

## Fairy Tale – Song Given Destiny

Once upon a time, over the hills and far away lived a man by the name of lanoda. lanoda was a master craftsman that loved to spend His time creating and building unique musical instruments. The instruments the at lanoda crafted were of a heavenly design and nowhere else on the face of the earth or in the whole universe could you find another that would surpass His in either structure or sound quality. His instruments were created perfect from the beginning.

lanoda's instruments were in very high demand and He was continually receiving orders from performers all over the world who were interested in playing one of His masterpieces. Every time He received an order He would spend extra time hand crafting each instrument with love and care. You could say that He poured out His very life to make each one. By the time the instruments were ready to be shipped, they were absolutely perfect. lanoda loved each one and had a specific song in mind that they were created to play. In the hands of a talented and passionate performer they would be able to fulfill their musical destiny!

One problem, however that came with being a master craftsman who offered His works to the world, was the possibility of them falling into the wrong performer's hands. They weren't wrong in the sense that lanoda had made a mistake on who He was shipping them to. No, lanoda made absolutely sure that each instrument went to the performer that He had intended. It's just that some of the performers that received instruments were lazy or neglected them altogether. They just weren't living out their full potential and purpose of one day becoming great performing artist.

One day lanoda decided to make a unique instrument, a limited edition Sretseok acoustic guitar. It was different from any instrument He has ever made and when strummed emitted a sound like no other. He made extra special care to insure that the neck, bridge, pick guard and strings stayed intact during shipping. He actually spent extra to mail it first class with insurance. He loved every piece of it and wanted to make sure that when it arrived it was safe and ready to be performed on. It has a song to play and now it just needed someone to play it!

lanoda picked a couple that always performed together. They had been playing for about twelve years total and they looked like the perfect match. When they opened their package they were so excited to begin playing their fresh, brand new guitar. At first they practiced everyday and hoped that one day they would be able to perform the guitar's "special" song on stage. Then after a while the excitement began to wear off. One of them totally forgot about the guitar and even though it was right in front of him he never found enough time to pick it up and play it. The other one still tried to play occasionally but couldn't find enough time to practice either. Eventually the acoustic guitar was put in the storage room in the basement and was soon forgotten.

In the dark, dirty basement the once beautiful guitar was left to face the elements alone. The basement was full of stinky little mice that would come and make nests in the body of the guitar. They would gnaw on the strings with their dagger-like teeth and eventually each one of the strings wore thin and snapped.

Along with being dark and dirty the basement was also damp and smelly. Every time it rained the basement flooded and water soaked into the dark mahogany wood, leaving it warped and mildew. After only a couple times of being exposed to this kind of environment, the once precious and valuable guitar has become grossly disfigured. If you didn't know that it was a guitar you would have thought it was just a twisted mess of a pile of fire wood. There was absolutely no way that this instrument would ever be able to fulfill its song given destiny, not like this.

Then one day customer satisfaction called to see how the performing couple was enjoying their guitar. They had nearly forgotten all about it. When lanoda heard what had happened to His special Sretseok guitar it broke His heart. He had created that guitar to be able to play a specific song and it had never even got the chance to play it. lanoda only knew of One person that would ever be able to bring life back into that beautiful instrument besides Him, His apprentice Son, Auhsey.

lanoda asked Auhsey if He would be willing to make the long journey and to rescue His precious guitar. He wanted to be able to hold it in His hands once more so that He could give it the attention that it deserved so it would play beautiful music once again.

Auhsey found the mangled guitar in that dark, dirty, damp smelly basement and He took it up into His arms. Even though it has been “rescued,” it would still need a lot of work like sanding, finishing and “rewiring.” It wouldn’t be able to play the song that it was meant to play until it had been fully restored.

When Auhsey had returned to lanoda with the guitar in hand, lanoda immediately cleaned out the mice nest, reworked the neck, replaced the pick guard, sanded and finished the body and finally polished it to perfection. Now the guitar was back in the loving hands of its Creator and craftsman nothing could stop it from fulfilling its son given destiny!

To this day whenever that limited edition Sretseok acoustic guitar is played the story is told of how it had been ruined, but then restored back to its original design by the master craftsmen. lanoda wanted it that way so the guitar would be proof of the greatness of His handiwork.

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