

Background notes

*What do I need to add? The words pretty much say it all. I grew up in a Christian family where going to church on Sunday was just the “done thing”. Apart from a few years during my late teens and early twenties when I rebelled (doesn’t everybody?) for over forty years I attended, more or less out of habit. I made what I considered to be a valuable contribution, holding various offices, helping with youth work and, of course, playing the organ most weeks, but it wasn’t until the Alpha Course gave me the opportunity to go right back to basics that the penny dropped! All those stories that I heard in my Sunday School days ... they actually happened! Suddenly, the bible took on a whole new dimension. Not only was it a story book ... it was a history book ... and that realisation made all the difference!*

## **It Matters**

### ***My Testimony In Music***

*Words and music by Keith Miller*

Why don’t you come right in and pull up a chair?  
I’ve gotten hold of something that I just gotta share.  
I guess I’ve known about it for a number of years  
But I only just discovered how important it is!

I always used to think that I was reas’nably good,  
I did the sort of things a decent citizen should,  
I went to church because it was the right thing to do,  
But suddenly I knew ...

It really happened!  
A long time ago, I want you to know,  
It really happened!  
And consequently it matters to me.

Familiarity can be a dangerous thing,  
I’d heard it all so often that it didn’t sink in,  
The Acts of the Apostles, the letters of Paul,  
And bits of Revelation made no sense at all!

No matter how I read the Word I just couldn’t see  
How Jesus could be relevant to someone like me,  
But at last I got my brain in gear and opened my eyes,  
And then I realised ...

It really happened!  
A long time ago, I want you to know,  
It really happened!  
And consequently it matters to me.

Ask yourself, what do you believe?  
Take a moment, if you can, to think about this man.  
Is he real? Is he make-believe?  
If you wanna be a Christian, take this advice ...  
**YOU CAN’T !**  
... If you don’t believe in Christ.

(Instrumental verse & chorus)

Repeat First Verse  
and Chorus (twice)