Body and Blood/He said what He meant/I used to/I used to/I used to think/Jesus’ death/wasn’t for all/it was sufficient for all/guess that I thought like that/cause that’s how I was taught/I used to think/if he fell away from his faith/then he was never saved/but actually/that’s not what the Bible say/it’s not on a Bible page/it’s not hypothetical/if he walked away from his faith then he walked away/but I guess it depends on your regula fidei/and what you were taught to say/but I used to think like that

Hook:
I used to think like that/that Jesus only died for the elect/I used to think like/that his atoning work was limited/I used to think like that/the only options were Calvinist—Arminian/I used to think like that (that’s cap)/I used to think like that (that’s cap)/I used to think like that

Verse 2:
I remember thinking that/I remember thinking back/used to wrestle with the fact/when I was a Calvinist/everything was bout an idol/we made an idol out of not making idols/man that kind of cycle stifles you/if you emphasize it more than the Bible do/ that’s why when it comes to creation/it feels like there’s been a deflation/the emphasis mainly on vertical/diverted from serving vocation/they say that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever/you know what that sounds like to me/on a practical level/is coming to together/serving your neighbor/enjoying creation/to me Luther said it better/instead of focused on affections/no dis to Johnathan Edwards/if our faith justifies us/and God saved and baptized us/we set our gaze outside of us/extra nos/but I used to think like that
extra nos - outside of ourselves

sola fide - faith alone

ordo salutis - order of salvation

regula fidei - rule of faith

coram Deo - before God

coram mundo - before the world

Monergism - The doctrine that salvation is the work of God alone

Synergism - A belief that salvation involves human cooperation with God

Martin Luther - The leader of the Reformation. He brought sola scriptura and sola fide to the forefront of the Reformation.