

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

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Valentine's Day. Chocolates and red roses. Romantic dinners and star-struck lovers. Barefoot beach walks and schmaltzy pop songs. Like John Paul Young's 1978 hit, Love is in the Air. But wait – just as the secular world has appropriated many Christian carols, what if we reciprocate and recast this pop song?

We often refer to God as Love. Revisit this song anew in that light: Love is in the air, everywhere I look around. Love is in the air [in] every sight and every sound: in the

whisper of the trees; in the thunder of the sea; in the rising of the sun; when the day is nearly done. I don't know if I'm being foolish, don't know if I'm being wise, but it's something that I must believe in, and it's there when I look in your eyes.

Perhaps there's something in this Valentine's Day thingy after all. Love is indeed in the air, everywhere we look around; it is indeed something that we must believe in, and is certainly there when we look in a loved one's eyes – and for that all praise should be to God.

Reflection:

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4: 16 (NIV)

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