

*Paige Powell Music Blog for October 6, 2020:*

## *The Story Behind the Song, "Thinner Than Water"*

When the Pandemic is really getting to you, this is a **song for you to turn up loud, sing along with and scream!** The story behind this song is from my imagination, but a common-place problem: a woman has a lover, a man who is not being faithful to her. She is trying to reason with him, that my spreading his life out "*Thinner Than Water*" he is missing out because she "*can't be just half a woman*" and participate in just half of his life. It was an experiment in writing a **blues song** and for me to try **screaming a high note and "letting it all out"**.



I don't know why it works, but it's therapeutic to scream and sing at the same time. My mother has a technique for coping with any painful medical procedure: she scream-sings a high note, warning the nurses before she does it. I've also screamed and sang along with "*Whippin' Post*" by the **Allman Brothers** when I was in a combination of angry and depressed.

In the recording studio, the guitar chords of "*Thinner Than Water*" really called for me to play electric guitar. I have one which was a gift from my guitar-playing virtuoso cousin, **Joel Pitts**. He found it on a curb, took it to his workbench, fixed it up and put on some new strings. *Thank you, Joel!*

Many thanks go out to **Steve Wolfe, who played saxophone brilliantly** — "screaming" and wailing along with my vocal track, and for sound engineer, **Kevin Gutierrez**, who mixed and mastered it beautifully. I'd rather be in a recording studio than just about any other place in the world, and that's where I am the most happy!

Also, many thanks to those who prayed for my mother this past week. Last Monday, she was in the hospital for treatment of a C-Diff infection and on Tuesday, she tested positive for COVID. Since she was already in the hospital, they treated her immediately with Remdesivir and she was able to come home on Sunday. Praise God!

Meanwhile, if you'd like a great example of a man who spread his life out "thinner than water" I can recommend the movie, "*People Like Us*" (what a bad title!) starring **Chris Pine**. Chris plays a man who discovers that his father had another family (!) and now has a half-sister he never knew about. It's a GREAT movie that kept me on the edge of my seat without anyone doing a lot of action-packed stunts.