

# Song – Jesus, Teach Me to Grieve (Lyrics)

## *An Imagined Discussion between Jesus and the Archetype of the Toxic Male*

There once was a man;  
story goes that he died  
and he rose again.

His followers would be  
me and the ones who forgot  
the minor key.

But he has risen indeed –  
but three days was too short;  
I never learned how to grieve.

Teach me to grieve.  
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I am one of the people  
who has choked back their tears  
underneath the church steeple.

But now I'm shooting mother's sons,  
forgetting that they all  
are chosen ones.

And when my daughters weep,  
I cover their mouths;  
I give them secrets to keep.

I said, "Jesus, teach me how!"  
He said, "You're facing the wrong way;  
you'd better turn yourself around.

On the outside you will see  
all the people on the margins;  
they will teach you to grieve.

But the first tear that you cry  
will be for the other in yourself  
that has already died.”

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