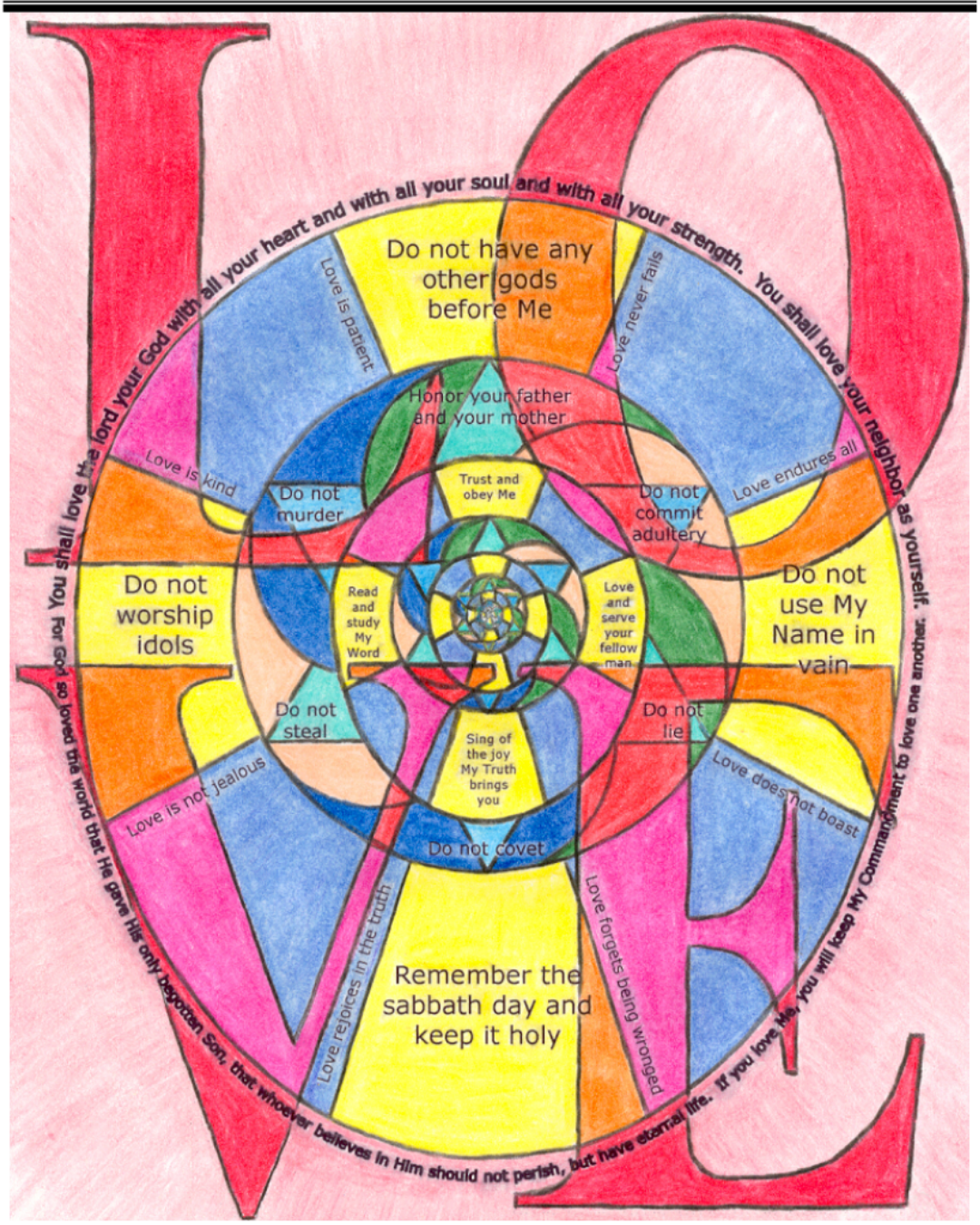
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Oh, Halloween is a scary night
It fills little kids with fear and fright
And everyone goes trick or treating
To get some things for very good eating

There's goblins, ghosts, and many witches
And Frankenstein's heads with cuts and stiches
Oh, Halloween is a scary night
But I hope that you will have a good time!

There is a Planet (1970)

Oh there is a planet called Venus
She is the Goddess of Love
A pearly white light in the morning
A light that shines from above

And there is a planet called Mars
He is the God of War
A bloody red light in the still of night
And now his blood runs once more

And between these planets so far apart
There is a mixture of both
But it's mostly war down here
Here on Planet Earth

Planet Earth, don't fly away
We've come to know you well
Planet Earth, don't fly away
We'd hate to see you go

Well if you want your Planet Earth
You better learn to treat her well
Cause if you don't care for Planet Earth
Then you'll just live in Hell

Planet Earth, you know we love you true
We'll care for you right now
Planet Earth, that's what we're gonna do
If we could just learn how

Oh there was a planet called Mother Earth
Her people did not treat her well
So now they're dead and she's flown away
To where, she'll never tell
To where, she'll never tell

Can You Feel? (1974)

Can you hear the beauty breathing flute?
Like a stone, mysteriously mute
And it sings what people long to hear
All because it makes its silence clear

Maybe someday you'll understand what I'm saying
Maybe someday you will hear the flute sing
But until then don't you're insane
Because the flute isn't singing a thing

Can you feel the warmth inside the room?
Yet it seems the air is still so cool
Do you see it hovering about?
Like a clear and sky blue colored cloud

Maybe someday you will see the radiance
Mabye someday you'll feel the warmth from within
But until then try to keep your independence
And try to keep your soul safe from sin

Now that I have shown you what it is
That makes ours a finer life than his
I hope you will listen to the song
That will tell you what is right from wrong

Float Through Life (1974)

Now in some books that I read it was said
That a man had to work or he'd get the worst of life
Well if the worst of life is death
Then I guess that as of yet I'm out of debt

I'd just like to float through life
Never have to take
Never have to give
I just want to make love and live

When I'm floating through the aire I don't care
That a man has to work 'cause I won't lose my shirt in life
Well if the folks say it's a sin
Don't calm the din just ask then in

I'd just like to float through life
I don't slave for ours
Nothing's hers or his
Everything is ours so I'll just live

Everyone take your wings if you like
We'll forget our things and float through life

Float through life
Float through life

Mother, Where Are You? (1974)

We've lost nature somewhere in between
The screaming subway and the military green
Love gave way to plastic jewelry
I laughed at nature but the fool was really me

You've got to take a walk with the mother
If you want to see the world
You really ought to look at mother
She's a beautiful girl

I was lonely or I thought I was
But I had never heard a bee that really buzzed

But nature saved me from a worthless life
I don't need a mistress or fat unfaithful wife

You've got to take a walk with the mother
If you want to see the world
You really ought to look at mother
She's a beautiful girl

Everyone would finally find the light
If they would ever think to look at nature right
We've lost nature somewhere inbetween
The screaming subway and the military green

You've got to take a walk with the mother
If you want to see the world
You really ought to look at mother
She's a beautiful girl

I'm Thinking of You (1975)

All that I have done and all that I will do
Is wrapped up in a package that is there for all of you
To see to love I'm thinking of you

You're all that I have done and you're all that I will do
And when this fateful day is done I'll be home again with you
To see to love I'm thinking of you

When I step inside the door I'll know that I am in the right place
I'll see the one that I adore I'll see that one and only face of you

To see you once again is to see a flower in spring
To hear your golden voice is to hear a bird that sings
To see to love I'm thinking of you

When I step inside the door I'll know that I am in the right place
I'll see the one that I adore I'll see that one and only face of you

You're all that I have done and you're all that I will do
And when this fateful day is done I'll be home again with you
To see to love I'm thinking of you
I'm thinking of you

HOPE (1975)

Do you have hope?
I hope you do
For if you don't have hope
There's no hope for you

(H) Ain't you gonna like it if we hope with you?
(O) Oh, I don't know, anything we'll do
(P) Peek behind my eyes
(E) Either one will show

What I've finally realized
I hope my hope will know what is wrong
And know what is right

Oh won't you hope with me?
It's hopeless, don't you see?
Two million people starving there
With no hope just despair

Do you give hope?
I hope you do
For many need it more
Than you could ever hope to

(H) Ancient ways of thinking are never always true
(O) Open up your heart, a little hope will always do
(P) Peace and love defeat
(E) Each and every fear

Now I know what people need
They need some hope that knows what is wrong
And knows what is right

Oh won't you hope with me?
There's just an endless sea
Of hungry men with hopeless hearts
With minds that dream of shopping carts

Do you have hope?
I hope you do
For if you don't have hope
There's no hope for you

Do you give hope?
I hope you do
For many need it more
Than you could ever hope to

Oh won't you hope with me?
It's hopeless, don't you see?

DIG (1975)

Well I was traveling over the rainbow
That is colored with red, white, and blue
I stepped into the mystical dreamland
That is now known by me and by you

Well in this country they now have some problems
That weren't there yesterday
The ruler they call Mr. Mole Man
Cause everyday you can hear him say

DIG, DIG, DIG
DIG, DIG, DIG
DIG, DIG, DIG
DIG, DIG, DIG

Well this country has a buried treasure
The people want to go dig it up

But they just can't find out where to start digging
Cause Mr. Mole Man has the only map

Mr. Mole Man gives them edited transcripts
For directions to this wonderful place
But he always leaves out where the map starts at
And the people always hear him say

DIG, DIG, DIG it up
DIG, DIG, DIG
DIG, DIG, DIG
DIG, DIG, DIG

Well people around here they tell me
That it's happening everywhere
A ruler could bury all of us
And he wouldn't have to care

'Cause he could just say
DIG, DIG, DIG 'em up
DIG, DIG, DIG
DIG, DIG, DIG
DIG, DIG, DIG

Somebody (1975)

I've never burned my draft card
I was only in swaddling clothes
I've never been to jail
I can't stand to see doors closed

At least I'm somebody who hopes
Somebody who loves
At least I'm somebody who hopes
Somebody who loves

I'll never be the president
I'll never be the pope
I'll never see one heaven sent
I never will drop dope

At least I'm somebody who hopes
Somebody who loves
At least I'm somebody who hopes
Somebody who loves

What more could you ask of me?
What more could you wish I'd be?
What more could you hope I'd see
When I'm only gonna be here once?

I'll never blow an airplane up
I'll never make the news
I'll never make a bushwar stop
I never will amuse

At least I'm somebody who hopes
Somebody who loves
At least I'm somebody who hopes
Somebody who loves

What more could you ask of me?
What more could you wish I'd be?
What more could you hope I'd see
When I'm only gonna be here once?

I'm gonna see a baby cry
I'm gonna see him sigh
I'm gonna watch a lady try
To stay with me till I die

At least I'm somebody who hopes
Somebody who loves
At least I'm somebody who hopes
Somebody who loves

Do It To Me (1975)

Let me take you back to days of fun
They were nice, but like the nights they've gone

It's not what you say
But it's the way that you say it

The words that I hear
Never do reach my ear

I don't know they mean
But I know you'll never be mean to me
I know you'll never be mean to me
I know you'll never be mean

How can I tell you what you mean to me
Without ever speaking like you do to me?

It's not what you say
But it's the way that you say it

It's not what you do
It's just that it's you who'd doing it to me

It's just the way that you do it me
Ooh do it to me again
It's just the way that you do it me
Ooh do it to me again

Forever and ever
Whenever you're with me my friend

It's not what I feel
It's just how you deal it out

You stack all the cards
With the hearts on the bottom

You never suggest that it's love you will give
But somehow I know that to live

You need love
You need me
You need us

It's not what you say
But it's the way that you say it

It's not what you do
It's just that it's you who'd doing it to me

It's just the way that you do it me
Ooh do it to me again
It's just the way that you do it me
Ooh do it to me again

Forever and ever
And I know that we'll never end

I Don't Know Why (1975)

I still can see those sunny Sunday's
When everyone smiled and love was a child
That was bound to grow
From the ground to know
That happiness was there for everyone

But when I wake up fresh from my dream
Reality holds and yesterday folds
So my mind forgets
That fun time for guests
Now the one guest that I want cannot come near

Now we're both so far apart
I must have lost your heart
But I don't know why
I don't know why

I don't know how it could have happened
Don't you know that I just don't know why
I don't know why

I could cry but it wouldn't work
It would only serve to make matters worse
But I don't know why
I don't know why

I don't see where you got the idea
That I was trying to hurt you dear
And I don't know why
I don't know why

I should have girls coming out of my ears
But all I have is a bucket of tears
And I don't know why
I don't know why

I can't even breathe a word about you
And how it is to be living without you
And I don't know why
I don't know why

I don't know how it could have happened
Don't you know that I just don't know why
I don't know why
I don't know why
I don't know why
I don't know why
I don't know why

What a Farce (1975)

Oh what a farce it is
Oh what game
You lose your soul before you're even playing
And when the counters come to count your chips
All you're looking for is a pair of lips

Oh what a scandal'd start
If someone thought
That they could save their heart
By tying the knot
And so instead of love they hit and run
And leave them high and dry when they are done

So when you see a chick
Who's with her man
You can be sure that she does understand
That when the daylight leaves
And the nighttime comes
So will he and she'll have to take it or run

And so I'd have to say
That it's all a joke
It's pretty hard to take it without taking a toke
But try to be really tough
And do what you can
And if you make it through you'll be a man

Don't You Deserve It? (1975)

You had her in your arms
But then you dropped her on the floor
You had her in your heart
But then you sent her through the door

Now she's mine and after all this time
All I have to say to you is

Don't you deserve it?
Don't you?
Don't you deserve it?
Don't you?
Don't you deserve it?
Now she's mine

I was all alone and I needed someone so bad
What could I do?
When I loved her
And she said she loved me too

Don't tell me that you need her bad
Because you left her alone
Now she's left you too

Don't tell me that love never leaves

Because she's gone
There's nothing left to do

Now she's mine and after all this time
All I have to say to you is

Don't you deserve it?
Don't you?
Don't you deserve it?
Don't you?
Don't you deserve it?
Now she's mine

She was crying so and she cried out for my help
What could I say
When she needed me
And she needed it that day

You had her in your arms
But then you dropped her on the floor
You had her in your heart
But then you sent her through the door

Now she's mine and after all this time
All I have to say to you is

Don't you deserve it?
Don't you?
Don't you deserve it?
Don't you?
Don't you deserve it?
Now she's mine

Let Me Know (1975)

When you wake up in the morning
I know that you will always see
The one that you have been ignoring
And you know that that someone is me

Let me know
Let me know
Let me know

I always used to know my right place
But now I'm spinning all around
It's all because when I see your face
It makes me suddenly come crumbling around

Let me know what it is
Let me know if it's true
Let me know

Why won't you let me see behind your eyes?
Why won't you let me know what's going on
Inside your mind?

If I asked you this tomorrow
Do you love me like I do you?
It would fill me with such sorrow
If you didn't tell me what I wanted you to

Let me know what it is
Let me know if it's true
Let me know

Why won't you open up your heart to me?
Why don't you just become a part of me
So I can see?

I have to know just what's been cookin'
I have to know, do you love me?
I have to find out without lookin'
'Cause they say that there's someone above me

Let me know
Let me know
Let me know

I am a Tear (1975)

I am a tear
I am a crumpled bag of nothingness
That once thought
He was a man

I lay here
Not even thinking
Not even wondering
Why you're not near

Every hour without you seems like seven
Every minute with you feels like heaven
Oh, no
Oh, no
Oh, no

And then I think
Why should I be so alone
When I am just
Another man?

I have no right to be alone
When there are people so damn crowded
They can't seem
To see their souls

Every hour without you seems so empty
Every minute with you I can fill it up
Oh, no
Oh, no
Oh, no

Where have you gone?
I have a right to know
What's been going on
With you and me

But when you smile at me
Every ounce of madness in me
Just melts away

Every hour without you seems like seven
Every minute with you feels like heaven
Oh, no
Oh, no
Oh, no

Save The Day With Me (1975)

She's the strangest thing I've ever seen
She's the one who wears those clowny clothes
Just because it's white
She thinks it's snow

But when she disappears
Over my horizon
My pain is so severe
The moon has suddenly arisen

Scaring away the day
Scaring away the sun
Oh baby can't you come and save the day with me?

She's the laughing stock of our whole block
And she acts so weird when lights go out
When I try to speak
She'll scream and shout

But when she says goodbye
My life seems so lonely
It makes me want to cry
The thought of leaving her has thrown me

Scaring away the day
Scaring away the sun
Oh baby can't you come and save the day with me?

My troubles would all end
If you would come and spend
The rest of this delightful day with me

Everything I say is just a way
That I show the things I feel with you
If you feel the same
Just say you do

My troubles would all end
If you would come and spend
The rest of this delightful day with me

Now I see the sun
My troubles are all done
'Cause baby you have come and save the day with me?
'Cause baby you have come and save the day with me?

Save the day with me

I Knew My Day Had Come (1975)

It was something left unspoken
When the silence was unbroken
When they got into my way
They would smile and turn away

It was over, yes I knew
It was over, I was through

It was shrouded in such mystery
With a deep dark unknown history
When I faltered they would smile
Hoping something all the while

I knew my day had come
I knew my day had come
I knew my day had come
Oh, no

If a fleeting cloud of hope floats by
Don't think that I shall laugh or cry
You see I have resigned myself
To the thought that there is no or else

It was over, yes I knew
It was over, I was through

When I day there'll be a big parade
'Cause I'll try it on Armed Forces Day
With music playing loud
But no gaiety allowed

And I don't car about you
There ain't nothing you can do

I life cannot be bought
And it's a lot of crap
I'm not coming back

And you'll never see me around
And you'll never hear a sound from me

I knew my day had come
I knew my day had come
I knew my day had come
Oh, no

You Never Hear Me (1975)

I see you in a shadow
I hear you in my dreams
But you never see me

I know you want my love
But you don't know where to go
'Cause you never hear me

You don't do a single thing
As if you're not a living being
'Cause you never hear me

I see you in a shadow
I hear you in my dreams
Maybe that's the thing
You're only a dream
'Cause you never hear me
You're only a dream
'Cause you never hear me
You're only a dream

I Sometimes (August 19, 1976)

I sometimes wonder why I worry
I sometimes wonder why I try
But don't you worry I'm just fine
It's just that sometimes it takes time
For me to find out what I'm doin'
Time for me to find out if I do

I sometimes wonder where you wonder
I sometimes wonder why I cry
But don't you worry it's all right
It's just that sometimes late at night
I am looking for the sun
And I find it in your arms

Don't ask me why you mean so much to me
If I knew I'd tell myself

I sometimes wonder if it's love I feel
I sometimes wonder why you lied
But don't you worry I don't care
It's just enough to know you're there
And that you'll lift me when I'm down
And that you'll always be around

Don't ask me if I love you tenderly
You know you're not just another girl

I sometimes wonder why I wonder
I sometimes wonder why we die
But don't you worry I'm just fine
It's just that sometimes it takes time
For me to find out what I'm doin'
Time for me to find out if I do
Love you
And I do

I Wish That I Could Look at You (August 31, 1976)

I look out on the morning
And I wonder how you've been
My eyes dance off the dew drops
And I feel the eastern wind

I look out on the sunrise
And I wonder how it feels
To know that when the earth dies
You'll be shining still

I wish that I could look at you

I look up towards the tree-tops
And I wish that I was high
Cause when you finally drop me
I know I'll need to fly

I wish that I could look at you

It's not that funny, but watch me laugh
I want all of you and not just half

I look out on my life-time
And I see that it has turns
I'm stranded in the desert
And you know the hot sand burns

I wish that I could look at you
I wish, I wish, it could be true

I'd Like to Say (October 16 – November 3, 1976)

I'd like to say that yesterday has passed away
I'd like to see just you and me sail off to sea
We could fly high in the sky if I had my way

I'd like to know how I should grow to come to flow
We will be free if you see it's me in your mind
We will be one in the sun the Son in your mind

Someday soon the sun will shine
Our minds will fuse and you'll be mine

Some people trying to tell me
That I'll never get your love
Just 'cause you're a million miles away
They think that I'm alone
But they don't know what's goin' on
Inside of my mind
They could never understand
Our magical times

When you smiled
And everything was gone
I sighed
And I was inside out

I'd like to add that what we've had's been good and bad
But we will be fine if you're mine and I'm all yours

I Know (January 4, 1977)

Wrapped inside a roll of yellowed newspapers
Set aside where no one ever goes
But I know, I know, I know
I know, I know, I know

People say you look like you are searching
But all they see are mirrors in your eyes

But I know, I know, I know
I know, I know, I know

There's feelings in your heart I've never touched
There's words you've longed to say but never found
But I know, I know, I know
I know, I know, I know

I know what you mean without you saying anything
I know what's in your mind by all the love that's in your eyes
But I know, I know, I know
I know, I know, I know

I Know What I Feel is Real (1976)

I know what I feel is real
I can touch the thoughts you taught me to think
I know when I leave this evening
I will walk the course that forced me to drink

But you know what I'm drinking
And you know why it pours
And you know what I'm thinking
As I'm stumblin' down the course

I know that the grass is laughing
I can feel the way it fades into smoke
I know when I start your heart
I will know how to notice the joke

But you know when I'm jokin'
And it knows how to grow
And you know when I'm smokin'
That I'm teachin' it to flow

I woke up in the morning
And I wondered where you went
I knew that you were gone
But I didn't know where you were sent

I knew you couldn't leave me
But you were far away
And now it takes all I can give
Just to live through another day

I fed up with this bullshit
And I don't know what to do
I'm mixed up and I'm lonesome
And all I can think of is you

I wonder if you're laughing
And I wonder if you're sad
I know that it sounds cruel
But if you were cryin' then I'd be glad

I'm shakin' to the marrow
And I'm tear-drenched to the bone
I wish that I had someone to talk to
And I wish I was alone

So go ahead and leave me
See if I blink an eye
I don't want you in my brain
If all you do is make me cry

I know that my mind is timeless
I can feel the way this maze makes me cry
I know that his neck protects you
And I guess the sound around makes you sigh

But you know when I'm sighin'
It's September crumblin' down
And you know when I'm cryin'
That there's thoughts of you around

Blown Away (April 1977)

I'm higher than I've ever been
I've finally come to see the wind
But don't you think I've smoked a thing
'Cause I'm just blown away with your love
I'm just blown away

I'm reaching out to see your face
I'm skipping rope with beads of space
But don't you think I've drunk a thing
'Cause I'm just blown away with your love
I'm just blown away

Don't call me now I wouldn't want to go
Don't calm me down I wouldn't ever go

My eyes are doing somersaults
I'm far too gone to come to a halt
But don't you think I've lost a thing
'Cause I'm just blown away with your love
I'm just blown away

Don't call me now I wouldn't want to go
Don't calm me down I wouldn't ever go

I'm feeling thoughts from way up high
I've finally seen His knowing eye
But don't you think I've faked a thing
'Cause I'm just blown away with your love
I'm just blown away

'Cause I'm just blown away with your love
I'm just blown away

Java Coast (April 1977)

"Take a look around," she says
But it's so hard to see from inside the room
Where I hide and find you in full bloom

"I want to take a walk," she says
But it's so hard to see from inside his brain
Where you hide and try to lose his name

Dim the lights if you please
I don't want to see the Java Coast no more

"Everything is fine" I say
But it's so hard to see what will be the truth
From this lonely outpost in my youth

Dim the lights if you please
I don't want to see the Java Coast no more

Feel the Way I Do (January 4, 1977)

You ask me why I care you
Just close your eyes and see me through
Someday you will feel the way
I do know there is nothing in my heart I feel for you
That you will never feel for me

You'll look for me and never think
To search the sea where sailors drink
Someday you will feel the way
I do know there is nothing in my heart I feel for you
That you will never feel for me

I was a bird that had my wings but I never learned to fly
You were the one that taught me how
You sent my soul soaring high
Now I'm alive I have it
Now I'm alive I feel it
Now I won't die I know it

I hear a voice I feel your love
It's all my choice is life enough
Someday I will know if this is life
The game I thought it was my heart I feel for you
And you will always live for me

I Believe in You and Me (January 6, 1977)

I close my door and lock the latch
I've learned to see whose backs get scratched
I never turn away until I know for sure
It's hard to live each day and always live in fear

But who can I trust
When lust is everywhere?
And where can I turn
With burning hearts so scared?

But I believe in you and me I believe in you
I believe that we can do what they could never do

I hide my smiles and half my thoughts
With all emotions tied in knots
It's hard for me to cry, but there are times I do
And I finally die, I wanna go with you

But will I do if you are not around?
When I go to sleep you keep me above ground

But I believe in you and me I believe in you
I believe that we can do what they could never do

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I believe that we can do what they could never do

I believe in you

Bring Your Tired Body to Bed My Child (January 7, 1977)

Dylanesqe improvisation … very forgettable

I'll Never Lose It (January 8, 1977)

I flew for a moment that felt like forever
And finally fell in your arms
Wall after wall came tumbling by
With noone to help me
I sat down to cry

But I'll never lose it
I'll never lose
But I'll never lose it
I'll never lose

I took a breath and felt warm once again
I remembered you'd said
To come in from the storm

The raindrops were glistening
And in the roadway I saw
All the lights
Shining white

But they'll never get me
'Cause they'll never know
But they'll never get me
'Cause they'll never know

The wheel was turning and Suzy said “look there’s a rainbow”
I ran and I tripped and I tried
But I couldn’t keep dry through I died

So now take and a look and what do you see?
A person whose struggling
He feels like me

Waiting for time, waiting in line
Wondering if I’m in the right one
She left me cold getting too old
Now she gets sold on the corner

But I’ll never use it
I’ll never lose
But I’ll never use it
I’ll never lose

Funny but I know He loves me anyway
We three could rule the world
But all we want is smiles
Smiles
Smiles
Smiles
Smiles
Smiles
Smiles
Won’t you smile for me?

Give me a smile
I’ll never lose it if you give it to me
Give me a smile
I’ll never lose it if you give it to me
Give me a smile
I’ll never lose it if you give it to me
Give me a smile
I’ll never lose it if you give it to me
Give me a smile

When I Come Back (January 13-17, 1977)

Been sittin’ on a cloud of hope
The wind comes whistlin’ by
And wonderin’ why they call it dope
The silence answers why

I haven’t written anyone
Got nothin’ left to say
I have come to love the Son
Although you drift away

When I come back
When I come to

Been talkin’ with a girl who knows
We think you soon will see
That when her eyes with fires glow
She’s burning up for me

When I come back
Then she comes too

Just came back from the hill
As you know lovers will
And we went sliding down
And our tracks broke new ground

She’s comin’ up on you too fast
I’m feelin’ quite a rush
It’s hard to think that love won’t last
But gee the grass is lush

When I come back
Then we’ll come too

I’m Inclined to Think (January 17-18, 1977)

I’m inclined to think that I am more than you can eat
That I am more than you can bleat
I lamb
I lamb
I lamb
I lamb

You know to do when I am more than flipped for you
That love is more than just a lie that you can roll flip the die
Roll three
Roll three
Roll three
Roll three

Don’t forget me when I’m gone
It was fun, but now I’m hung
And feelin’ bought

[ends with more forgettable improvisation]

When It Was New (April 1977)

We brought it home and we played with it all day
When it was new
Wondered how we'd ever done without it
When it was new
Now it rusts and gathers dust
Where oh where is someone who cares?
Where is there a man who'll give a damn now that it's used?
I thought that I could be the one to do it
When it was new

Every evening had a different sunset
When it was new
Now I really don't care how it gets down
Now that it's used
Is it red or is it dead?
Doesn't matter much to me
Where is there a man who'll give a damn now that it's used?
I thought that I could be the one to do it

When it was new

Everywhere I'm searching but I never find the truth
People claim they care they lost their caring with their youth
Now I have to fight to keep the light above me bright
We brought it home and we played with it all day
When it was new

Time (July 1977)

She moves on velvet shoes that soften every step
Just when you think you're doin' fine
You turn around to see her creepin' up from behind

The chronicle goddess has got your number
She gets it every time
The chronicle goddess just sits and waits
For the next man in line

Well I stare at your face your empty hands
And I can tell you haven't changed
You're moving everywhere putting everyone to shame

How I wish I could tell the time
How I wish I could tell the time
How I wish I could tell the time to go away

Filled with fear
Running scared
Flee from time
Dodge the pain
Crack the whip
Strike the bell
Lead the charge
Brave the rain
Seek the truth
Find a way
To space the words she said

Silouhette
Shadow smile
Still the scars
Stand so stark
Memories
Plague the thoughts
Blank the page
From your brain
Here's the door
Take the key
The world's inside my head

Take a breath
Close your eyes
Fly away
Melt the hours
Filled with dreams
Hopeful clouds
Spill their rain
From empty skies
History
Destiny
It's loomin' up ahead

Don't you know that time will never end?
So don't you think it's time to just give in?
Don't you know that time can be your friend?
Just gotta find the right time

And if we didn't have the time
We wouldn't have the beat
We wouldn't have a way
To fill each others needs

So listen to my song and listen to my voice
I think you will agree you haven't gotta choice

Buzzed (July 1977)

I wake up buzzed on a fine Jamaican day
My head is spinning, but my antlers feel OK
I never dream of you 'cause I know that you are real
And I don't have to dream of things I really feel

Nothing (August 16, 1977)

There's really nothing all that strange about it
I just love you more than I can say
There's really nothing all that strange about it
You wish you could tell your heart to stay

So given the choice between love and pain
You gave me nothing at all
I gave you the world that I had in my heart
But you closed your eyes
And pretended not to see
The happiness that you could have from me

But I don't mind
And though forever is a long time I will wait
And if there really is just nothing
That's the chance I'll have to take
'Cause you're worth it anyway
Yeah you're worth it anyway

Given the choice between love and pain
You gave me nothing at all
Or was it both at the same time?
Or could it be that I've been blind?

But I don't mind
And though forever is a long time I will wait
And if there really is just nothing
That's the chance I'll have to take
'Cause you're worth it anyway
Yeah you're worth it anyway

Everything (July 1977)

We have nothing else to do tonight

We have nothing else to say
Except to tell each other when it's right
And when it slips away

So let's sail on though this sea of time
On this raft built just for two
And I promise you'll get all of mine
And I'll get all of you

Everything and nothing less
It's waiting there for you
Everyday in happiness
Because it's beautiful

In a treasure chest you keep your gold
Where the pirates never search
There's a thousand seamen in the cold
The victims of your curse

But the past is just a lonely gull
That will fly on out of sight
So let's touch a torch to this quiet lull
And let it flame it throughout the night

Everything and nothing less
It's waiting there for you
Everyday in happiness
Because it's beautiful

[a very nice musical interlude]

There's a gale approaching from the east
And we might be tossed about
But it doesn't scare me in the least
It's a fool who cries at clouds

Everything and nothing less
It's waiting there for you
Everyday in happiness
Because it's beautiful

Everything and nothing less
It's waiting there for you
Everyday in happiness
Because it's beautiful

I Wonder Why She Wants to Hide (October 15, 1977)

Stretch the seconds just a wink or two longer now
Looking for a windblown smile
Sitting on the grass thinkin' sitting on my ass drinkin'
Blowin' smoke rings through my eyes

I wonder why she wants to hide
I wonder why she wants to hide
I wonder why she wants to hide
I wonder why she wants to hide

Snowflakes whisperin' ever so gently
And you can't hear them until you're high
Icicles clinging my ears are still ringing
From the blizzard that hit last night

I wonder why she wants to hide
I wonder why she wants to hide
I wonder why she wants to hide
I wonder why she wants to hide

Lookin' at a face that's cryin' noticin' a phase that's passin'
Laughin' at the way it all blew by
Crushin' all my bones like dry twigs severin' my skull with complacence
Every little word was just too dry

I wonder why she wants to hide
I wonder why she wants to hide
I wonder why she wants to hide
I wonder why she wants to hide

True Feelings (October 31, 1977)

What's that hesitation in the way you take my hand?
What's that hesitation in the way you love your man?
There's a hint of uncertainty
In the shadow upon your lips
The sunshine of your smile
Has undergone a partial eclipse

True feelings will do tonight
True feelings will do
True feelings will be allright
For me and you

What's that sense of aloofness that's interspersed between the sighs?
What's that visual arrow that you just shot between my thighs?
There's something between us
Of that is all I am sure
It's just that when I'm beside you
Aw shucks, I sure feel secure

True feelings will do tonight
True feelings will do
True feelings will be allright
For me and you

What's that sense of excitement that just sits twitching between your teeth?
What's that animal instinct that is just dying to be released?
The hour is beckoning
So come on and open your ears
I'm comin' to get you now
So relinquish all of your fears

True feelings will do tonight
True feelings will do
True feelings will be allright
For me and you

Close Your Eyes (November 2, 1977)

Close your eyes and let your body wander
Through a field of time
Now it's right so don't you try to stop it
Everything is fine

Let me love you for tonight
Let me hold you for tonight

Take my hand and never let it go
I want to feel you near
If the chain should ever lose a link
You know I want you here

Let me love you for tonight
Let me hold you for tonight

Well I took a look inside my soul and saw a face
Well I've been a wanderin' minstrel exploring inner space

Let your love explode and feel my dreams
I want to find it soon
If I seem to act a little strange
Just let me leave the room

Let me love you for tonight
Let me touch you for tonight

Choc-a-Lot Lady (November 2, 1977)

Shockingly few people realize
Shockingly few people know
In ignorance lauching
And lonliness loving
They really ought to know

'Cause she's the Choc-a-Lot Lady
Let her love you
She's the Choc-a-Lot lady
Let her k-k-k-kiss you
She's the Choc-a-Lot Lady
With the choc-a-Lot hair
She's coming
You better, b-b-beware

Caught in the jaws of the devil
Caught in the clause of her will
I'm wired and wandering
Heartbeat is thunderin'
I guess I love her still

'Cause she's the Choc-a-Lot Lady
Let her love you
She's the Choc-a-Lot lady
Let her k-k-k-kiss you
She's the Choc-a-Lot Lady
With the choc-a-Lot hair
She's coming
You better, b-b-beware

Well she's the Choc-a-Lot Lady
Let her love you
She's the Choc-a-Lot lady
Let her k-k-k-kiss you
She's the Choc-a-Lot Lady
With the choc-a-Lot hair
She's coming
You better, b-b-beware

Flockin' to fly to her doorstep
Flockin' to feel her wings
They're thumbin' and runnin'
And then they'll come running
They wanna really get in

Well she's the Choc-a-Lot Lady
Let her love you
She's the Choc-a-Lot lady
Let her k-k-k-kiss you
She's the Choc-a-Lot Lady
With the choc-a-Lot hair
She's coming
You better, b-b-beware

Outer Space Blues (November 8, 1977)

I want you out of my kitchen
Want you out of my hall
I'm going to give you some bad news
Going to give you it all

You can look for my picture
You can look for my face
But you never will find me
I'm in outer space

Well I've got eyes that can see you
I've go arms that can hold
I've got legs that can run you
And the middle is gold

Come and make me a sandwich
Come and give me dessert
And if the topping is too cold
Let me bite till it hurts

I see a river that's endless
See a sky that has holes
I see a mountain that's risin'
Want a rip off my clothes

And when I'm standin' there naked
Gonna pick up a stone
Gonna throw it forever
Till I finally get home

Where Will They Be? (November 8, 1977)

Stopped to take a look today
At what might have gone unseen
Shadowy curtains falling down
Upon the sea so green

It made me stop to wonder why
It made me feel alone
They say the answer's in the sky
But it's just an empty dome

Where will they be tomorrow?
Where will they be tomorrow?
Where will they be tomorrow?
It might be too late

The grass is clinging to the sand
The clouds all hug the shore
Forever lovers feeling sad
Each time they need it more

The grass will finally blow away
To take its place in time
Yet I am left to wonder why
And fight for what is mine

Where will they be tomorrow?
Where will they be tomorrow?
Where will they be tomorrow?
It might be too late

The sand is blowing everywhere
The fog is rolling in
And as I turn to find the sea
A deafening roar begins

Sirens scream and people shout
Yet not a face is seen
The sky is filled with mushroom clouds
What could this battle mean?

Where will they be tomorrow?
Where will they be tomorrow?
Where will they be tomorrow?
It might be too late

Where will they I tomorrow?
Where will they you tomorrow?
Where will they we tomorrow?
It might be too late

How Could I Leave You This Way? (November 27, 1977)

Once upon a time
Far away in space
I looked up to find
Your face

You looked like you knew
The secrets of the world
I looked into you
And saw a girl

You turned your head
I caught your eyes

How could I leave you?
I'll never leave you
How could I leave you
This way?

Zipping down the road
Looking for a home
Feeling kind of cold
And all alone

Suddenly I see
The place I used to stay
Where we turned hours of night
Into day

You turned your head
I caught your eyes

How could I leave you?
I'll never leave you
How could I leave you
This way?

When I'm comin' down
Vision starts to fade
Visions of the past
And love we made

You turned your head
I caught your eyes

How could I leave you?
I'll never leave you
How could I leave you
This way?

How could I leave you?
I'll never leave you
How could I leave you
This way?

Me and My Guitar Tonight (1978)

Tried to get too fancy
Tried to do too much
The frills were filled with fantasy
But the meat didn't mean enough

Me and my guitar tonight
Me and my guitar
My guitar won't run away
In the face of a flashing star

Keeping My Eyes on You (1978)

Every time I've tried to find you
You have turned away
Still I feel that I should let you stay
Take your choice to leave my life
Or keep your heart with me

But all the time, I'm keeping my eyes on you, my love
Keeping my eyes on you

Every day I try to give you
Everything I should
Understanding life has made it good
Take a star of happiness
And let it be your sun

And all the time, I'm keeping my eyes on you, my love
Keeping my eyes on you

My eyes are always on you
So don't even doubt that I'll always be true

Every word I choose to sing
Is spilling out like love
Every thought is meant to mean enough
Tantalizing tales of wonder
Wait beyond the fringe

And all the time, I'm keeping my eyes on you, my love
Keeping my eyes on you
Keeping my eyes on you, my love
Keeping my eyes on you

The Way I Was (1978)

Put a pill behind my lips and tell me everything's allright
But I see beyond the imagery
And I know it's just tonight

Tomorrow when I wake up and the sun beats down on me
Then I'll know that I feel
Is what I am and what I'll be

I want to be the way I was
I want to see my life the way I've come to love

Take a match and light my fuse you know I'll soon be blowin' up
And don't tell me that you told me so
'Cause it's part of growing up

Tomorrow when I wake up and the haze has caked my brain
Well you know that I'll be wonderin'
If it'll ever be the same

I want to be the way I was
I want to see my life the way I've come to love

I want to go
I want to stay
I like the night
I love the day
I want to live
I want to die
I want to laugh
I want to cry
I want to play this crazy game
And then I think I'll go insane

I want to be the way I was
I want to see my life the way I've come to love

Whatever Happened? (1978)

I'm always the winner
So why should it be
That I have been losin'
The will to be?

Commuters are mute
As they stare into space
Whatever happened to this frightening place?

Simplicity suffers
With every new day
At dawn I hear voices
And they seem to say

You quizzical human
Your puzzlin' face
Whatever happened to this frightening place?

I'm in the Mood (1978)

I lay down to sleep last night
And as I tried to drift away
The thought of you beside me
Left my mind in disarray

I tried to fight it
Like the fool that I am
But I couldn't escape it
I just couldn't make a stand

I'm in the mood
I'm in the mood

The mood can me hungry
The mood can me smile
The mood can make me want you
Like a little lonely child

I'm in the mood
I'm in the mood

The mood can me hungry
The mood can me smile

The mood can make me want you
Like a little lonely child

Somewhere in a Dream (1978)

Somewhere in a dream I saw your smile
And now that I know it's all worthwhile
I'm want to try
I'm want to try

So don't let me go
And don't run away
'Cause I love you so
I want you to stay

Somewhere in a dream is where you belong
Now that I know our love was wrong
But I want to try
I want to try

So don't let me go
And don't run away
'Cause I love you so
I want you to stay

Somewhere in a dream
Somewhere in a dream
Somewhere in a dream

Kiss Me Darling (1978)

Three stormy years of lovin'
Filled with give and take
And the more that you soothe me darlin'
Well the more that I ache

You said you were only tryin' to give me
What you couldn't get for yourself

But kiss me, kiss me darlin'
My love you betray
Kiss me, kiss me darlin'
You'll be remembered someday

Well lately I've been wonderin'
What it all really means
And lately I've been thinkin' in terms
A bit more obscene

You said you were only tryin' to give me
What you couldn't get for yourself

But kiss me, kiss me darlin'
My love you betray
Kiss me, kiss me darlin'
You'll be remembered someday

With all these men around me
You'd think that I could find
A dozen who could serve me
And give me peace of mind

You said you were only tryin' to give me
What you couldn't get for yourself, lord

But kiss me, kiss me darlin'
My love you betray
Kiss me, kiss me darlin'
You'll be remembered someday

Don't Get Me for Free (1978)

So you wanna hear your sweet song sung
So you wanna get your big bell rung
So you wanna be the one I love
And you wanna die in the sky above

But you don't get me for free
No you don't get me for free
No you don't get me for free
No you don't get me for free

So you wanna get your lovers straight
Well I tell you now you're a bit too late
So you wanna set the world to right
Well you better start right here tonight

But you don't get me for free
No you don't get me for free
No you don't get me for free
No you don't get me for free

So you wanna fall to sleep tonight
Well don't worry baby it's allright
'Cause I'm always there protectin' you
And I'll give you my affection too

But you don't get me for free
No you don't get me for free
No you don't get me for free
No you don't get me for free

Save a Little Piece for You (1978)

A day not all that far away
The world shall split
And I shall laugh
And wonder why we never knew
But I'll save a little piece for you

The end is just around the bend
The trees shall flame
And we'll be rare
And wonder why we never knew
But I'll save a little piece for you

A lavender sky shall coat our thoughts
Ribbons of fire shall pierce the dusk
Streaming like a flame from the fine sky fire
I'll clutch you beside me as the flames fly higher

A song not all that very long
The world can't hear
But I shall sing
And when this planet earth is through
I'll save a little peace for you

Not war but peace
Not war but peace
Not war but peace

Time Shadow (1978)

When I'm walking through time shadow
The lights never fade
The sun's shining
It's shining
Still shining on

When I see you in time shadow
The wind blows your hair
It's streaming
And I'm dreaming
Still dreaming on

When God sees me in time shadow
I turn and laugh
But He's out there
He's somewhere
Beyond the path

I want to see
I want to know
But what will I be learning?
Where will I be turning?
How long will I be burning?
I'd like to know

The Man I'm Supposed to Be (1978)

I'm not what I seem to be
And I've just begun to see
That you think I'm someone else
You don't even know yourself

And you make it hard I know
For me to really see
And you may not even try
But you stop me from bein'

The man I'm supposed to be
The man I'm supposed to be
The man I'm supposed to be
The man I'm supposed to be

The money I've won and lost
The bridge I refused to cross
It may not matter now
But I still feel somehow

That you make it hard I know
For me to really see
And you may not even try
But you stop me from bein'

The man I'm supposed to be
The man I'm supposed to be
The man I'm supposed to be
The man I'm supposed to be

My daddy brought me up
So I would live allright
He showed me red from blue
He showed me black from white
He taught me how to love
He never did show you
So now that I'm in love
Tell me what can I do?

And now that I've told you why
I told you all those lies
I hope you will see my mind
If not you will see in time

That you make it hard I know
For me to really see
And you may not even try
But you stop me from bein'

The man I'm supposed to be
The man I'm supposed to be
The man I'm supposed to be
The man I'm supposed to be

Reflections (1978)

So cool the mist upon my lips
So smooth the silk upon your hips
So right when I feel it here tonight
When I reach it

Don't be shy
But don't be too bold
Keep your cool
But don't be too cold

'Cause what you do without thinkin'
Is what you feel the very deepest

I love you and you love me
Reflecting all the symmetry

Every time I've tried to find you
You have turned away
Still I feel that I should let you stay
Take your choice to leave my life
Or keep your heart with me

But all the time, I'm keeping my eyes on you, my love
Keeping my eyes on you
Keeping my eyes on you, my love

Keeping my eyes on you

Come What May (July-August 1979)

Girl, I just want to come inside
I don't want to hurt your pride I won't ever tell
Girl, if love was just a passing phase
I wouldn't want to run this race I wouldn't even try

But love means more than the oceans swirling around the land
Love is more than emotion I'm trying to make you understand
Try to make you understand

Come what may or it might not
I'll give it all I've got
I'll tell you what I want to do
Time will tell and it won't lie
You'll see it with your eye
You'll feel when I try to ...

Girl, nothing ever goes as planned
Even when you make a stand everybody knows
Girl, if you take a look around
Maybe then you'll see the sound of what I'm trying to say

That love roars wild like a tiger circling around his prey
Love's a child that's inside you don't it make you want to play?
Don't it make you want to play?

Come what may or it might not
I'll give it all I've got
I'll tell you what I want to do
Time will tell and it won't lie
You'll see it with your eye
You'll feel when I try to ...

Girl, every single word I say
Wouldn't matter anyway if you came along
Girl, when you take the time to think
All you do is rearrange what you already know

The time is now please don't worry think of it as just a dance
You'll slow down in a hurry this could be our only chance
This could be our only chance

Come what may or it might not
I'll give it all I've got
I'll tell you what I want to do
Time will tell and it won't lie
You'll see it with your eye
You'll feel when I try to ...

Three's Company (April 1978)

Three's company two's a crowd
And nobody cares what the lovers vowed
It's immoral and it's insane
But who's to say what's inside her brain?

'Cause when the fire burns inside
Her simple words can't hope to hide
What the force behind her love can do
Even though her mind is split in two

Nymphoid schizoid scatterbrained kid
I guess I'll buy me another lid
Hit me kiss me give me a chance
I've had enough of this treacherous dance
I've had enough of this treacherous dance

The noose tightens with every stroke
And he's conscious of every joke
He's not laughin' but you can tell
That he'll come when she rings the bell

'Cause when the battle lines are drawn
And the heat is comin' on
Then there's nothin' left for her to do
But to show her men what she can do

Nymphoid schizoid scatterbrained kid
I guess I'll buy me another lid
Hit me kiss me give me a chance
I've had enough of this treacherous dance
I've had enough
I've had enough
I've had enough of this treacherous dance

You Dream Your Dream (July 1978 – December 1979)

It's so simple to see your game
Stick your hand in the hat and you pull out a name
Make him happy and he'll have fun
Make him think he's the only one

You dream your dream and I'll dream mine
You go your way and I'll …
I'll go mine

I got something you ought to see
It's a heart that is true to me
She will never replace my smile
With some fool who would walk a mile

You dream your dream and I'll dream mine
You go your way and I'll …
I'll go mine

There's just one last thing to say
It's a shame we are here today
It's a miracle that's the truth
That's you'll haunt me through all my youth

You dream your dream and I'll dream mine
You go your way and I'll …
I'll go mine

Love and Pain (August – September 1980)

One man loves as another man waits
He takes a sip of the sun before it's too late
But his fate was doomed as soon as he lay down beside her
One more climb up another sad hill
His cup runneth over and she hopes he won't spill
But the thrill has forced the course to go as it has to

So love and pain are one again
As the evening sun sinks low

One man screams that it's really no fair
But he can't be heard cause there ain't no air
And his vocal vibrations resonate into a vacuum
God only knows when he'll see her again
But he doesn't have a clue so he has to pretend
And the thrill has forced the course to go as it has to

So love and pain are one again
As the evening sun sinks low

One man's love is another man's hate
And it doesn't make sense but it's really too late
To elucidate anything logical out of the story
Once I could think that there must be a plan
But you're only a woman and I'm only a man
And the thrill has forced the course to go as it has to

So love and pain are one again
As the evening sun sinks low

This Time (August 1978)

She came to me in crimson dreams
Clothed in only flowers
She sang to me a symphony
That went on for hours and hours and hours

She sighed a smiled inside my eyes
Her heart was softly burning
She showed to me the dancin' skies
That were forever turning and turning and turning

When the time is right
Your heart will let you love me
But until then I've got to tell you something

This time it's for real
And I happen to be by your side
I can't help but feel
That it's wrong for us to try and hide

She slipped away without a trace
She left my eyes a glimmer
And as I strained her face
My mind grew dimmer and dimmer and dimmer

Whe the fire is warm
And dancin' shadows tease you
Just hold on tight
And let those worries leave you

'Cause this time it's for real
And I happen to be by your side
I can't help but feel
That it's wrong for us to try and hide

Woke Up This Morning (August 21, 1979)

Woke up this morning crawled into bed
And as I lay there here's what she said
Everything's all right everything's fine
So what are you doing blowing your mind all the time

Well I was walking downtown who did I meet
But an exact duplicate copy of me
Both of us running as fast as we can
To get away from the other that other strange strange man

Everybody's speeding to work burning up gas
They know it's crazy but they don't want to be last
I'll just sit here singing maybe get stoned
And I won't ever get lonely lonely being all on my own

All on my own now

I Know it's Right (July – December 1979)

Well it feels so good
To be back where I belong
And I know I could
Stay forever if we had that long

And I know it's right
When I feel like I do tonight
When I feel like I do

When I took your hand
You quivered like you didn't know
Didn't understand
That I could never let you go

And I know it's right
When I feel like I do tonight
When I feel like I do

In the nick of time I felt your heartbeat
In the nick of time I got a real treat
In the nick of time I finally knew it was real

When it's comin' on
I'll never let it slip away

And it feels so strong
It makes me want you every day

And I know it's right
When I feel like I do tonight
When I feel like I do

In the nick of time I felt your heartbeat
In the nick of time I got a real treat
In the nick of time I finally knew it was real

I Want Your Love (December 1979)

There's nothing that I could do
There's nothing to say
We've been through it all before
In every damn way

And now that it's really gone
I've got to be true
To everything I have done
And that includes you

I want your love
You can't get enough

Why must I be oh so cruel?
Surely I have been a fool

I was the one who wanted you
You were the one who cared
But now I'm alone
I'm all alone, drinkin'
You're havin' fun
You're never thinkin'
That we were the ones
We were the ones
Who had it right

There's nowhere for me to go
There's nothin' to feel
And now I am being crushed
As if under a wheel

Well if I could see you now
And you could see me
I know I could show you how
You could be free with me

I want your love

I was the one who wanted you
You were the one who cared
But now I'm alone
I'm all alone, drinkin'
You're havin' fun
You're never thinkin'
That we were the ones
We were the ones
Who had it right

Give It To You Now (June 7, 1980)

She's not the kind of girl to ask you
Where you're gonna be tomorrow
She knows that she can leave if she wants to
She doesn't want to deal with sorrow

Let me give it to you now baby
I know how and maybe
In a little while baby
We'll see you smile

You see her standing at the party
Hiding 'neath her plastic cover
All eyes are gazing at her body
They call her the elastic lover

Let me give it to you now baby
I know how and maybe
In a little while baby
We'll see you smile

And every time you try to tell her
How you really feel about it
She seems to climb inside her shelter
And make you try to live without it

Let me give it to you now baby
I know how and maybe
In a little while baby
We'll see you smile

It's nice to see you come around here
Nice to hear how you've been doin'
I hope you never hear the sound dear
Of all of this impending ruin

Let me give it to you now baby
I know how and maybe
In a little while baby
We'll see you smile

Energy (July 13, 1980)

Energy we've got a need for it
Energy we're gonna bleed for it
Energy electric powered sound
Energy we'd better turn it down

Energy energy energy energy

I can see the candle burning low
Men are free and they are turning bold
Soon they'll be craving more of this
Energy see what's in store for us

Energy energy energy energy

Energy energy energy energy

We've got time although there isn't much
To combine the coupled force of touch
Then you'll see when I give you this
Energy it's just a power kiss

Energy energy energy energy
I'm talking 'bout energy energy energy

Getting Back (August 19, 1980)

I saw you at the party you were staring at me
You were hanging from his arm like a cherry from a tree

I said I'm getting back - I'm getting back
Girl I'm getting even with you now

Don't worry baby there ain't no cause for alarm
Well I wouldn't do your sweet body no harm
But somehow it seems that you're not in good health
Trying to buy pleasure with all of his wealth

That's why I'm getting back - I'm getting back
Girl I'm getting even with you now

I don't want to feel revenge don't want to feel no pain
But you know my heart is getting singed by all this fiery flame
Yeah

I said I'm getting back - I'm getting back
Girl I'm getting even with you now

Somewhere in the distance I can see your smile
With all the sincerity of a murder trial
And I'll always know that you will never see
What you could have had if you had stayed with me

That's why I'm getting back - I'm getting back
Girl I'm getting even with you now

I said I don't want to feel revenge don't want to feel no pain
But you know my heart is getting singed by all this fiery flame
Yeah

I said I'm getting back - I'm getting back
Girl I'm getting even with you now

If It's Real (September 2, 1980)

I've made some mistakes and I've lived like a fool
But I know what it takes and I'm keeping my cool
Come on baby don't bring me down
I'm already underground
Come on baby don't kick me out
I know that you're filled with doubt
I know that you want to see
What your life could really be

You're floating away in the wind
What could I say to a friend
To make you know how I feel?
My love will show if it's real
If it's real

It's never for certain that's all we can say
But when I was hurtin' you made me OK
Come on baby don't try to hide
I know what you feel inside
Come on baby you know it's true
I want to be into you
I know that we both can see
What our love could really be

But you're floating away in the wind
What could I say to a friend
To make you know how I feel?
My love will show if it's real
If it's real

Color My Mind (September 1980)

Well every time that I see you
You're getting me high with the way you smile
That's when I want to be with you
And stay by your side just a little while

Color my mind with your rainbow
Color my thoughts with your love
There's nobody else who is able
To get me back up above

I know that you never expected
That I would be actin' this way
But lately my life has been hectic
Can't figure out where I want to stay

Color my mind with your rainbow
Color my thoughts with your love
There's nobody else who is able
To get me back up above

Somebody New (September 16, 1980)

I'm just looking for someone who's looking for somebody new
I'm just looking for someone ooh baby now could it be you

I've been looking up I've been looking round
Might find her hanging upside down
It ain't true but I might say
That nobody else made me feel this way

I've been hanging out but they've been hanging up
The telephone won't seem to do its stuff
Somehow it seems I ain't the one
To fill their dreams when the day is done

Late last night I thought I'd found
A wonderful woman who'd want to get down
But when it got time for getting to bed
She said with a frown got a pain in my head

Grab Me Tight (September 1980)

It doesn't matter where I happen to be
You will find a way to get a message to me
I'm outta my mind I'm out of my head
But I'll be all right if I get to bed
You are the one who turns on the light
And when it gets dark you're holding me tight

It doesn't matter where I happen to go
You'll always be there with a bowl full of snow
I'm outta my mind I'm out of my brain
Some people say I must be insane
But I am the one who's always been there
And when I'm with you I'm walking on air

It doesn't matter how the galaxy turns
I only get high when the ecstasy burns
I'm outta my mind I'm out of my pants
And now that you're here I've got me a chance
To show you the world to show you the truth
You might as well try while you've got your youth

I Could Walk Away (October 1980)

I've been trying to eliminate you
From the way that I'm thinking and the things that I do
But every time that I think I got you out of my head
I start a thinking that maybe instead
We could just be friends for a little while
Until I find that something special in your sexy smile
And you start to feel the rhythm in the words to my song
It's then I start a thinking that it won't be too long

I could walk away and never ever turn the other way
But emotions get the best of me when I'm confronted with
The way that I feel about you

I've been walking down this long dusty road
With a monkey on my shoulder and a frog in my throat
And my face is getting burnt by the blistering sun
But I guess that two red heads are better than one
And I know what I'd be doing if I just one wish
And the genie couldn't watch cause he doesn't exist
And you start to feel the music getting out of control
But don't you worry about a thing it's just rock and roll

I'm a copy of the Renaissance man
But I feel like a junk on the Sea of Japan
And I don't know what I'm doing spewing all of these words
But I bet it's like nothing that you ever have heard
But if you can find the meaning in between all the lines
And your local anesthetic hasn't ruined your mind
Then I'll bet that you can guess what I'm going to do
I'm gonna give it baby gonna give it to you

How Could I Be Sure? (November 7, 1980)

You seem to be the one I've waited for
Seem to be the girl who knows the score
And now that I have found what I have sought
I'm gonna hang around till I get caught
Peeking underground never want to hear that sound
Never want to turn you off never want to let it stop

But how could I be sure that love would grow?
How could I be sure that we would know?

I never would have thought that we'd be here
Never could have dreamed that you'd appear
But now that you have come upon the scene
I finally have found what love can mean
To a simple man, come on baby take my hand
Never want to let you go never want to stop the flow

But how could I be sure that we would see?
How could I be sure that it was me?

And now the time has come for us to find
A way to bridge the gap between our minds
I want to feel your warmth against my skin
And I won't back away till we begin
To make it right right now baby here tonight
Want to share this moment now come on babe I know you know how

Right Next To You (November 1980)

I've never felt this way, I never knew that a woman could reach me like this
I don't know what to say I've never been so affected by one little kiss
And when I look in your eyes I seem to feel that the world's gonna turn out all right
You make me fantasize you make me want to be with you baby tonight
Don't ever ask me how I know
Don't ever ask me I just don't know why

You're like a mystery you're like a book that I read and I never put down
And in my history I've never ever seen such a woman around
And when I look in my soul and I see all my dreams come into view
Well there's a shadowy goal that I'm hoping to reach when I reach out to you
Don't you hear what I'm saying?
Don't you know that it's true?

Don't you know what I'm feeling when I'm right next to you?
When I'm right next to you
Don't ever ask me how I know
Don't ever ask me I just don't know why

I'm just a molecule I'm just a polymer matrix forged by the sun
But when I get to you I guarantee that you'll never have had so much fun
And when I look in your eyes I seem to feel that the world's gonna turn out all right
You make me fantasize you make me want to be with you baby tonight
Don't you hear what I'm saying?
Don't you know that it's true?
Don't you know what I'm feeling when I'm right next to you?
When I'm right next to you

Marathon Man (November 1980)

Running down the road feeling kind of tired
Carrying my load wishing I was higher
Then I think of you just a second longer
The road begins to shrink and I feel stronger

You can make a mile feel like a millimeter
When I'm on the run that's when I really need her

Gathering my strength from somewhere in my body
Going to such lengths just to prove I'm modern
Starting to fatigue looking like the misfit kid
But when you look at me I feel infinite

Getting near the end I start sprinting
Whisper to a friend I start hinting
At what we might be doing when we finally finish
Tasting all your sweets they're so delicious

Got to be You (November 1980)

Give me a song, give me a melody
Give me a tune I can play
Give me a thought, give me a memory
Something to brighten my day
When I was young I could be so independent
Now I'm alone I need a woman tonight
And it's got to be someone who's willing
To see me all the way through
And if it's gonna be someone
Baby it's got to be you

Open your eyes, look at your feelings
Look at the way thaat I smile
Somewhere inside you've been concealing
Something I've known all the while
You've got a dream that glows in your eyes like a fire
You've got a way of filling my heart with desire
Life is a game we're probably winning
But nothing is ever for sure
Love is a name we give to a feeling
To make ourselves feel secure
When I'm in love everything seems so delightful
When I'm with you life is so simple and true

Killing Time (December 1980)

I'm only killing time, until I see your smile, and I guess
That I've been doing fine, although it's been a while, since I felt
Your hand caressing my face, and I melt
When you intrude on my space, and I sense
Your presence in my mind
We'll weave our thoughts in silent rhyme

I'm only trying to be, as honest as I can
I never want to see you with another man, and I guess
That's why my heart is on fire, when I see
You stare at him with desire, and it's just
Genetic jealousy
To know it's him as well as me

I'm only trying to say a simple word or two
To save this precious day, and give it all to you in a song
That's comin' straight from my heart, and it's wrong
For us to ever depart, from the path
That' given us this chance
To take our part in nature's dance

Up In The Air (December 1980)

Sometimes I just have to kick back
And marvel at the fact
That you are where it's at

Sometimes I just have to sit down
And take all these ugly frowns
And turn them upside down

Mirror mirror I feel off the wall
I don't know where she's going to fall
She's got something that I'd like to share
She's left my love up in the air

Sometimes when the world gets to cruel
I will stand on a hill like a fool
Who's acting oh too cool

Sometimes I will stare at the sky
And I wonder if I am too high
To ever understand why

Sometimes it's a tragedy
But you can't figure out if you're mad at yourself
Or you're mad at me

Sometimes in emotional strain
I'll forget what I've got to lose
And what I have got to gain

Cold Blows The Wind (December 26, 1980)

Cold blows the wind tall stand the trees
Let it begin as I fall to my knees
God, how could I ever change what I feel
How will I know when her love becomes real
You seem to know what the world's going to do
Tell me right now if her love isn't true

When I'm alone and I see where you are
That's when I know that we've come pretty far
You're in control of what you're going to be
You have become someone special to me
What could I do to become something more

Than all your friends that you let through the door
But you don't let them know what you're really about
And I know that you know but there must be some doubt
In your mind but I know you'll be mine

Cold blows the wind tall stand the trees
Let it begin as I fall to my knees
God, how your world has impressed me with time
Now I can see what you've blessed to be mine
What could I do to be sure who it is

What will it take to erase the mistakes
That you made when you faked now all you can do
Is be true and I know we could break any rule
If you knew what I knew and I do

By Your Side (January 1981)

I am fried but I don't mind
I have died almost every night
I have tried with all my might
To be by your side

In a room that's filled with air
I'm alone just like everywhere
I'm a clone without a care
I am by your side

I strip off my clothes and I walk the street
Get pretty cold but it can't be beat
Can't quit now gotta finish this hand
I ain't gonna stop till you understand

So you see I'm quite insane
And I know that it's me to blame
When I'm old and turnin' gray
I'll be by your side

Second Helpings (January 1981)

I'm just cruising along sliding through time
I'm just singing my song feeling all right
Don't be acting oh so shy don't be so cold
Don't be faking all that surprise when I get bold

I just do what I feel but sometimes I'm numb
I don't know if it's real but I ain't too dumb
To see what's going on in your head to know what you want
There's something going on in that bed after the restaurant

Can I have those second helpings?
Pile my plate up high
Can I have those second helpings?
Come on babe let's reach for the sky - reach for the sky

When I'm home for the day winding on down
You've got something to say to bring me around
You go and get me something to eat something to read
You feed me plenty but still I think that after I eat

Can I have those second helpings?
Pile my plate up high
Can I have those second helpings?
Come on babe let's reach for the sky - reach for the sky

Go With The Flow (January 1981)

Caroline come back climb through my window
Come and I'll know where you want us to go
I could be dreaming - girl I've been wandering
All I can do is just go with the flow

Something inside has been tearing your heart out
You seem to miss all the things that are funny
Please understand I'm just doin' my part now
Look at my love and quit countin' the money

Oh Sister Mary
Come in a hurry
Can't be too wary
When I start to worry
And nobody understands
So why don't we just join hands

Erica come back climb through my window
Come and I'll know where you want us to go
I could be dreaming - girl I've been wandering
All I can do is just go with the flow
All I can do is just go with the flow

All Alone (February 1981)

When I peak and the temperatures rise

And I see my smile in your misty eyes
Then I'll know that the time has come
To be on our way and get it done

Somehow I know there must be a way
For you to see the beautiful day
Maybe sometime when you're all alone
You'll find out just what I have known

The night turns cold but the crystalline moon
Reveals your wings through a coca cola cocoon
Heart beats hard and a mystical pulse
Embellishes time with its musical tones

I knock at the door and I know that you're home
But I just don't know if you're really alone
99 knows but there's nobody else
Who could ever define the limits of self

Find It In Me (February 14, 1981)

Look at the wind it helps you to visualize
What you can be when you do realize
That all that you see all that you really feel
Is coming through me with every turn of the wheel

Now I can finally say what I've hoped and prayed
Find it in me find what you're looking for
Find it in me I'll show you the open door
And give you the key if you would only learn to
Find it in me

Feel your heart feel the emptiness that always must start
When you play hit and miss with those that you love
Those that you claim to know will give you the shove
When it is time to go

Now I can finally say what I've hoped and prayed
Find it in me find what you're looking for
Find it in me I'll show you the open door
And give you the key if you would only learn to
Find it in me

Look at the golden life that you could have led
Look at my cold dark eyes as they stare ahead
All that they see all that they really feel
I give unto thee that you might know it's real

Now I can finally say what I've [Caroline phone call]

Now I can finally say what I've hoped and prayed
Find it in me find what you're looking for
Find it in me I'll show you the open door
And give you the key if you would only learn to
Find it in me

Good Morning (March 16, 1981)

Good morning modern society
You'll be happy to know that I've taken all of your pills
This captivity that you've prescribed for me
Should give me plenty of time to enumerate all of your ills

Don't let the eighties turn into Hades
Don't let the mania get you down
Don't let the eighties turn into Hades
Cause we've still got time while we have our hearts and minds
Yes we've still got time to turn this mess around
So don't you mess around
I won't mess around

Good evening Mrs. Technology
I'm so happy to know that your well is running dry
This reality flowing through all of me
Gives me plenty of explanations for who what where and why

Don't let the eighties turn into Hades
Don't let the mania get you down
Don't let the eighties turn into Hades
Cause we've still got time while we have our hearts and minds
Yes we've still got time to turn this mess around
So don't you mess around
I won't mess around

Good morning New Jerusalem
You'll be happy to know that there's still a few who believe
Good riddance all of you useless men
Chasing forever for money you'll never receive

Don't let the eighties turn into Hades
Don't let the mania get you down
Don't let the eighties turn into Hades
Cause we've still got time while we have our hearts and minds
Yes we've still got time to turn this mess around
So don't you mess around
I won't mess around

First and Last (March 24, 1981)

I'm the first to admit that I've been lying
And the last one to know that you've been crying
And the first one to go when the sun start's shining
It's coming around the bend

Nobody knows where I must travel
And God only knows it's been such a hassle
But I suppose that it's only natural
That I would feel this way

Come on baby don't you feel the fusion?
Coming round amidst all this confusion
It's coming closer every day
Come on baby don't you hear the laughter
You should be happy now forever after

It's coming closer every day

When it began I was lost in the ecstacy
And now I'm a man but it's still got the best of me
And what can I do when my hope and my truth are
Both wrapped up in you?

Come on baby don't you feel the fusion?
Coming round amidst all this confusion
It's coming closer every day
Come on baby don't you hear the laughter
You should be happy now forever after
It's coming closer every day

Can't Remember Why (1981)

I can't remember why
I cried overy you
The pain it seems so distant
And the love is nearly through

She came to me with tender lips
I went away refreshed
But the love I gave could not eclipse
The love of all the rest

It seems to me that noone else
Has ever known your mind
I guess that's why they'll lose themselves
Just to stand in line

I can't remember why
I loved only you
Your feelings were translucent
And now the light shines through

You'll never know what I can do
I guess you hever cared
And though it seems I'm over you
I'm really everywhere

I can't remember why
I cried over you
The pain it seems so distant
And the love is nearly through

Get in the Groove (1981)

When my world was crumblin' down
That's when you came and showed me how to get around
And I know it's all been a crime
That's why I sit and wait for the end of time

Until I make my move
And get in the groove
Gonna show it to you
What it means to be true

There's a word I heard in the air
And now it's time to go and spread it everywhere
And I know He means what He speaks
When He says, "I have got the deadly keys"

And if He came up to you
And said, "How are you"
Could you open your mouth?
Could you face Him right now?

Well if you know that what you do is what you really feel
Then baby could we compromise and make a little deal
We could share each others lives just between ourselves
And it's gonna be allright if there is nobody else

When the candles burn in the dark
And the light is fadin' from the seven stars
I will know it's time to be true
And this life will be my only gift to you

Until He makes His move
And when He gets in the groove
Maybe you'll understand
Why I've done all I can

At The Doorway (May 1981)

Destiny stands at the doorway
Dressed in her robes for the last day
Bathed in an everlasting light
Every bad word you have uttered
Cools your skin with a shudder
Now that He's come to set it right

And in the background I can see their eyes
Blinded by ignorance they are hypnotized

Yeah though I walk through the valley
Honesty hides in the alley
Waiting for some one to give the cue
Somebody thinks I'm pretending
Ah but I know that their ending
Is going to come to them when it's due

What could I do to make them understand?
Where will they hide from you in this barren land?

Infinity hides in the moment
Crouched like a lion in torment
Waiting to leap when the time has come
See where their missles are pointing
Laced with their nuclear poison
Baby you know that it's time to run
Head for the hills until your feet give out
Leaving behind all that nagging doubt

As If You Don't Know Me (April 1981)

I know I got you right where I want you
And yet you act as if you don't know me
I'm going to find you somewhere behind your
Deep dark unknowing eyes
And if you don't get what you've been seeking
Just tell me and I'll try

Nobody told you it would be easy
And yet you want things to be so simple
You'll get an answer if you keep asking
And you will know it's true
So don't go wondering about your future
Just let it come to you

It's never ending it never started
It just keeps bending with every heartbeat
But don't you let it break into pieces
You've got to hold on tight
And when it's over we both will wonder
What happened to the night

It's Just Begun (July 1981)

I know it's over, and yet it's just begun
'Cause now I know what I've got to do to be His Son
He only seeks the truth you see and nothing more
That's all that stands between us and the open door
So look inside and then you'll see
Just why I cried, and why I've got to be free

I know you wonder when you sleep at night
If everything that you've tried to do is going to be all right
There's no need to worry, cause everything you do
Is going to come back, it's gotta come back to you
So take a look inside my eyes
And read the book and soon you'll realize

I know it's painful to understand the truth
But somebody has got to see it for it to be of use
Someday you'll lay down and you will take your rest
But until then you know you've got to do your best
So try a while and understand
That every mile brings you closer to the Promised Land

My Lord Has Come (June 1981)

My Lord has come to set it right
My Lord will hear my prayers tonight
And He will give me all I need
He always lives to intercede

And when I call His name out loud
He will return upon a cloud
And lead me to the tree of life
That waits for me in Paradise

I will never grow weary of singing His praise
For the Lord has shown me the mystery of His ways
Let His spirit control me for the rest of my days
Till my day of rest, for the rest of my days
Till my day of rest, for the rest of my days
Till my day of rest, for the rest of my days

My Lord is right when I am wrong
And when I'm weak He makes me strong
He makes me see the things which hide
Behind the veil where truth resides

I will never grow weary of singing His praise
For the Lord has shown me the mystery of His ways
Let His spirit control me for the rest of my days
Till my day of rest, for the rest of my days
Till my day of rest, for the rest of my days
Till my day of rest, for the rest of my days

I Guess It's Time (August 10, 1981)

You're walking along the road and you say to yourself you're doing all right
Totally unaware of the fiery hell that's burning tonight

I guess it's time to make a stand
I guess it's time to be a man

Shuffling names and numbers all through your brain you think you can understand
But every permutation comes out the same you reach for a helping hand

I guess it's time to give it my best
I guess it's time to get this off of my chest

I want to make you see
There's no one else but me
That understands who you are
And when you see the plan
I know you'll understand
Why I have come from so far

When you were younger and the life that you led seemed like a game
What was that quiet voice that stood by your bed and whispered your name

I guess it's time to get to the truth
I guess it's time to find out what is the use

Of waiting all alone
For you to telephone
You know the number you should call
But there is no one there
Who really even cares
Or wonders why we live at all

The One You Want To Love (October 19, 1981)

I'll run the race and never weary
I'm gonna chase that same old theory

I'm going to be the one you want to love

I've never been the kind to back down
I'm never all that hard to track down

I'm going to be the one you want to love

It's seems to be the same old story
You win the game while never scoring

I'm going to be the one you want to love

I'm going to try just one last plan now
Oh don't you see don't you understand now?

I'm going to be the one you want to love

It amazes me how every time I seem to pin it down
There's just something there that slips my mind
And makes me spin around

You never get the one your reach to
Until you stop and say "I need you"

I'm going to be the one you want to love

And so my Lord as I lay down I
Just want to say please stick around and

I'm going to be the one you want to love
I'm going to be the one you wanna
I'm going to be the one you wanna
I'm going to be the one you want to love

[toilet flush fades into "How Could I Be Sure?"]

Arise and Awaken (November 1981)

Arise and awaken!
The morning is breaking
Asleep in your bedroom
You dream of the red moon
Uncover your eyes and see
You already know it's me

Ablaze with desire
You gaze at the fire
Entrapped by emotion you balk at the notion
Of lovers and friends gone by
A series of vacant sighs

Darling you know that I love you
And I'll always be there at your side
Everything that He gave me I gladly give unto you
If only you would be true
Afraid of the future
You've prayed as it suits you
Asleep on the dance floor
You lapse into metaphors
Interpret the mystery
And answer your inner dreams

How can I show you the answer?
Who can accept what I say?
When nobody cares anyway
Jerusalem if you could hear me if you could open your eyes
Maybe you'd realize

Arise and awaken!
It's there for the taking
Rejoice and be thankful
It's your chance to be grateful
I'm gratefully dead and gone
The ages are moving on

Act Sincere (November 1981)

I don't care if you call me back
I don't care if your dress is black
Color your face any shade that you like
Just be sure that you time it right

When you act sincere
When you face your fear

Crack a smile when he tells a joke
Spend all night in the danger zone
Tamper with your body till you burn it out
Wonder what went wrong when you were learning how

When you act sincere
When you face your fear

You never ever listen to a word I say
Never have the sense to take the easy way
Never put your feelings in the proper place
Never seem to get a much straighter face

Than when you act sincere
When you face your fear

Bye-bye baby don't your cry my baby don't you die my baby when you're so near
I've tried lady but I'm so shy lately whenever I try baby to be sincere

Find your faith in the classifieds
Abbreviated to fit all in one line
Act as if tomorrow's just another day
Saving all the sorrow for the final play

When you act sincere
When you face your fear

When you act sincere
When you feel secure

Babylon (December 1981)

Why do the nations quake at your feet?
America smiles as she turns up the heat
“I am no widow,” she says in her heart
So rudely awakened as the nightmare starts

And the military leaders babble on
As a dark cloud gathers over Babylon

“Who is this enemy we can't perceive?”
The generals wonder as they scheme and deceive
“We have the weapons to banish all life
From this rotating sphere in the sun's waning light”

And the military leaders babble on
As a dark cloud gathers over Babylon

Try while you can to touch with your heart
What is numb to your hands
Gaze at the sky and see with your mind
What is blind to your eyes

“Where is the orchard I sowed in this place?
I nurtured and cared for this nomadic race
Many have gone to chase after the wind
But the soil was firm and a few anew will begin”

And the military leaders babble on
As a dark cloud gathers over Babylon

Lily Dance (January 1, 1982)

I paused to take a walk
In the winter rain
In a dream
And I searched the ground in vain
To find a lily
To ease the pain

I wandered through a field
In the eastern lands
In the sun
And I felt the pulse of life
Harmonize
With the light

Where can the lily be
That bloomed to life in the setting sun?
Lord, is it really me
So true to life when the days are done?

She came upon me there
As I slept alone
In a trance
And as I began to stir
She performed
The lily dance

And now I walk alone
But I'm self assured
Of the truth
And I see the lily field
Then I know
Hope is real

I’m Missing You (January 1982)

I'm missing you in the morning light
I can not see the day seems night
I call your name but the echo falls
And silence reigns in these empty halls

I'm missing you
I'm missing you
I'm missing you

I wonder why you have left me here
With no one there to hold me near
I catch her eyes but she turns away
To burn some time from her busy day

I'm missing you
I'm missing you
I'm missing you
I’m …

You walk along in a darkened cloud
As if you're clothed in a sackcloth shroud
You claim to know where you'll find your truth
But your salty tears they betray your youth

I'm missing you
I'm missing you
I'm missing you
I’m …

I'd love to share what is in my heart
We'd find love there and we'd never part
But who can say what is meant to be?
My Lord, you know what is best for me

I'm missing you
I'm missing you
I'm missing you
I’m …

You Gotta Be Mine (January 1982)

You have seen what I have seen
You have heard what I have heard
You have gone where I have gone
But you can't understand what's been going on

You don't know what you ought to know
But you've gotta be mine you gotta be mine

You're in a daze, where you've been for days
Trashing around like some kind of clown
Fighting the change, playing a game
Can't even remember why you came

Anxiety luster - security hustler
Finding a boy'd fill that void
Wherever he comes from when he gets done run
Hide in a white lie, faking a shy cry

My Lord (Y'shuah) (January 1982)

My Lord, please don't let me stray from the path
"OK, just remember that I'm coming back
And I'll see what you're doing during the night
Who among you can hide when I shine my light?"

I know cause you told me so long long ago
These words they come to me form somewhere below
But my lord, you can lift me right out of this grave
So come along there is nobody else who can save

My Lord, is there nobody else who can see
All the love that you graciously gave unto me?
Is there no one to marvel at what you can do?
Let my lips never cease to proclaim I love you

In a world where confusion and doubt cloud the sky
You're a beacon of truth which has shined in my eye
Though the battle is fierce I'll emerge at the end
And this victory song will be heard by all men

Righteous Man (February 1982)

The evil man is always seeking satisfaction
And behold he can not find it
He tries to squeeze his own life
From that of a gasping society
But the peoples have become a lifeless stone
He has heard of the wild sensualities in wicked women
But they become frigid at his touch
At all time he designs and builds his own house
With the stolen planks of his neighbor

But the righteous man seeks not his own satisfaction
But only to do the will of He who sent him
And the one who sends knows that this generation's flame has gone out
So He shines His light for those who seek it
He seeks eagerly after the spirit which he has kindled
And frowns to see it burn with lust
But the righteous man has these laws written in his heart
And knows that a house has been prepared for him

How Can You Fake It? (March 1982)

I can just hear what you're going to say
When you find I have gone away
You will cry when you see you've been
Left behind in a garbage bin
You will wish you had changed your ways
When you burn in the final blaze

Guess it's OK let's go mellow out
And smoke a J as the sun goes down
I don't mind what you really do
As long as you try to preserve the truth
What's that noise in the other room
It's just those boys they want to shoot the moon

When they hear what that girl did
They'll be sure to ask who cornered it
Each will smile and say they could have guessed
Baby blue eyes will overcome the best
If you thought you could get away
And not get caught well babe what can I say

How could you do it as if there was nothing to it
How can you fake it when you're standing there naked

Ain't Lookin' For a Lover (March 10, 1982)

I ain't lookin' for a lover
Just tryin' to find some cover from the wind
I ain't sayin' you wouldn't be the one who
I would run to, to love again

But babe I just got to try
Just got to find a way to slide away from here

You've been lookin' for a man who'll
Truly understand you in each and every way
But he couldn't really see it
Couldn't really be what you really need today

Babe I don't want to be alone
I got to see a home that we can call our own.

Heavenly Seven (March 27, 1982)

You've got your cool friends you got your new friends
How do you keep them apart where do they sleep in your heart

You're on the best side of every bedside
How do you get what you need from lovers who bet on your greed

Maybe baby if you're lucky
You'll be rolling that heavenly seven
Little darling sweet as honey
When you're drinking that nectar from heaven

You take one last sip and it's a fast trip

But when you crash into town who's there to cash in your frown

Where did you hide it are you inside it
And when you break out at last it's time to take on your past

I've Been Holding Out (April 1982)

I've been holding out for something better
But you know it's hard to just forget her
And to say that time would make it easier
Would mean I'd have to deny I'd ever dream of her

It's a lonely life I've been living
But I've got to know I've been forgiven
For every empty day I've lived without you, Lord
I swear I'll give you ten and maybe even more

My life is in your hands
So hold on tight
Your wish is my command
And I'll do it right

Anyone can see the world's gone crazy
But that doesn't mean we can be lazy
Time is running out for us to find ourselves
And to find the Lord because there's nobody else

My life is in your hands
So hold on tight
Your wish is my command
And I'll do it right

I've been holding out for something better
But you know it's hard to just forget her
And to say that time would make it easier
Would mean I'd have to deny I'd ever dream of her

Message From You (July 10, 1982)

She never learned the words: "Thank you"
As if she hadn't heard them at all
She never was all that grateful
For how I'd broken her fall
And now I'm wondering why
I ever bothered to care
It's no use wasting your time
With a girl who isn't all there

My Lord, can you find a way
To make her understand
That there isn't time for all that crap
In the master plan
And I want to walk away
But my feet they can't touch the ground
My mind is in disarray
Whenever she is around

If I knew that she would listen to a word I'd say
I'd let her know that we will be together every day
Dancing in the moonlight running in the rain
Waiting for the sunrise to take us home again

When I lay down beside her
At the end of my day
I see no reason to fight her
Or quarrel with what she'd say
But I've got to let her know
What I'm praying for you to do
So rip open that envelope
And I'll read her that message from you

Keep It At 55 (August 10, 1982)

Well I crouch inside and lock the door behind me
I'm gonna hit the road and babe you'll never find me
And my eyes stretch out along that restricted access freeway
And in the back of my mind I can still hear the words that she'd say

Keep it at 55
Don't you want to stay alive

When I left your place you were lying in the corner
With a face so pasty I nearly called the coroner
And I've had enough of your nit-pickin' pussy-whippin' bullshit
And sittin' sippin' beers with your BS'n friends who are full of it

Brave New World (September 1982)

Well I can see the future
I've seen it all before
I know that I'm gonna lose you
But I don't care no more

I'm just the same old coward
In a brave new world
I'm losing all my power
To a brave new world - a brave new world

Well I can see the sunset
Sinking in the sea
And you know that I love it
When you watch it with me

Soft as the Wind (August 1983)

Soft as the wind brushing against my skin
Sprinkled with rain somehow it dampens the pain
The pain of knowing that I'm almost out of time
To say what I need to say to you

Sharing a smile touching my life for a while
Whispering words somehow it seems so absurd
It's just so useless when I'm almost out of ways

To say what I need to say to you

Sent from above filling my heart with love
Caught in between the break of the day and the end of the dream
And when it's over I don't ever want to sleep
I'll keep all these memories true and deep

Some Kind of Miracle (September 1983)

Somewhere in the back of my mind
In between all the thoughts that I hide
Lies a feeling that carries on
Even though the hope is almost gone

I know that I seem like a fool
And I forget how it hurts to be cruel
But I'm only a wandering soul
Searching through time for some shadowy goal

Time, some kind of miracle
Sometimes I feel I'm on a spherical ball of time
Searching for the end
Meanwhile somehow I've found a friend

My God can it really be true
That this world was created by You
My words simply echo through space
And bounce back right in front of my face

Faith, some kind of miracle
And when I'm frightened by fear it will give me strength
And I'll rise above
To face the world and express my love

I'll never relinquish this thought
Or shrink from the battles that need to be fought
For my life will be empty until
I've done the deeds that conform to His will

God, some kind of miracle
An when he speaks in my ear he will lift my soul
And enlighten me
And light the path that lies in front of me

Last Gasp of Breath (October 1983)

With my last gasp of breath I breathed a word that she barely heard
Over my laughter echoing ever after in her mind

With the grace face and touch of an angel in danger
Trying to find me trying to hide me in her heart

With her backpack and pencils the paper chase is her saving grace
Searching for knowledge but why in a college

When it's here it's everywhere
Don't ever think that I don't care
Right when you least expect it
That's when you're well protected heart gets torn apart

I phone home to ask if we'll ever be in heavenly
Love lifting us a gift to us from above

Love is here it's everywhere
Don't ever think that I don't care
Right when you least expect it
That's when you're well protected heart gets torn apart

Like a Hawk (October 22, 1983)

Like a hawk circling endlessly
In the darkest part of the sky
I can see the future unfold for me
Where the seashore melts with the sky
And I feel pangs of uncertainty
And my heart trembles inside
But her voice wraps all around me
With a warmth that shelters my mind

Like a snake slithering noiselessly
With its venom poised for the kill
A column of tanks clings to the valley floor
And breaks through to the top of a hill
And blood rains all through the villages
Where Jesus Christ taught how to be saved
Just like he said 2000 years ago
The holy land's becoming a grave

Like a leaf shivering in the wind
When the winter whispers its name
My beliefs cling to the bitter end
Till the thunder echoes in pain
Till the nations fall in a lightning blast
And the streams are choked with her youth
I will keep my feet to the narrow path
And I'll sleep with the knowledge of truth

Tumbling Around With You (November 7, 1983)

Well she came and she swept me off my feet
What a shame but to hear the news was bittersweet
It ain't no use to wonder why
It ain't no use to sit and cry

Cause I'll be tumbling around with you

Well I know that the past is lagging far behind
And I'll go but you got to let me take my time
Girl I'm going to marry you
We'll be the ones to carry through

What's the use of giving up a perfect thing
And it's true she's a trusted friend who's worth a ring
But I don't want to call tonight

Come on babe let's make it right

That Perfect Goal (December 28, 1983)

It's funny and yet so chilling to remember how I was so sure
I was certain that no woman would ever want to love me in the way that she loves me
I had fastened down my future with a fatalistic outlook to a stark and empty life

But when I saw her smile
And when she touched my soul
It was then that I knew
Just how wrong I had been

But my Lord can you still make me even more certain that I have fulfilled your will
For to do any less would turn this happiness to a cold and empty shell
My Lord touch me as you have touched me before
And make me believe
With my heart my mind my soul
That I'm on my way on that perfect way to that perfect goal

Two Out of Three Ain't Bad (December 29, 1983)

Extra extra read all about it
I've finally found her and I'm here to shout it
She's got that sparkle that's somehow never clouded
I'm gonna get her and there ain't no need to doubt it

She's 5'2"
Momma's a Jew
But she ain't got no eyes of blue
But don't you know that 2 out of 3 ain`t bad
And she's the best I've ever had

From out of nowhere like a pheonix from the ashes
She came upon me with a pocketful of passion
Not cheap but inexpensive she's really quite a bargain
A steal at any price as she rolls up in her Targa

Pinch me pinch me my God I must be dreaming
Tints of glinting crimson as her windblown hair is streaming
The draggin months prolong this solitaire survival
A pounding heart portends an imminent arrival

To Be In Love (January 1984)

Your eyes ask me how could I know
My lips simply respond that I'll never go
I have wandered through this terror stricken place
Only to find in you an everpresent face

Of a girl a world a way to be in love
As I stand at the edge of this canyon in time
The flickering shadows play a pantomime
And they whisper of a world to come my way
And I can see the truth with every passing day

I want you to know just how good life can be
And I need to know that you'll spend it with me
It's a wonder how the time we've spent apart
Has only taught me how I'm longing for the heart

Gotta Gal in St. Louie (February 1984)

Got a gal in St. Louie who says she can't do me no wrong
And when you do it to me that way honey
You know I'll always stay home

I wonder why anybody why would anybody want me
I'm just a mangy little mongrel
Making amess around some tree

Kiss a me baby kiss a me baby kiss a me all night
It's a hell of a way to make a living but you do it right
You do it right

In the middle of the morning in the middle of the night
I'll drop everything I'm doing
Just to make you feel all right

I got a gal in St. Louie who just won't quit fooling 'round
Got some Okie from the Smokies
Poking around behind her gown

I've been dreaming of a new world dreaming of a brand new day
But when I wake up in the morning
It's time to shave the same old Dave

Sima (March 3, 1984)

When you finally face up to the future
It can feel like a trap as if you`re coming back
But you know it's really all in your mind
And it's simply just a matter of time
Before we join together
Sima, it won't matter whether
We stay young or we grow old
Because we'll have each other to hold
Forever and always

I admit that it's not stuff to scoff at
We should both be very sure so that we can persevere
But instead of hoping nothing's amiss
Why not thank the Lord above for the bliss
That He has placed upon us
Sima, we can share these honest
Feelings in the days to come
Two daughters then we'll raise a son

Forever and always

And I know that it's a pain to be patient
But the more you sit and wait the more the days decelerate
And I promise that I'll always be true
And this life I freely give unto you
For us to share together
Sima, only please remember
How I love the way you are
You'll be my private Superstar
Forever and always

You're Going Home (September 7, 1985)

Every face is that of a stranger
Every corridor is cold
Every day you're walking in danger
But you're going home - you're going home

And she's waiting there by the train tracks
With a kiss and a caress
She's there to welcome you back
From the wilderness - the wilderness

And she whispers what you have waited
All these empty years to hear
And the thrill of passion has faded
All of the fear - all the fear

In the back of your mind you remember
All that they did and all that they said
And all of the while you were thinking
You'd be better off dead

Daddy's Little Girl (March-November, 1988)

I met a little girl, first morning of the spring
Her hair was all in curls, her cheekies made me sing
I love her, I love her, love her with my life
I made her, I made her, made her with my wife

Mauri, daddy's little girl, daddy's little girl
Mauri, daddy's little girl, daddy's little girl

I miss her every day, I kiss her every night
When things don't go my way, she makes them turn out right
She gives me, she gives me, everything I need
She's with me, she's with me, everytime I breathe

Mauri, daddy's little girl, daddy's little girl
Mauri, daddy's little girl, daddy's little girl

She runs around the house, she runs us out of bed
She's quiet as a mouse, until she bumps her head
It's all right, it's all right, dad will make it well
There's no need to cry you're daddy's little girl

Mauri, daddy's little girl, daddy's little girl

Mauri, daddy's little girl, daddy's little girl

Mauri, changing every day

Baby in Mommy's Tummy (1989)

There's a baby in Mommy's tummy
There'll be someone to play with you
And it might be a girl named Anya
Or a little boy named Andrew

Baby won't you come and play with me?
I've been waiting all day can't you see?
I'm free

Tushy Scoot (1991)

Tushy scoot, tushy scoot
Tushy, tushy, tushy, tushy, tushy scoot
Tushy scoot, tushy scoot
Tushy, tushy, tushy, tushy, tushy scoot
Well you can scoot it with your tushy almost anywhere
Scoot it with your tushy up and down the stairs
Tushy scoot, tushy scoot
Tushy, tushy, tushy, tushy, tushy scoot
Tushy scoot, tushy scoot
Tushy, tushy, tushy, tushy, tushy scoot

Lavalu (1992)

Lavalu, lavalu
You can't catch me
You little schmoo!

Today (June 13, 1993)

This is not,
About two people trying to find their youth.
But instead,
About two people who respect and care for each other,
More than anyone else,
Today.

The mere fact,
That we were willing to take even the smallest of steps,
Indicates the depth,
Of our emotion,
Especially when considering,
The blemish-free nature of our pasts.

This is about,
Two people who deserve and need more love,
Than they get,
From each of their respective spouses.
It is also,

About two people who have more common beliefs and values,
Than they do,
With whom they happen to be married.

It is a difficult problem.
For it is also about,
Two people who found each other ten years too late.
And decisions,
Perfectly natural at the time,
Have become children, feelings, and expectations.

And harsh realities.

And time, which for so long meant so little,
Has come to mean too much.

All I can say is that I wish this were,
A different time,
A different place,
A different world.

But let us treasure the little times, places, and worlds that we can share.

Not That Kind of Guy (May-August, 1993)

I, I don't know, but I'll try
I, I'm not that kind of guy

Your'e asking me if I know what I'm doin' with my life
Well I don't know, but I know that I'm through with that life

I, I don't know, but I'll try
I, I'm not that kind of guy

You're asking me if I know the difference between wrong and right
Well I don't know, but I know if you hold me it will be all right

I, I don't know, but I'll try
I, I'm not that kind of guy

But I know a place where the beach never ends
And we'll sail away again and again
And we'll come back again and again
And we'll go there again and again

You're asking me how I'll leave my children for the chance
To build a home with you that is filled with romance

I, I don't know, but I'll try
I, I'm not that kind of guy

You're asking me if I'll ever tire of this place
There's no other way to quench the fire from your face

I, I don't know, but I'll try
I, I'm not that kind of guy

But I know a place where the beach never ends
And we'll sail away again and again
And we'll come back again and again
And we'll go there again and again

Your'e asking me if I know what I'm doin' with my life
Well I don't know, but I know that I'm through with that wife

I Want You Now (August 14, 1993)

Somewhere upon an ocean strand, I see you
Out where the water greets the sand, I see you
I feel you, I touch you, I want you now

I'm looking deep inside my dreams, I see you
They're not as far as they once seemed, I see you
I feel you, I touch you, I want you now

It's coming closer every day, I see you
It helps these hours melt away, I see you
I feel you, I touch you, I want you now

Somewhere upon an ocean strand, I see you
Out where the water greets the sand, I see you
I feel you, I touch you, I want you now

You Are Here (June 14, 1994)

There will be times
When the miles and months combine
To make it seem
As if this were only a dream
But let me assure you, Ma'am, you are here
With every beat of my heart, you are here
And you shall never depart, you are here

Throughout our lives
We must continually strive
To find a way
To keep the chaos at bay
And let me assure you, Ma'am, you are here
And there you'll always remain, you are here,
My mind it echoes your name, you are here.

No stranger to doubt
I must confess
That there are days
When I myself have fretful fears

But with or without
Despite the stress
These lonely days
I know we'll change to love-filled years

And that is why
I have and will always try
To make us one

But until the whole job’s been done
Let me assure you, Ma’am, you are here,
And I will never let go, you are here,
And it will always be so, you are here.

It’s The Best (March-April 1995)

Seeing your eyes is good
Holding your hand is good
Laying in your bed is better

But most of all, I don't want to lose our love
The special things that it's made of
When we make love, it's the best

Seeing your smile is good
Hearing your laugh is good
Enveloped in your gasp is better

But most of all, I don't want to lose our love
The special things that it's made of
When we make love, it's the best

Finding a better world where time won't make us wait
Raising a little girl that you and I create
Locked in true love's embrace until the bitter end
Whatever fate we may face you're always my best friend

Seeing it grow is good
Knowing it's true is good
To have it everyday will be better

But most of all, I don't want to lose our love
The special things that it's made of
When we make love, it's the best

Brothers Free (December 1995)

As we climb the highest mountain
And we sail the deepest sea
We are brothers free

All alone together
Far across the fruited plain
We will march inline forever
And will always share this name

We are brothers free

Judge Raper (February 19-26, 1999)

Judge Raper
Best in the land
Judge Raper
My fate's in your hands
But you won't hear the facts
You just slink out the back

Judge Raper
I'm begging you please
Judge Raper
I'm down on my knees
But it just ain't no use
When a screw has come loose in

Judge Raper
Up in your chair
Judge Raper
They plug you in there
And your mouth spews out words
That sound so absurd

Judge Raper
In God we trust
Judge Raper
Then we hand justice
To cowards like you
Who don't have a clue

Judge Raper
What can I say?
Judge Raper
It just won't go away
'Cause the damage is done
To my daughter and son

Judge Raper
This cut is do deep
Judge Raper
How can you sleep
In the knowledge you stole
The life from my soul?

Judge Raper
I bid you farewell
Judge Raper
As you go to Hell
And be sure to say "Hi!"
To that greedy, lazy, money-grubbing, belly-aching bitch on your side

The Truth (February 14-21, 1998)

Fresh out of school
Nothing to do
No one to sympathize with

Mommy’s not home
We’re all alone
Won’t you come in my office?

I’ll hold all my calls
These are thick walls
There won’t be no penetration

Whatever you heard
Don’t breathe a word
About the truth, the whole truth,
Nothing ‘bout the truth, the whole truth

You can't tell the truth, the whole truth,
Nothing 'bout the truth, the whole truth

It's in the news
But I'll never lose
Get my attorneys in here

Give me a line
Just one more time
I need my version out there

This public will buy
Most any lie
There won't be no resignation

The story must sell
Cause I'll never tell
About the truth, the whole truth,
Nothing 'bout the truth, the whole truth
I can't tell the truth, the whole truth,
Nothing 'bout the truth, the whole truth

From way up high
His scornful eye
Watches this seedy process

There'll come a day
Not far away
When He will burst upon us

Shining His light
Perfect and bright
Over this captive nation

Though you may try
You'll never hide
From His truth, His whole truth
You can't hide the truth, the whole truth,
Nothing from His truth, His whole truth,
You can't hide the truth, the whole truth

We want the truth, the whole truth
Nothing but the truth
We want the truth, the whole truth
Nothing but the truth
We want the truth, the whole truth
Nothing but the truth
We want the truth, the whole truth
Nothing but the truth, the whole truth

I Believe It's True (January 1996)

Tell me why each hour
Passes like a minute
I haven't known such power
And now that I'm within it
I believe it's true
Now that I've found you
I believe it's true
Now that I've found you

You're calling me a prince
You're calling me a poet
Without you I'm convinced
I wouldn't even know it
I believe it's true
Now that I've found you
I believe it's true
Now that I've found you

Waiting for the place
Waiting for the moment
When I see your face
I can't resist the notion
I believe it's true
I'm in love with you
I believe it's true
I'm in love with you
I'm in love with you

Rainbow (August 2-4, 1998)

I walk alone the skies are grey
The clouds won't seem to go away
A bit of drizzle in the air
Then the sun pops into view
Red orange yellow green and blue
I see a rainbow shining through

And I thank God for this second chance
This opportunity for true romance
And I thank you with all my heart
Without you honey I'd be torn apart

Of all the sights that I have seen
And all the cities I have been
There is a place I never leave
A place where I am never harmed
And danger quenched without alarm
I'm coming back into your arms

And I thank God for this second chance
This opportunity for true romance
And I thank you with all my heart
Without you honey I'd be torn apart

With fallen leaders in the mud
The gutters filling with their blood
It is with certainty that I conclude
That the race is nearly done
The scattered harvest becomes one
A golden wreath around the sun

And I thank God for this second chance
This opportunity for true romance
And I thank you with all my heart
Without you honey I'd be torn apart

And I thank God for this second chance
This opportunity for true romance
And I thank you with all my heart
Without you honey I'd be torn apart

Thanksgiving Day (November 26-27, 1998)

Oh my God, what have I done?
Oh my God, what can I do?
I am lost, out on the run
I am lost, without You
So I pray, and give thanks, to You, on this day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Day

In a world without faith
And an age without trust
We are sealed in our fate
And it's time that we must
Pray, and give thanks, to You, on this day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Day

From the moment that we came
We have spoken of Your name
Stretched this nation sea to sea
Raped her bounty endlessly
Now the world chokes in our grasp
Will we heed Your voice at last?

Oh my God, what have we done?
Oh my God, what can we do?
We are lost, out on the run
We are lost, without You
So we pray, and give thanks, to You, on this day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Day
Thanksgiving Day

Don't Kill the Wrong People (April-May 1999)

All right class it's time to sit down
And talk about this trouble that's been going 'round
Don't get me wrong, we want you to keep buying
Those video games and movies about killing and dying
But when you go to get your real gun
We don't want you shooting at just anyone

Don't kill the wrong people
Save your ammo for the Serbs
Don't kill the wrong people
Somebody might get hurt

Bad-luck Boris at the back of the school
Ain't nobody likes him he don't look so cool
Searching for somebody on the 'net every night who'll
Tap into the anger boiling up inside him
And when he comes back to the school next day
He's got a plan to blow the place away

Don't kill the wrong people
Save your ammo for the Serbs
Don't kill the wrong people
Somebody might get hurt

Nucklehead Ned supports the NRA
"Gotta pack some heat it's the American Way"
Fighting for his freedom from his easy chair
Fat, dumb, and happy, he don't have a care
But just in case there's any commies seen
He's itching for the chance to shoot his M16

Don't kill the wrong people
Save your ammo for the Serbs
Don't kill the wrong people
Somebody might get hurt

I Heal All (March 1999)

With a heavy heart
My eyes look down upon you
When times get hard
And twisted all around your
Arms and legs
Your thoughts and brain
Your body aches
You scream in pain

But I heal all
I heal all who come before Me
I heal all
I heal everyone before Me
I heal all

When the winter falls
And the snow flies all around you
It's an icy pall
As the cold descends upon your
Ears and neck
Chilled to the bone
You're left for dead
You're all alone

But I heal all
I heal all who come before Me
I heal all
I heal everyone before Me
I heal all

From a distant shore
A golden ship will take you
Beyond the door
Where the light shines all around your
Eyes and face
Your heart and soul
A brighter place
To make you whole

Where I heal all

I heal all who come before Me
I heal all
I heal everyone before Me
I heal all

We May Sustain (December 27, 1992)

Tempered by our circumstance
Ignited by the slightest glance
This emotion burns alone

Searching for the words to say
To put it in the plainest way
I endeavor on my own

I pray that we may sustain
Through the wind, the sun, and even the rain
Like a wave that crashes over the shore
We will crest and gather and do it once more
Forever, and ever more

Never one to keep inside
Feelings that I couldn't hide
I implore the mirror how

I could make her understand
Complexities within this plan
I can almost hear her now

I pray that we may sustain
Through the wind, the sun, and even the rain
Though the storm envelopes a turbulent sea
Let a lull develop between you and me
Forever, and ever more
Forever, and ever more

Stranded (August 1999)

Stranded, stranded
On the beach without a home
Lonely, hungry
Crawling toward a crumb or bone

Inching ever closer to the waves beneath the pier
Praying for a helping hand to lift her soul from here

Stranded, stranded
On this Earth so far from home

He's Calling Us Back (November 13-14, 1999)

Whispering through the trees
Beckoning me back home
Answering all my pleas
Proving that we're not alone

He's calling us back
He's come for us now
I don't know when
And I don't know how
But He's calling us back

Wrapped in a milky haze
On a November morn
Sunlight knifes through my daze
Carving a radiant form

Steering His mount on high
Destined to set us free
Flashing across the sky
Shining for all who can see

My Little Valentine (February 2000)

I have done everything
That I could have done
I have won every race
That I could have run

Though the years have passed
Still I need to ask
Will you be mine
My little Valentine?

Love has touched every soul
Placed upon this Earth
Nourishing every breath
Taken from my birth

With just one life to live
Still I wonder if
You will be mine
My little Valentine

Love can bring you up and down
Spin you all around
Tumbling to the bottom of the world
When you take the time to see
What's inside of me
Then you'll know the magic
Of the final flag unfurled

He has heard every thought
Dancing through my mind
Questioning every word
That I've left behind

But now I know it's true
And I'm telling you
You will me mine
My little Valentine

Oh, Brother John (November 2000)

Oh, Brother John, it is just as you said it would be
So many centuries ago
I stand on the beach and I see the beast rising up out of the sea
But I will not be deceived, oh no

No matter what they say
No matter what they do to me

Oh, Brother John, is there nobody else who can see
All you have shown to me, my friend?
Why have you hidden your words in a mystery no one can read
Only to see at the end?
When the stars fall from the sky
And we all fall to our knees and pray

Oh, Brother John, there is just one thing I must say
As you go away from here
Please let there be no more suffering in the ones that I love
Their treasure above is clear
Shining in the east
Before the morning comes to us

A Cowboy's Prayer (March 2001)

Oh My Lord, please forgive me
And remember not my past
With Your love, everlasting and divine

If my step ever falters
Or my heart becomes untrue
You alone have the power to renew me

With the breath of the morning
You freshen my mind
With the dreams of a future so true
I am blessed with Your Spirit
Of genuine grace
And a dose of Your purity too

When the road has me weary
And my saddle's hanging low
You are there with a drink fresh and cool

Lord, You know where I'm ridin'
And You know the trail is rough
But there's a town just beyond this last valley

In the calm of the evening
You quiet my soul
As the stars sparkle down from the sky
While I gaze at the heavens
With wonder and awe
My thoughts turn to You by and by

Oh My Lord, please forgive me
And remember not my past
With Your love, everlasting and divine

If my step ever falters
Or my heart becomes untrue
You alone have the power to renew me

Celebrity (May, 2001)

Once upon a time
Before the truth
It all was mine
Eternal youth

'Twas then I heard a voice
Inside of me:
It's all you choice
Celebrity

She came upon me there
Inside a dream
With flowing hair
Sight unseen

So lucious and so sweet
Upon the tree
Take and eat
Celebrity

I'll give you the crown
A king you'll be
Just bow down
And worship me

I'll reveal your name
And all will see
The world-famed
Celebrity

Father, it is done
Have you forsaken me?
No, My Son
Have faith in me

Nailed to a limb
Upon the tree
It is Him
Celebrity

Adonai (May 2001)

Here I am, Lord, Adonai
Face to face, and eye to eye
Search my heart, Lord, search my mind
Heal my soul, Lord, Adonai

You have known me from my birth
You will lift me from this earth
Send Your angels, from the sky
Take me now, Lord, Adonai

Word of God (July 2001)

I was built on the mountain
I am spilled on the land
I chase doubt from the valley
I shine out from His Hand

The Word
The Word of God
The Word of God
The Word of God

Come behold it is written
In the scroll you must eat
Though your tongue tastes of honey
I become bittersweet

The Word
The Word of God
The Word of God
The Word of God

Through the years men have listened
But their ears never heard
Seeds I lay in the soil
Snatched away by a bird

The Word
The Word of God
The Word of God
The Word of God

Now that time's nearly conquered
By His signs from the past
Your heart thirsts for the future
For the first and the last

Word
Last Word of God
Last Word of God
Last Word of God

Gus (August 2001)

A man of the water brought into this land
To serve as a husband and friend
To serve as a father, and now that he's done
He goes back to the water again

Gus once walked upon earth with us
Gus gave us his love
Gus once walked upon earth with us
But now he looks down from above

A fisherman's adage to rise with the sun
To rest when the river runs high
To fish with all strength till the end of the run
Then soar like an eagle on high

Gus once walked upon earth with us
Gus gave us his love
Gus once walked upon earth with us
But now he looks down from above

So now we're together to honor his name
To comfort our mother, his wife
So let us remember the spirited flame
That burned all the years of his life

Gus once walked upon earth with us
Gus gave us his love
Gus once walked upon earth with us
And now he looks down from above

Come With Me (October 2001)

We are tossed on the ocean
We are lost out at sea
On a raft built by martyrs
From a Land we can't see

And the oars will get heavy
As we row through the gale
And our hearts filled with sorrow
As we pass those who fail

Come with me
I'll take you by the hand
Come with me
I'll lead you to The Land
Come with me

Long ago it was written
And I know it is true
That our hearts were united
Making one out of two

And our love shall continue
Through the blustering storm
Let my words ever comfort
And my arms ever warm

Come with me
I'll take you by the hand
Come with me
I'll lead you to The Land
Come with me
And be holy
Come with me
And be free
Never doubting
Never turning
Never anxious
No, no, no
Come with me

Far away in the distance
I can hear trumpets sound
Calling souls from the water
Calling souls from the ground

And they rise in an instant
To be caught in the air
Swept away in a moment
Into Christ's loving care

Come with me
I'll take you by the hand
Come with me
I'll lead you to The Land
Come with me
Come with me
Come with me

May The Lord Shield You (December 2001)

There's a storm, raging in the world outside
But I'm warm, huddling inside Your Light
I have prayed, wondering what I could do
I am saved, and I wish that you were too

May the Lord shield you from what's to come
With His Sword, He can cut it to the ground
With a shout, He will call us to His side
There's no doubt, He's the One who rules on high

There's a Name, given above all the rest
And He came, and in Him we all are blessed
And He died, taking upon all our sin
Though we've tried, we'll never make it up to Him

May the Lord shield you from what's to come
With His Sword, He can cut it to the ground
With a shout, He will call us to His side
There's no doubt, He's the One who rules on high

There's a place, where the Chosen will be kept
By His Grace, where this evil's never stepped
And it's true, they shall never weep again
As for you, have you bowed your pride to Him?

May the Lord shield you from what's to come
With His Sword, He can cut it to the ground
With a shout, He will call us to His side
There's no doubt, He's the One who rules on high

Please Don't Let Me Fall (January 2002)

Lord, Lord, please don't let me fall
Until I've had the chance to share with everyone I know
And everyone beyond
The Truth within Your Word
And here within Your Song
Lord, Lord, let Your People go
They've suffered through the two and forty months of Shoah's woe
As Your Prophets saw
So let them hear Your Voice
And let them live Your Law

A mystery inside your word is hidden from their eyes
But now the scroll's unraveling revealing a surprise!
Lord, Lord, hear me when I pray
And fill me with Your Power as I try to find my way
The path that leads to You
The joy within Your Gift
Of Everlasting Truth

Cardinal Rule (May 2002)

Surely my children you've learned it in school
And still can remember The Cardinal Rule
Trust in the Sisters, they'll make sure that you'll
Be loved by the Father, The Cardinal Rule

Cardinal Rule, Cardinal Rule, Cardinal Rule

Holier than us, above every fool
No one can touch them, the Cardinals Rule
Dressed up in scarlet and purple robes too
Perched on the Red Beast, the Cardinals Rule

Cardinals Rule, Cardinals Rule, Cardinals Rule

Mother of harlots from Perth to Peru
Babylon's mistress, the Cardinal Rule
Adorned with the riches she stole from The Few
Her filthy lips dripping, the Cardinal Rule

Cardinal Rule, Cardinal Rule, Cardinal Rule

A heavenly courtroom, a Judge who sees through
The lies and deceits of the Cardinal Rule
Who can defend her? The charges are true
His sword puts an end to the Cardinal Rule

Cardinal Rule, Cardinal Rule, Cardinal Rule

They have forgotten the True Golden Rule
"Love one another as Jesus loves you"
Despite what you've done and the debt that was due
Repent and rejoice now for Jesus loves you

Jesus loves you, Jesus loves you, Jesus loves you

Cardinals too, repent and rejoice, Jesus loves you!

There's a Bird at our Window (July 2002)

There's a bird at our window
Singing out to the world
With a joy everlasting
And a love sweet and pure
To the birth of a new life
And a hope drawing near
Oh, My Lord, let me feel it
And let my ears ever hear
Let my ears ever hear

Little Miss Livvy (July 2002)

Little Miss Livvy
She's so cute
Little Miss Livvy
She's a hoot
Little Miss Livvy
In her birthday suit

Chasin' down Osama in Afghanistan
If she can't do it ain't nobody can

Little Miss Livvy
She's all right
Little Miss Livvy
She's so tight
Little Miss Livvy
She's outta sight

Little Miss Livvy on the Erie Canal
Fifteen miles on a mule named Sal

Little Miss Livvy
She's so sweet
Little Miss Livvy
Good enough to eat
Little Miss Livvy
She just can't be beat

Little Miss Livvy on the Eifel Tower
Chillin' in the middle of a cool May shower

Little Miss Livvy
Check her out
Little Miss Livvy
There's no doubt
Little Miss Livvy
Twist and shout

Little Miss Livvy floatin' down the Nile
Pharaoh's daughter can't resist that smile

Little Miss Livvy
She's so cute
Little Miss Livvy
She's a hoot
Little Miss Livvy
In her birthday suit

I am Love (September-December 2002)

Love, love, I am Love
Trust and obey Me, I am Love
Love, love, I am Love
Read and study My Word

The world may call for sacrifice
But We will shine in Paradise

Love, love, I am Love
Love and serve your fellow man

Love, love, I am Love
Sing of the joy My Truth brings you

The revelation of My Name
Will cause the nations to proclaim

"Love, love, God is Love
Love Him with all your heart and soul"
Love, love, I am Love
Love one another evermore

Your naked deeds I'll clothe in white
I'll salve your eyes to bring you sight

Love, love, I am Love
Love Me with all your heart and soul
Love, love, I am Love
Love one another evermore

My Son, Drew (March 2003)

A sparkle came into my life the day that you were born
A lamp that lights my deepest thoughts and shines forever more

My son, Drew
My son, Drew

Your smile comes so easily and fills my heart with joy
A boundless source of life within the beauty of a boy

My son, Drew
My son, Drew

And here you are approaching age
As nations fall and tensions rise
But God is proving all His words are true

My son I give it all to you -- this heart this love this song
I pray that you would walk with me on Earth and far beyond

My son, Drew
My son, Drew
My son, Drew

These are Those Days (March-April 2003)

Fear, war, rumors of more
Terror encroaching upon every shore
Though bombs fall around me
Whom shall I fear?
A peace still surrounds me
Messiah is near
These are those days
These are those days
When we will call on His Name

Jesus, our Prince of Peace
Come to us now, that we may be released
Though shackled by bonds
Of a world soon to pass
We're freed by the arms
Of the First and the Last
These are those days
These are those days
When we will call on His Name

Satan, prowling about
Planting the seeds of rebellion and doubt
But you have been beaten
And where is your sting?
Crushed by the feat
Of our Lord and our King
These are those days
These are those days
When we will call on His Name

Father, Giver of Grace
Forgive the sins we have done in this place
Send us Your Spirit
That glides like a dove
To those who can hear it
A Message of Love
These are those days
These are those days
When we will call on His Name

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Y'Shuah (August 2003)

to be sung in Hebrew, which is transliterated as follows

Hashem mashiach Y'shuah
Hashem ben-David Y'shuah
Hashem El-Avraham Y'shuah
Hashem El-Yitzak Y'shuah
Hashem El-Yakov Y'shuah
Eliyahu Moshe Y'shuah
Sh'ma Yishrael Y'shuah
Sh'ma Yerushalayem Y'shuah
Baruch atta Y'shuah
Adonai Eloheinu Y'shuah
Melech ha-olam Y'shuah
Asher kidishanu Y'shuah
Asher shehechiyanu Y'shuah
Kadosh kadosh kadosh Y'shuah

Kadosh kadosh kadosh Y'shuah
El Shaddai
Ruach kodesh

English translation is given below

The name of Messiah is Y'shuah
The name of David's son in Y'shuah
The name of the God of Abraham is Y'shuah
The name of the God of Isaac is Y'shuah
The name of the God of Jacob is Y'shuah
Elijah, Moses, Y'shuah
Hear, oh Israel, Y'shuah
Hear, oh Jerusalem, Y'shuah
Blessed art Thou, Y'shuah
The Lord of Hosts, Y'shuah
Creator King of the Universe, Y'shuah
Who has set us apart, Y'shuah
Who sustains us with life, Y'shuah
Holy, holy, holy is Y'shuah

Holy, holy, holy is Y'shuah
The Lord God Almighty
The Holy Spirit

The End of Sorrow's Road (August-September 2003)

Mother, daughter
Father, son
Brother, sister
Holy One

When will we reach the end of sorrow's road?
Only our Heavenly Father knows

Freedom, bondage
Service, sin
Battered, bloddied
By his hand

When will she reach the end of sorrow's road?
Only her Heavenly Father knows

Kansas City Shuffle (September-November 2003)

I'm gonna shuffle off to Kansas City
With my Kansas City gal
I'm gonna show her how I really love her
Words alone can't tell her how

I'm gonna whisper things she never could've dreamed of
Man has never known
I'm gonna wrap my arms around her and hug her
Never gonna let her go

"Why don't you take me off to Kansas City
I'm your Kansas City gal
I'm gonna make you awful glad you found me
When I say that sacred vow"

"I promise I will never leave you nor forsake you
With the help of God
I'm gonna prove it's true and shower you with lovin'
Better than you ever saw"

We're gonna shuffle off to Kansas City
We're the Kansas City pair
We're filled with laughter, joyful ever after
Now that we are nearly there

Joyful ever after now that we are nearly there

Christmas in Jerusalem (December 2003)

On a night not unlike this
A cry rang out unto the fields
For the first time in His Life
His Eyes shed human tears
But they weren't the last
And there won't be a last
Until He reappears

By a flock of wayward sheep
The weary shepherds heard a voice
"Come behold your nation's King
Who's in a manger lain"
And they worshipped Him then
And they'll worship Him when
His Nation He reclaims

And it's Christmas in Jerusalem
Whose exiled Ruler grieves
And it's Christmas here in Babylon
Whose captives shall be freed

From the stars down to the seas
Creation aches to be renewed
On a dark and snowy eve'
The family gathered round
Though it's painful to wait
They patiently wait
For Christmas bells to sound

And it's Christmas in Jerusalem
Whose exiled Ruler grieves
And it's Christmas here in Babylon
Whose captives shall be freed

Whose captives shall be freed

Lonely (February-April 2004)

Lonely, thought that you were lonely
Found that you were only
In My hand
I love you, forever I have loved you
I'm always thinking of you
In My plan

Though the fog of doubt may still enshroud your mind
It is I, so come and follow Me!

I'll lead you, come and I will lead you
Never will you need to
Fear death's sting
I'm in you, bubbling within you
Flowing like a river
Refreshing

Though the web of sin may still entangle you
Seek My truth, and I will set you free

Fire, step into My fire
I'm the purifier
You're the gold
Glory, come behold My glory
Exceeding every story
You've been told

Though the cloud of death will overshadow you
At mid-week, My Son will rise anew

Lonely, thought that you were lonely
Found that you were only
In My hand
I love you, forever I have loved you
I'm always thinking of you
In My plan

Valley (July 2004)

Oh this is a valley cut into the hill
Whose waters ran so swift and clear
But the filth of sin has settled in until
No drink of truth is taken here

Though there's yet a few who find the secret spring
Of everlasting life anew

For the multitude there's just a stagnant swill
Of lies that soak the nation through

Oh, Heavenly Father (August 2004)

Oh, Heavenly Father
Today we remember
Who You are
Who we are

Your glorious Name
The way that You came
Full of sorrow
Till tomorrow

Your Kingdom before us
Your heavenly chorus
Of nations'
Exaltations

The life that You give us
The way You forgive us
Our debts
And our debtors

Your Heart that is gracious
Your Hands that have saved us
From tempting
When we're empty

By this we are humbled
As the world slowly crumbles
Around us
Within us

We kneel before Thee
Amazed by the Glory
Around You
Within You

Our Lord and our Saviour
The end of our labors
Who frees us
Your Son, Jesus

Your True Holy Spirit
For all who can hear It
A comfort
And a blessing

Oh, Heavenly Father
Today we remember
Who You are
Who we are

Richard (December 2004 – January 2005)

From Spokane to Cheyenne and Boise in between
Chicago, Urbana, St. Lou'
Till it all came to rest in Arcadia F-L-A
When at last all our journeys were through

Fare thee well to my sweetness
So long to my friends
Don't you mourn, don't you shed no more tears
For Grampaw is smilin' and I'm a-doin' fine
Looking back on those wonderful years

To Trudy in Plano, to Richie by the beach
To Orange-town to no avail
Our first trip to Boise, then headed for the hills
Till the numeric memory failed

Fare thee well to my sweetness
So long to my kin
Now I know Him as I have been known
For Grampaw is smilin' and I'm a-doin' fine
Settled into my heavenly home

Fare thee well to my sweetness
So long to my friends
Don't you mourn, don't you shed no more tears
For Grampaw is smilin' and I'm a-doin' fine
Looking back on those wonderful years

Looking back on those wonderful years

My Bride (February 2005)

On a sea of sorrows, in a world full of fears
With unsure tomorrows and travail
Oh, my bride, how it grieves me so to see you in tears
And to know you think I've failed

Through all this you may wonder if I have been true
But I have, and I am, and I always will be true

On a path uncertain, paved with stones of regret
As the final curtain is drawn
All my deeds of the past may seem to haunt every step
And you sense all hope is gone

Through all this you may lose all the trust you could feel
But my heart's filled with love that can never be repealed

On a bed of darkness, in a shadowy room
When I seem too heartless to love
Please remember the pledges that I made unto you
And my faith in who's above

Through all this may you know now that I have loved you
For I have, and I do, and I always will love you

On a hilltop distant, hangs the fruit of the tree
Ripened at the instant in time
And its flesh offers sweetness there to all who would eat
And a life that never dies

Through all this may you learn that the Lord has been true
That He has, and He does, and He always will love you

No One But Jesus (May – September 2005)

No one but Jesus, Jesus, will we serve
No one but Jesus, Jesus, made this earth
Higher than any name, lifted above
No one but Jesus, Jesus, earned our love

The Prince of Peace, the Blood of the Lamb

That covers the sin of the world
The Lord of Lords, the King of the Kings
The stone that's the seed of the pearl

No one but Jesus, Jesus, is the Way
No one but Jesus, Jesus, hears us pray
Seated upon the throne, gleaming and white
No one but Jesus, Jesus, is the Light

The Word made flesh, the First and the Last
The One with the stars in His Hand
His two-edged sword, His Eyes of fire
The Beginning of all that was planned

No one but Jesus, Jesus, is the Truth
No one but Jesus, Jesus, our living proof
He struggled like any man, acquainted with strife
No one but Jesus, Jesus, gives us Life

Eliyahu-Moshe (September – November, 2005)

Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe
Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe

How long must you wait
To choose whom you will serve?
If Yeshuah is Lord
Love Him with verve

Hear the Word of God
Let My People go
Harden not your hearts
Unlike Pharaoh

Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe
Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe

No more shall it rain
Until the River dries
Admitting all the hordes
Of the moonrise

But they shall drink the blood
Of our God's holy wrath
Rejecting His True Son
And His good path

Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe
Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe

Send Your fire down
Consume them where they stand
Remove this evil scourge
From Your homeland

Mark Messiah's blood
Upon our hearts and minds
That when death angels come
They shall pass by

Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe
Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe

"Climb up to the Mount
Gaze upon the sea
Of unbelieving mobs
Who revile Me"

"Lay your body down
Beneath the butchers' knife
Every seed must die
That would bring life"

Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe
Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe, Eliyahu-Moshe,
Eliyahu-Moshe

Hallelu-Y'shuah (February 2006)

I will praise the Lord with all my heart
Blessed be His holy name
For all this time that we are still apart
To the nations I'll proclaim

Hallelu-Y'shuah
Hallelu-Y'shuah
Hallelu-Y'shuah
Hallelu-Y'shuah

Gone Far Too Soon (March 2006)

God sent a swift, warm breeze
From the east and through our lives
His name was Sameer

Gone far too soon

Like the wind
We know not whence nor whither did he go
But only the place through which he came to us and
left
A place named Mercy

Gone far too soon

Is this a string of crimes?
Not prosecuted nor confessed?
Or but a tragedy?
A cruel twist of fate?

Gone far too soon

Ask the wind
While it yet stirs
And it replies
You shall not take
Any more Sameers

Gone far too soon

Юлия О [YuleAo] (July 2006, 2012, 2024)

Hey, Юлия A
What d'ya say?
How 'bout today?
My Юлия

He, Юлия E
Never could see
All you could be
My Юлия

Straddling this precipice
And waitin' for the right time
Struggling with avarice
And prayin' for divine signs

I, Юлия I
Just gotta sigh
When you go by
My Юлия

Oh, Юлия O
Time passes slow
Till we can go
My Юлия

Fumbling for words to say
To help convey this feeling
Soaring like a bird of prey
Who's trapped beneath the ceiling

You, Юлия U
Know what to do
When I am blue
My Юлия

Why, Юлия Y?
Couldn't we try
To reach for the sky?
My Юлия

Loved with everlasting grace
He's workin' on my wish list
Sprintin' at a faster pace
As we approach the finish

Doo-doo-doo-doo, etc.

Oh, Юлия O
Time passes slow
Till we can go
My Юлия O

Mother (music March 2004, words September 17-18, 2006)

How could I make you see tears that were never shed?
But, Mother, he came to me while I lay on my bed
Peacefully sleeping
Then he came weeping
Begging for me to warn you

"Don't let her come where this torment is near
I love her too much to let her come here"

What if it's just a dream bouncing around my brain?
No need to cause a scene or make fundamental change
In your behavior
Or long for a savior
I'm sure that it's just a story

Meant to delude all the masses to flee
Herded like lemmings, they leap to the sea

But if it's really true, why could you take the chance?
Confess what you need to do, join in this joyful dance
Playfully singing
Church bells a-ringing
Smiles all around the throne room

"Well done, My servant, come meet your friends
Here where the wonder never will end"

Real Whirlwind (July-August 2007)

"Lord, Lord, ain't it gettin' hot down here?
Ain't seen rain now for what seems a year
What I'd give now for a single drink
Don't it make you wanna stop and think?"
Stop and think

From the dust
He pounds the dust
Unto the dust he goes
He breathes the air
Assails the air
Unto the air he sows

Sowing uncounted millennia of solar beams to the air
Reaping the real whirlwind
Reaping the real whirlwind
Reaping the real whirlwind

"Ain't no problem far as we can tell
Man can't turn earth to a living hell
Let's go party while we're still alive
Rev that engine into overdrive"
Overdrive

Filled with pride

Puffed up with pride
In his pride denies
Conceived in sin
He lives in sin
In his sin he dies

Sowing uncounted millennia of solar beams to the air
Reaping the real whirlwind
Reaping the real whirlwind
Reaping the real whirlwind

"Lord, Lord, ain't it gettin' hot down here?"

Won't Be Lonely No More (October 2007)

Well Lordy Lord, You know I've been lonely
You know that I've been lonely for sure
But You know I won't be lonely
I won't be lonely no more

Well Lord, I gave her all of Your money
But all she done was do me so bad
But You know You do me better
The best I ever had

Well Lordy Lord, You know I've been lonely
And that is why I'm singing this song
But You know I won't be lonely
I won't be lonely for long

Well Lord, You know I begged her to stay here
But all she done was leave me so cold
But she'll be begging me to come back
When I'm bagging the gold

Well Lordy Lord, You know I've been lonely
No wonder that I'm feeling so down
But You know the tide is turning
The tide is turning around

Well Lord, You know the battle I'm fighting
You know the one who wants me to lose
But You know he's been defeated
The victory's mine if I choose

Well Lordy Lord, You know I've been lonely
You know that I've been lonely for sure
But You know I won't be lonely
I won't be lonely no more

I know I won't be lonely
I won't be lonely no more

Ever Near (April 2008)

It is true, I am certain
That not one sparrow falls
Apart from Him, behind the curtain
Who decrees all in all

And He knows when you're hurtin'
Of its cause He is clear
So come bring every burden
To the One ever near

He is near, ever near
Jesus is ever near

In a world of sin unbounded
With cruel death at every turn
Hope might seem to be unfounded
Just a dream falsely learned

Though fierce winds may swirl around you
And your heart is clenched with fear
Don't despair for He has found you
He is now and ever near

He is near, ever near
Jesus is ever near

He is ever near
He is ever near
He is ever near

The Glory of the Lord (music August 2008, words June 2009)

Adam had a little till the serpent stalked him
Abel ate a little when his brother clocked him
Enoch peaked a little as he went a walkin'
Up into the heavens when the Lord swept down to take him

Noah felt a little when the rain stopped fallin'
Abram got a syllable when he heard his callin'
Jacob scraped a little when he came a crawlin'
Back up to his brother at the camp of Mahanaim

That's when they saw the glory of the Lord
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That's when they saw the glory

Joseph saw a little in his youthful vision
Moses glimpsed a little from his cleft position
Caleb spied a little on his secret mission
Up into the hills as he checked out the situation

Rahab hid a little while the spies were hidin'
Achin ached a little in the flames he fried in
Joshua split a little as he went dividin'
All the land of Canaan to the tribes that he was bringin'

That's when they saw the glory of the Lord
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That's when they saw the glory

Sampson lost a little to the harlot's haircut
David stung Goliath with a stoney carom
Daniel nipped a little in the lions' lair, but
Jesus shut the mouth of every feline in that dungeon

Mary sang a little when the angel blessed her
Jesus healed a little of the wounds that festered
Peter cursed a little to a girl 'cause yester-
Day she said she saw him but he claimed he ever
knew Him

That's when they saw the glory of the Lord
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John, he saw a little on the Isle of Patmos
Martin cut a bundle of the cords that trapped us
Jesus gets a little nearer when we're wrapped up
Wholly in the glory of His loving arms around us

Incredible (music October 2008, words November 2009)

God is love
He gives light
Eternal life for us

We were lost
Dead as night
Alive now in Jesus

It's just incredible how He loves
Despite the wickedness in my heart
It's unbelievable how He knows
My words before they are even thought

It's like a miracle when He shines
His truth inside of my broken soul
Illuminating my darkened mind
What once was shattered is now made whole

He's just a comfort that never fades
Despite the doubt that invades my flesh
There's no comparing to how He saves
I'm just exceedingly over-blessed

His truth shines
Through the darkness all around
The true God is ours
We are His
He's our solid rock

Worldly lies
And godless myths
It's all just idle talk

It's just incredible how His word
Submerges all of the other sound
Replacing everything I have heard
With truth that's built on His solid ground

And when He came as the blessed Son
To live out all of the Father's will
The gruesome purpose for why He'd come
To bear His cross up that holy hill

His heart forgiving until the end
Not bitter ever that they could see
It's just amazing the Lord would send
His Son to die for a wretch like me

On that cross
Death was banished evermore

He gave life
To sinners such as us

And one day
He will gather all His own

To that place
For all who overcome

Our great God is love
He gives light
Eternal life for us

We were lost
Dead as night
Alive now in Jesus

Goin' up to Zion (February-March 2010)

It's been a long, cold, lonesome road
And the wind tears at my coat
There's a lump that's in my throat
Over You
Over You

Should have known it from the start
That this pain would stab my heart
Every day that we're apart
I cry for You
I cry for You

In a doomed and broken world
With the flag of sin unfurled
And the words of hate are hurled
All at You

All at You

Yet You strove on just the same
In Your Father's Holy Name
As He poured our guilt and shame
All on You
All on You

But we're goin' up to Zion
Where there'll be no more cryin'
When the Lamb lies with the Lion
There with You
There with You
There with You

My Life is a Mess (May 2010)

Oh my Lord, I confess
That my life is a mess
That my mind is beset
By the pangs of regret

Only in You does it make any sense
You saved my life when You made recompense
For me
And my sin

In my drive for success
Lord, please help me suppress
These dark thoughts in my head
From a past that is dead

Only in You can I rise up above
All of this lust and replace it with love
For You
And Your truth

Help me never forget
How it felt when we met
You brought life out of death
With the touch of Your breath

Only in You am I truly alive
You give me strength that I need to survive
This world
And its sin

Our dear Lord, we confess
That our lives are a mess
That our minds are beset
By the pangs of regret

Only in You does it make any sense
You saved our lives when You made recompense
For us
On the cross

Use Us, We Pray (May 2010)

Well, there's a million reasons I'm unfit to serve
I'm reminded every day
But if broken vessels are what You prefer
Then I'm Yours in every way

Oh Lord, hear me
Use me, I pray
Oh Lord, hear us
Use us, we pray

Now, in a fishing village on a distant shore
You began to call Your own
Just a bunch of guys who wanted nothing more
Then to find their way back home

Oh Lord, hear me
Use me, I pray
Oh Lord, hear us
Use us, we pray

And if You need someone who never makes mistakes
Then I'm afraid I wouldn't do
But if You'd take someone whose heart has known some aches
Then I'm the perfect one for You

Oh Lord, hear me
Use me, I pray
Oh Lord, hear us
Use us, we pray

Well, there's a million reasons we're unfit to serve
We're reminded every day
But if broken vessels are what You prefer
Then we're Yours in every way

Oh Lord, hear me
Use me, I pray
Oh Lord, hear us
Use us, we pray

Oh Lord, hear me
Use me, I pray
Oh Lord, hear us
Use us, we pray

Trust in Thee (August – October 2010)

I will trust in Thee
Lord, for everything
Thou hast set me free
To Thy grace I cling

Though the fields should flame
The foundations fall
I will call Thy name
And be saved from all

Thou hast brought to mind
What I truly need
Thee I long to find
For Thy mercies plead

Though all worldly wealth
Should depart from me
I will die to self
And live life in Thee

Some trust in silver
Others in gold
They trust in only
What they can hold
Thou art my hope, Lord
Thou art my strength
This is Thy kingdom
Come may Thou reign!

I will trust in Thee
And not store by ploy
Trifling vanities
Which rust doth destroy

All is under curse
And will cease from view
But this universe
Thou wilt soon renew

What a fool am I
To forget Thy creeds
And Thy truth deny
By my thoughts and deeds

Though the world would mock
Such a love as Thine
On Thy path I'll walk
Past the end of time

No mind can conjure
What Thou hast made
There in Thy glory
Rainbow-arrayed
For us Thy children
Whom Thou shalt raise
Sing Hallelujah!
Sing to Thy praise!

I will trust in Thee
As this world's consumed
Its insanity
E're to be entombed

Running round and round
In a spinning cage
Till Thy roaring sound
Comes to end this age

Let my final breath
Speak Thy Holy Word
And in life or death
May my prayer be heard

Though all earthly hope
From my heart should flee
I will rest and only
Trust in Thee

When the Bill Comes Due (January – February 2011)

Well it won't be fun
And it won't feel fine
And there won't be few
When the bill comes due
When the bill comes due

You can gasp for air
But there's nothing there
For words to do
When the bill comes due
When the bill comes due

You can grab your stash
And your pile of cash
But they're both no use
When the bill comes due
When the bill comes due

And you won't get far
With your credit card
'Cause it won't go through
When the bill comes due
When the bill comes due

Well there's just one Name
That can quench the flame
Which erupts in blue
When the bill comes due
When the bill comes due

He's the only One
Who has overcome
To make all things new
When the bill comes due
When the bill comes due

So if you confess
That you're in a mess
He will vouch for you
When the bill comes due
When the bill comes due

Jesus paid the price
With His precious life
And His coin is true
When the bill comes due
When the bill comes due

You'll behold His face
And His shining grace
Will envelope you
When the bill comes due

Be Gone (November 2011)

Be gone
The hour has touched the dawn
And I must carry on
To be on my way

Today
And if You should care to pray
It would reach me in that way
And would heal my heart

And start
To pry the years apart
Which have bound me here so hard
In this broken place

I face
All the strange and wondrous ways
You have blessed me with Your grace
Showered down from high

I try
As I fight this urge to cry
Choking on a last goodbye
I can almost hear

You near
As You wipe away the tear
And You banish all my fear
I am newly made

I wait
But I know it's not too late
To live out this holy fate
In the great beyond

Be gone

How Ancient (December 2011 – March 2012)

How ancient
From the fifth day
Heron's wings beating the air
Gliding away

Impatient
Filled with dismay
This broken heart beats alone
Too torn to pray

How ancient all of this seems
Yet how new, haunting my dreams
And with every revelation
There is everlasting truth

Temptation
Taunts in this place
Here in this cavernous tomb
Leaving no trace

Salvation
Offered with grace
Shattering all of this gloom
Filling all space

How ancient all of this seems
Yet how new, haunting my dreams
And with every revelation
There is everlasting truth

Then Jesus
Enters our sphere
Comforting me in my grief
Drawing me near

He pleases
Whispers I hear
Banishing my every care
Whom shall I fear?

How ancient all of this seems
Yet how new, haunting my dreams
And with every revelation
There is everlasting truth

Perfection
Triune and true
Chaos is showered with light
Darkness shot through

Election
Of me and you
Doctrine beyond all our thought
Mysteries new
Mysteries new
Mysteries new

Wonderfully Made (May 2012, early 2026)

We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made
We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made

You formed our hidden frames
There in our mother's wombs
Before we heard our names
You wove us on Your loom

We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made
We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made

Even these aches and hurts
In a body that's torn apart
Marvelous are Your works

Treasured within our hearts

We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made
We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made

A temple to house Your Spirit
Made to be like Your Son
Oh that we all would hear it
And live as if we were one

We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made
We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made

One day the trumpet shall sound
And these bodies will be made new
But until that glory's found
We'll use 'em to just praise You

We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made
We will give thanks to Thee
For we are lovingly
And wonderfully made

Hide Not Thy Face From Me (July 2012)

Hide not Thy face from me
I'm as lonesome as can be
Though all other souls may flee
Hide not Thy face from me

Lord, I depend on You
No one else can pull me through
Within You all things I can do
Lord, I depend on You

Lift me when I am down
When my sin is all around
Crushing me into the ground
Lift me when I am down

Hear, Lord, when I cry out
And my heart is filled with doubt
Though my fears within me shout
Hear, Lord, when I cry out

Hide not Thy face from me
There's no other God but Thee
Break these bonds and set me free
Hide not Thy face from me
Hide not Thy face from me

Mademoiselle (January-February 2013)

Mademoiselle Latulippe,
Ou, s'il vous plaît, ma Marie?

Elle est très belle, animé.
Elle un a nom magnifique.

Quand je l'appelle, elle répond.
Quand je suis triste, elle consoles.

Choses sont nouvelles, ensemblé.
Elle est la seule, Dieu donné.

Mademoiselle Latulippe,
Ou, s'il vous plaît, ma Marie?
Ou, s'il vous plaît, ma Marie?
Ou serez vous, ma Marie?

My New Home (April 2014)

Here I am, all on my own
I'm longing for, my new home

Where these eyes, will shed no tears
And this heart, will feel no fears

Where it is, I don't know
If I did, I'd surely go

But as it is, my heart just aches
For my new home

I am loved, it is true
With no excuse, for feeling blue

But this world, can box me in
It steals my joy, reveals my sin

How it ends, I don't know
But when it does, I'll surely go

But until then, my heart just aches
For my new home

I have dreamed, of standing there
In that crisp, refreshing air

No more doubt, and no more night
As we bask, engulfed in light

When He comes, we don't know
But when He does, we'll surely go

But while we're here, our hearts just ache
For our new home

All Things Made New (August – December 2014)

Soft as the Breeze
After the Storm
Flashed from the Freeze
Woken and warm

All things made new
All things made new

Lost and alone
Hope all but gone
Grace from the Throne
True Life beyond

All things made new
All things made new

Broken and burned
Tattered and torn
Rebirth unearned
All Burdens borne

All things made new
All things made new

Shackled in Chains
Face down in Mire
Trump, it proclaims
Freedom from Fire

All things made new
All things made new

Cold in the Tomb
Shrouded in Cloth
Light slays the Gloom
Redemption wrought

All things made new
All things made new

Supreme Love (June – July 2015)

Rainbow
Symbol of God's grace
And a promise
To never again destroy the earth
By flood

Supreme love
Putting God and others before self
Jesus said
"The greatest love is that one lay down his life
For his friends"

Jesus warned
"Remember Lot's wife"

Jesus wept
Over the tomb of Lazarus
And over the walking dead
Of Jerusalem

About to reject
His free offer of eternal life
Before having Him flogged
And crucified

But like Lazarus
Jesus rose from the tomb

But unlike Lazarus
He is seated at the right hand of the Father
Weeping over us
Again

May we weep with Him
May we love as He loved
And hate the sin of bigotry
In every form

Supreme love
Supreme love
Supreme love

Frightened (September – November 2016)

Frightened by his words
Frightened by his win
Frightened by the emptiness within

Frightened by his voice
Frightened by his grin
Frightened by the storm that swirls within
Crashing all hope
On rocks of despair

Frightened by his past
Frightened by his sins
Frightened by the fears of what begins

Frightened by his plans
Fancied at his whims
Fashioned in a mind with no chagrins
Damned be all shame
Damned be all truth

But lo I hear a song
Emerging from the woe
Soothing to my
Ears and somehow
Calming to my
Soul

Lord, I'll heed Your Call
Let Your Will be done
Lead me in the Path laid by Your Son

Thy Will Be Done (February – March 2017)

Change me, Lord
Into Thy Son
Lead me, Lord
Help me to run
Through trials and
Tribulation
Oh, My Lord
Thy Will be done

Never, had
I ever known
Such a love
As Thou hast shown
Neither, had
I ever heard
All the truth
Kept in Thy Word

I long for more, so now please

Change me, Lord
Into Thy Son
Lead me, Lord
Help me to run
Through trials and
Tribulation
Oh, My Lord
Thy Will be done

Ever, Lord
Please be Thou near
Keep me, Lord
From every fear
Even as
Others may fall
Help me to
Heed to Thy Call

I hear Thy voice, so now please

Change me, Lord
Into Thy Son
Lead me, Lord
Help me to run
Through trials and
Tribulation
Oh, My Lord
Thy Will be done

Anyone can see the Love that He
Showers into every life that He
Chooses to reveal His Truth unto
Not because of any deed they do
But by the amazing Grace that He
Pours upon His people out of His
Everlasting and eternal Love
And His ever precious Holy Sacrifice

Change me, Lord
Into Thy Son
Lead me, Lord
Help me to run
Through trials and
Tribulation
Oh, My Lord
Thy Will be done

Chosen By God (March – April 2017)

Born in the house that his daddy done built
Was the twin chosen by God
Raised on the Gospel from both sides of town
Hearin' songs chosen by God
Chosen by God, every note, every verse
Every word chosen by God

Got him a guitar at a Tupelo show
Learnin' chords chosen by God
Cut him a record near Graceland one day
In a place chosen by God
Chosen by God, every twist, every turn
Every move chosen by God

Flyin' through Vegas and ol' Tinsel Town
On a trip chosen by God
Faster and higher than anyone knew
To a fate chosen by God
Chosen by God, every high, every low
Every breath chosen by God

Now that he's gone, can we really know who
Was the twin chosen by God?
Millions of fans are convinced that it's true
He's the King chosen by God
Chosen by God, every child that He loves
Every soul chosen by God
Every life chosen by God

Fall's First Frost (and its Last) (October – November 2017)

Fall's first frost
On a still and silent sunrise
All seems lost
Yet it sparkles as its life dies
Crisply 'neath my step
The crunch
Of the autumn leaves
Whispers in my head
A hunch
Of the coming freeze

Snowflakes fly
As they swirl in a whirlwind
In vain they try
To conceal all the world's sin
Justice seems to sleep
So far
From this wicked earth
Yet shines forth in the East

A star
That portends His Birth

Love's great cost
And the burden just the Son bears
On that cross
As He hung and shed His blood there
Swiftly He'll return
A flash
That unrolls the sky
Too late then to learn
They'll dash
Under rocks to hide

Fall's last frost
On a still and silent sunrise

Dawn (June – July 2018)

Here before Dawn has yet to appear
A forest of song caresses my ear
A chorus of angels chases the night
And summons the morning's shimmering light
I look to the East, I gaze at the skies
And soon I can see her sparkling eyes
With visions of her sweet smile
Still lingering

I knew it as soon as she stepped on the scene
Here was the woman revealed in a dream
Serene in a confidence fastened to Truth
Veiling a glory of permanent youth
I pray to the Lord, "O, how could it be,
That You have provided this gift unto me?
For I'm just an ungrateful child
Still lost in sin"

Long after time has ceased to make sense
No longer trapped in these temporal tents
The logic of all of Your Love will be known
I will bow down at Your radiant throne
And when I look up, without any word
I'll know all the pleas of my heart had been heard
That You made the two of us one
To worship You
Together
And to gather
Together

The One (January – March 2020)

The One, The One
The One, The One

The One, from the beginning
The One, here at the end
The One, keeps us from sinning
The One, our dearest Friend
He spoke us into existence
Exploding out of the void

The One, The One
The One, without a blemish
The One, washes us clean
The One, sent to replenish
The One, sent to redeem
The One, put it in practice
The One, shows us the way
The One, giving us access
The One, hears when we pray
Though bruised beyond recognition
His wounds have covered our sins

The One, The One
The One, vanquishing Satan
The One, conquered the grave
The One, might keep us waitin'
But the One is mighty to save
The One, beyond comprehension
The One, bringing Shalom
The One, lessening tension
The One, making us whole
Not one of His promises fails us
Our Comforter here in the storm

The One, The One
The One, never forsakes us
The One, always is true
The One, loving and gracious
The One, cares what we do
The One, created the cosmos
The One, counts every star
The One, sees without flaws so
The One, knows who we are
He disciplines us as Our Father
His Mysteries being revealed

The One, The One
The One, stands in the doorway
The One, knocks at our heart
The One, loves us in more ways
So the One, never will part
The One, holy and righteous
The One, reigns from His throne
The One, ever delights us
The One, calling us Home

He'll come in shimmering glory
To judge the living and dead

The One, The One
The One, The One

The COVID Blues (May 2020 – February 2025)

Wearin' a mask in public
Fearin' the latest news
Wishin' they'd change the subject
I'm tellin' ya' what I got
I got the COVID Blues

Never been so frustrated
Bring me a barrel-o-booze
But I can't barely taste it
I'm tellin' ya' what I got
I got the COVID Blues

Tryin' to keep my distance
From everyone that I see
Buildin' up my resistance
Prayin' on bended knee

I frantically search for wisdom
On which of the shots to choose
Get jabbed or get sent to prison
I'm tellin' ya' what I got
I got the COVID Blues

Lord, how I'm feelin' desperate
Dreadin' the bitter end
But maybe there'll be a respite
Comin' around the bend

And so as I leave you wond'ring
Whether I've blown a fuse
I'm certain of only one thing
I'm tellin' ya' what I got
I got the COVID Blues

I'm tellin' ya' what I got
I got the COVID Blues

The Ol' Gray Wolf (December 2020 – January 2021)

He's howlin' out your window
Wanderin' through the wood
Try conjurin' where he's been, tho'
Nobody ever could
You're questionin' all of your senses
Wonderin' if he's real
But there ain't no other consensus
For explainin' just what you feel
He's out there in the darkness
Fixin' to hunt you down
He's hungry and he's heartless
Roamin' from town to town
Every soul laid low
By the ol' gray wolf
Every soul laid low
By the ol' gray wolf

The night is lingerin' longer
Wind sweepin' over the plain
Your veins are poundin' still stronger
As a fear envelopes your brain
Your lungs too tight to be breathin'
You sense him right at the gate
And when you finally see him
Well it's all too little too late
He rushes you in an instant
Claws flyin' over the ground
Sharpened teeth a-glistenin'
Crushin' without a sound
Every soul laid low
By the ol' gray wolf
Every soul laid low
By the ol' gray wolf

He tempted us in The Garden
Takin' us down for the count
But we're forgiven and pardoned
As Jesus taught on The Mount
So why do we live in anger?
And why do we wallow in hate?
Why do we grieve our Savior?
When it's Him we should imitate
Instead we follow The Liar
Fallin' for all of his tricks
Our sins are pilin' up higher
A mess only God can fix
Every soul laid low
By the ol' gray wolf
Every soul laid low
By the ol' gray wolf

Make Us Wise (January 2021, edited June 2025)

Let us grow in wisdom and power and love

Break open my heart
Focus my eyes
Lord, set me apart
And make me wise

Though lawlessness spills
All over this place
Lord, harness my will
To seek only Thy face

When floodwaters crest
Then slowly subside
Lord, into Thy rest
Please let me abide

As virtue is scorned
And honesty dies
Lord, keep us forewarned
And make us wise

As intensity builds
And torments our souls
Lord, let us be filled
As Your Love overflows

Till righteousness reigns
And we claim the prize
Lord, ease all our pains
And make us wise

Lord, ease all our pains
And make us wise

Be Reconciled (July – September 2021)

How can all o' you be so stupid?
How come everything's such a mess?
How're you so quickly deluded
Trustin' every word of the press?

You're fallin' for the schemes of the devil
Don't ya' know he lurks in the church?
He'll tinker with yer' thinkin' and then he'll
Leave ya' all alone in a lurch

Be reconciled
Come as a child
Rest in His embrace
Glory in His face
Of love for us
Amen

How could I be so apathetic
Not to notice all of her pain?
Shelter-less and so unprotected
Shiverin' alone in the rain

Neither can I know all the sorrow
That bigotry and racism wreak
Help me, Lord, to make a tomorrow
Where selfless love is all that I seek

Be reconciled
Come as a child
Rest in His embrace
Glory in His face
Of love for us
Amen

Be reconciled
Come as a child
Rest in His embrace
Glory in His face
Of love for us
Amen

A Golden Lullaby (January – February 2022)

A loving wife
You gave us life
Now here we are
To ease your strife

Time to close your eyes
No more painful sighs
Heaven waits on high
A Golden Lullaby

You've done your best
We'll do the rest
The four of us
The ones you blessed

Nurtured by your love
We all rose above
Heaven waits on high
A Golden Lullaby

Now it's time
To ease your mind
To leave all cares
And doubts behind

Take a final breath
No despair in death
Heaven waits on high
A Golden Lullaby

And as we try
To say goodbye
Tears we'll cry
A Golden Lullaby

Second Resurrection (January – March 2022)

Now it was sometime on Day Seven
Way up there in Heaven
Came the plan to send Him
Down upon the earth

Shedding all His power
Just to face His hour
And that it is how we're
Given second birth

To live a life eternal
For everyone who's turned he'll
Die just like a kernel
Planted in the field

Emerging just like Jonah
The Harvest's Real Owner
Living Word is sown here
All His Truth revealed

Here comes the Second Resurrection
Here comes the Second Resurrection

Run like Mary to His mother
Go and get your brother
Gather one another
To the empty tomb

But you won't find Him
Not among the dying
He is ever-shining
Coming for us soon

In streaming clouds of glory
The ending of the story
Giving grace and more He
Planned it to a T

Though He's been waitin'
No more hesitatin'

Comin' with salvation
For humanity
Here comes the Second Resurrection
Here comes the Second Resurrection

2X (Here He comes
Here He comes
Here He comes
Here He comes)

Here comes the Second Resurrection
Here comes the Second Resurrection

So don't you worry 'bout tomorrow
And all the coming sorrow
There is hope to borrow
There upon The Throne

Despite the rise of Evil
Martyring the peaceful
Never fear 'cause He will
Gather all His own

We'll worship Him forever
No more stormy weather
Neither we will ever
Feel any pain

Just the joy within His presence
Continuing to mend us
With loving effervescence
He will ever reign

Here comes the Second Resurrection
Here comes the Second Resurrection

2X (Here He comes
Here He comes
Here He comes
Here He comes)

Here comes the Second Resurrection
Here comes the Second Resurrection

Listen Up! (January 2023)

Listen all you lovers of Jesus
Don't ya' know you're part of the story?
He has promised never to leave us
We are seated with Him in glory
Raised to make Him real
For all the world to see
How true love's gonna' feel
For all eternity
Eternity
Eternity

Listen all who frolic in darkness
Can't you see it's all an illusion?
Fraught with perils planted to harm us
Conjured by the con of confusion
Who seeks only to destroy
Lying with each breath
A convoluted ploy
To deny the second death
The second death
The second death

"Listen all you angels in heaven
Can't you hear the clamor that's rumblin'?
Time to sound the trumpets of seven
Then to gather all who still love Him
Sweep across the plains
Clear to every shore
For everyone who's named
To live forever more
Forever more
Forever more"

Back in Your Heart (February 2023)

Lilting and lovely
Songbirds above me
Serenades summon me
Back to Your arms

Foolishly wand'ring
Life left me longing
Aching to feel You right
Here in my heart

Back in Your heart
Back in Your heart
Back in Your heart
I belong

Golden and glist'ning
Colorf'ly christ'ning
Autumn's first inkling
Is etched in the trees

Then I remember
Winds of December
When I surrendered
My life unto Thee

Back in Your heart
Back in Your heart
Back in Your heart
I belong

Silent and sparkling
Snowflakes are falling
Blanketing all in a
Shimmering sheen

Still in this silence
Solemn reliance
Upon all the love You have
Lavished on me

Back in Your heart

Back in Your heart
Back in Your heart
I belong

Hillsides are flow'ring
Springtime abounding
All bursting forth in a
Garland of green

Buds on the fig tree
Portend a myst'ry
Hidden in history
Now all revealed

Back in Your heart
Back in Your heart
Back in Your heart
We belong

We Like Ike (October 21-22, 2023)

Hoppin' along
On our hike
Singin' a song
That he likes
Tossin' that disc
With all his might
It goes like this
We like Ike

Strummin' a tune
On his guitar
Knowin' that soon
He'll go far
Cruisin' around
On his bike
He loves to play
We like Ike

We like Ike
Darlin' baby boy
Cute little tyke
Cuddlin' with his toys

We like Ike
Such a lovely child
Made so right
He'll drive the women wild

He's taken the world
By a storm
Now tucked in bed
Safe and warm
Trustin' the LORD
And every night
We'll say our prayers
We like Ike

Trustin' the LORD
And every night
We'll say our prayers
We like Ike

I Could Die Happy (July 14-16, 2024)

It's not that I want this to end
It's not that I need more to start
But hours spent alone with a friend
Bring joy to the core of my heart

I'll treasure each moment
And with every breath
Give thanks to the Lord
And never fear death

I could die happy
Here in this place
Surrounded by beauty
Wherever I gaze

Yes, I could die happy
With you at my side
With no prayer unspoken
And nothin' to hide

I could die happy

The years slip away just like sand
But our fate has been bound to the Rock
We clung when He offered His Hand
And now in His footsteps we walk

With mercies unending
Rained down from above
We're cleansed from our sin
And we're bathed in His Love

I could die happy
Now that I'm free
Death has been stripped
Of its hold over me

Yes, I could die happy
With you at my side
With no prayer unspoken
And nothin' to hide

I could die happy

These mountains will quake
Sent tumblin' down to the sea
But no force can break
The embrace that He has around me

And so as we turn the next page
Whatever the future may bring
We'll be loved to the end of this Age
And of His Glory we'll sing

I'll treasure the moments
We shared on that hill
Together in nature

With all worry stilled

I could die happy
Now that I know
How we are loved
Wherever we go

Yes, I could die happy
With you at my side
With no prayer unspoken
And nothin' to hide

I could die happy
I could die happy
Yes, I could die happy

Gettin' Back (take 2) (September 2, 2024)

Since I called you in the Garden
You were hidin' from Me
Until you left Me hangin'
To My death upon a tree

But I'm gettin' back
I'm gettin' back
World, I'm gettin' even with you now

I fasted in the desert
And confronted your king
He tempted with the power
To rule everything
But I rebuked him then and there
Just as I say to your face
Repent and be forgiven in these
Last hours of grace

'Cause I'm gettin' back
I'm gettin' back
World, I'm gettin' even with you now

I don't want to feel revenge
Don't want to cause no pain
But you know that you'll be gettin' singed
By all that fiery flame, yeah

'Cause I'm gettin' back
I'm gettin' back
World, I'm gettin' even with you now

Somewhere in the distance
I can see your fate
Tremblin' before Me
'Cause you waited too late
What a shame to know
That you will never see
What ya' could've had
By simply prayin' to Me

'Cause I'm gettin' back
I'm gettin' back
World, I'm gettin' even with you now

Hey There, Major! (September-October, 2024)

Hey there, Major!
Don't ya' know it's time to play?
We've been waitin'
Here for nearly half a day

See the sun is shining
Everybody's smiling
Excited just to see your face

All the games to try out
We can't wait to find out
How you'll brighten up this place

Hey there, Major!
Open up your sleepy eyes
The world is waitin'
Filled with wonder and surprise

Secrets to uncover
'N share with one another
Flourishing your mind with awe

Sun on the horizon
Super moon arisin'
With beauty that no one could draw

Hey there, Major!
Can't ya' guess what you will do?
A future's waitin'
With somethin' special just for you

All that you'll succeed in
We just won't believe it
All the ways that you will shine

Scorin' every season
In any sport that's pleasin'
Breakin' records ev'ry time

Hey there, Major!
Now it's time to get your rest
Tomorrow's waitin'
Another chance to do your best

Dark and Crazy Times (February-March 2025)

Well I'm fed up with my feed
And I can't take another byte
I can't get what I need
To try 'n make it feel alright

The Truth's denied and it don't make sense
As near as I can tell
A lyin' king with brazen confidence
And no fear of God or Hell

These are dark and crazy times

Dark and crazy times
Gotta' get the Light and let It shine
'Cause friend I'm tellin' ya' these are
Dark and crazy times

Narratives so shrill and false
Surround us with a stench
Spawning hate and brutal word assaults
That are pounded at each trench

Well I could be wrong but I can't recall
An age absurd as this
When clueless throngs repeat it all
Without a word amiss

These are dark and crazy times
Dark and crazy times
Gotta' get the Light and let It shine
'Cause friend I'm tellin' ya' these are
Dark and crazy times

As I step outside of time and space
And look back from beyond
The veil is taken from my face
To see what's really goin' on

Well the Enemy has got us split
Into these seething camps
Trickin' us to think it's time to quit
At giving peace a chance

But despite who seems to be in power
David's Regal Son
Is returning at this Final Hour
To save His People from

These dark and crazy times
Dark and crazy times
Gotta' get the Light and let It shine
'Cause friend I'm tellin' ya' these are
Dark and crazy times

Yeah, these are dark and crazy times
Dark and crazy times
Receive His Light and let It shine
'Cause friend I'm tellin' ya' these are
Dark and crazy times

Hebrews 12 (Yeshua, We Run to You) (July 2025)

The sky opens wide
We're surrounded by a cloud
The heroes who died
But have yet to don their crowns

We cast all aside
That would hinder how we run
Forsaking our pride
And the sin He's overcome

We'll run the race and never weary
Stay the course that's marked so clearly

Yeshua, we run to You

Yeshua, eyes fixed on You

Scorning its shame
You endured the painful cross
Earning Your Name
Counting all this realm as dross

Our True Pioneer
And Protector of the Faith
Now ever near
To revive us if we fade

We'll run the race and never weary
Stay the course that's marked so clearly

Yeshua, we run to You[1]
Eyes fixed on You
Please make us new
Let our hearts be true
Eyes fixed on You
As we run to You

Lake Mode (July 2025)

Summer steams
Sweltering, sizzling
Scorching everything
Stealin' dreams

Where to flee?
How to escape all the heat
That's feedin' these
Miseries?

We hop into the car
Packed with all it can hold
Tense and drivin' hard
Fightin' traffic that's slowed

We finally make it through
Along this ramblin' road
The cabin comes in view
And we're in

Lake Mode

Lake Mode

Back in town
Everyone's hurryin'
To evade the crowds

[1] *Begin adding "Yeshua" and the pre-chorus as repeating rounds (inspired by Brian Wilson's "God Only Knows")*

City sounds

So confused
None of them knows how to
Simply slip the noose
Break it loose

Meanwhile at the lake
We're chillin' out to the max
Recallin' all it takes
To simply sit and relax

We've managed to escape
And we are soothin' our souls
The cabin is the place
To be in

Lake Mode

Lake Mode

Sittin' on the dock at sunset
Starin' at the sky
Gazin' at the stars and wonder
Fills us from on high

So now we're at the lake
Chillin' out to the max
Enjoyin' what it takes
To simply sit and relax

We've managed to escape
And we are soothin' our souls
The cabin is the place
To be in

Lake Mode

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It's Been a Minute (August 2025)
co-written with Michelle

Well I figured they were gone
That my romancin' days were through
But then ya' came along
To bring a different point of view
You shattered preconceptions
That had settled in my mind
Gave my world a new 'die-rection'
And this heart a second life

It's been a minute
I ain't sure if it'll work
It's been a minute
Am I just a clueless jerk?
Can't be sure where love will go
Until we're in it
So for now all I really know is …
It's been a minute

Like strangers in a foreign land
We slowly navigate our way
Travelin' hand in hand
While we savor brighter days
Troubled by distraction
'Cause you complicate my mind
Overwhelmed by an attraction
I was sure I'd never find

Only a minute
Is this feelin' really true?
Only a minute
How could we have a clue?
Can't be sure where love will go
Until we're in it
So for now all I really know is …
It's been a minute

Can true love come at first sight?
Well I guess that we'll find out
But when I see your smile at first light
There won't be any doubt

In just a minute
That's all it took for me
In just a minute
Feelin' blessed as I could be
Can't be sure where love will go
Until we're in it
But for now all I really know is it's been …
Quite a minute

It's been a minute

Near to Me (September 2025)

Wanderin' through the desert
Tempted at each turn
Despairin' God had left us
To leave our hearts to burn

But it's clear what He was doin'
While we languished in the breeze
He had destined all along
To bring you near to me

Near to me
The Good Lord had it planned
Near to me
Now I understand
All those lonely years behind us
As far as I can see
The Lord is here to guide us
And keep you near to me

The Good Book says it well
Recorded for all time
I am my beloved's
And my beloved's mine

As we climb the highest mountain
And we cross the deepest sea
His Spirit lives within us
To keep you here with me

Here with me
It is written in the stars
Here with me
No matter where you are
All those lonely years behind us
As far as I can see
The Lord is here to guide us
And keep you near to me

Though distance or distractions
Might make it seem we're far apart
There's no way for you to leave
This special place within my heart

Dear to me
So precious in my mind
Dear to me
So gentle and so kind
All those lonely years behind us
As far as I can see
The Lord is here to guide us
And keep you near to me
The Lord is here to guide us
And keep you near to me

When God Made You (September 2025)

They say it took Him six days
Usin' nothin' but His words
To fashion all the vastness
Of this amazing universe

But as He neared the finish
Words alone just wouldn't do
He saved up somethin' special
For the day that God made you

When God made you
There was nothin' else to say
When God made you
Then I simply knelt to pray

I try to thank Him, but no words
Could ever be as true
As the wonder of your beauty
That I feel through and through
I was forever changed
When God made you

In a deep and silent slumber
He gently opened up my chest
Took a part of me and formed you
Filled you with His Holy Breath

He sent us on our journeys
Far apart but now that's through
A reunited perfect union
From what had once been two

When God made you
It took my breath away
When God made you
My darkness turned to day

I try to thank Him, but no words
Could ever be as true
As the wonder of your beauty
That I feel through and through
I was forever changed
When God made you

My eyes could never weary
Of gazing at your face
Our hearts beating so clearly
As we marvel at His Grace

When God made you
My world became complete
When God made you
The bitter taste turned sweet

I try to thank Him, but no words
Could ever be as true
As the wonder of your beauty
That I feel through and through
I was forever changed
When God made you

I was forever changed
When God made you

Pay the Check and Take Me Home (October 2025, September 2026)
co-written with Michelle

We've got our good and valid reasons
For sometimes bein' on the road
Now that you're back and we are meetin'
It heals an ache deep in my soul

I was checkin' your flight status
Waitin' for you to get home
So we could spend some time together
But now I see you and feel close

I don't care about your next trip
'Cause now you're here and we're alone
This glass of wine has got one last sip
Pay the check and take me home

Absence makes the heart grow fonder
And our reunions taste so sweet
Survived those lonely nights without you
Knowin' you'd come back to me

I don't care about your next trip

‘Cause now you’re here and we’re alone
This glass of wine has got one last sip
Pay the check and take me home

Take me home
Ta-ay-ay-ay-ke me home
Come on now, take me home
I need to go there
It’s been so long

I don’t care about your next trip
‘Cause now you’re here and we’re alone
This glass of wine has got one last sip
Pay the check and take me home
Pay the check and take me home
Just pay the check and take me home

Michelle and Me (October 2025)

Well, I ain’t sayin’ everythin’ is perfect
We know we’ve got our rough spots to work through
But bein’ with MIchelle is such a pure fit
It must be from the LORD, I know it’s true

Yeah, the LORD has brought Michelle and me together
For eternal purposes so good and true
He’ll reshape us through the winds and stormy weather
Till there’s nothin’ Michelle and me couldn’t do

The path that lies before us isn’t easy
Obstacles and troubles line the way
But through the power of prayer an’ intercedin’
We’ll conquer all and keep evil at bay

Well, the LORD has brought Michelle and me together
For eternal purposes so good and true
He’ll reshape us through the winds and stormy weather
Till there’s nothin’ Michelle and me couldn’t do

Anytime a hint of doubt
Invades our minds or makes us blind
To all His Grace and that we’re truly blessed
It’s then we cry a simple prayer
And suddenly we know He’s there
Reminding us that His Love is the best

Well, I can’t say exactly where we’re goin’
But I am sure to Whom we do belong
Walking with the LORD will keep us growin’
A three-strand-cord is thirty times as strong

Well, the LORD has brought Michelle and me together
For eternal purposes so good and true
He’ll reshape us through the winds and stormy weather
Till there’s nothin’ Michelle and me couldn’t do
Nothin’ Michelle and me couldn’t do
Nothin’ Michelle and me couldn’t do

No More Walls (October 2025)
co-written with Michelle

The sun rises over the mountains
And I marvel at its beauty once more
I am counting all of my blessings
And awaiting what My LORD has in store

Though the path is rocky and treacherous
And I falter and fall to the ground
I know God is smoothing out the edges
Slowly crumbling all our walls down

No more walls to divide us
No more walls to keep us apart
No more walls to confine us
No more walls … within our hearts

The wind whispers words in the aspens
As images emerge in the cliffs
Our minds shaped by life as it happens
Growing closer despite all the shifts

As we climb ever higher and higher
And challenges confront everywhere
I know God will keep us inspired
If we bring all to Him in our prayers

No more walls to divide us
No more walls to keep us apart
No more walls to confine us
No more walls … within our hearts

We built them up to bring us safety
To protect our wounded souls
But it’s time for them to crumble
So the LORD can make us whole

No more walls to divide us
No more walls to keep us apart
No more walls to confine us
No more walls … within our hearts
Within our hearts, within our hearts

Send Your Ministering Angels (November 2025)
co-written with Michelle

The darkness descends
The cold closes in
I find myself cryin’ out to you once again

Won’t You ease my pain
If even just for tonight
I’m beggin’ You, Lord, please make this alright

Need You to send Your minist’ring angels
To strengthen and comfort me
I’m drowning in desperation
Searching for Your Peace

When Jesus was grieved
In Gethsemane
Your angel sustained Him in His hour of need

Even He needed help
Though sinless and pure
Life confronts all with stuff we can't endure

Need You to send Your minist'ring angels
To strengthen and comfort me
I'm drowning in desperation
Searching for Your Peace

My tears shed unstoppable water
My heart cries out deep into space
I beg you to send to my daughter
An angel for her to embrace

The morning is near
And all becomes clear
Please help her to face life and banish all fear

She can't do it alone
It's too much to bear
Please show her Your Love and how much You care

Need You to send her Your minist'ring angels
To strengthen and comfort her, please
She's drownin' in desperation
Achin' for some kind of Peace

Need You to send Your minist'ring angels
To strengthen and comfort me
I'm drowning in desperation
Searching for Your Peace
Searching for Your Peace

Thank You, LORD (November 2025 – January 2026)
co-written with Michelle

There's a debt we cannot pay
All our labor is in vain
Though we strive to earn our way
Only God can ease our pain

And we know we don't deserve it
God knows the things we've done
We're so far from bein' perfect
Yet for us You sent Your Son

Thank You, LORD
For makin' us whole
Forgiving our sins
And savin' our souls

There's no deeds that we could offer
To make You love us more
We cry out at Your altar …
Thank You, LORD

There are times we question why
In a dark and lonely place
But You track each tear we cry
Bind our wounds and give us Grace

Thank You, LORD
For everything You do
Healin' our hearts
And makin' us new

There's no deeds that we could offer
To make You love us more
We cry out at Your altar …
Thank You, LORD

When it seemed we'd been forsaken
And all our hope was lost
It was then our sin was taken
And crushed upon the Cross
Now we're invited to this table
The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
For as long as we are able
We'll praise the Great I Am

There's no deeds that we could offer
To make You love us more
We cry out at Your altar …
Thank You, LORD
Thank You, LORD
Thank You, LORD

Better Get 'n Git Us Hitched (December 2025)

[Female vocalist]
Tellin' ya' boy if that's the way ya' really feel
Might be time to seal the deal
Time to tie the knot
Put a ring on it

So go and ask my Dad and if he approves
Then it's time to make your move
Time to take the plunge
Go and git' 'er done

'Cause I know you got that hunger
But you ain't gittin' any younger
So if yer' sure that this is it
Ya' better get and git' us hitched

Well there's some folk who might call it poisonin'
But go and call the lawyers in
Git' them to write it up
A nice and tight pre-nup

Git' the feelin' that ya' might wanna consummate
So let's wed 'fore it's too late
For you to finalize
A proper weddin' night

'Cause I know you got that hunger
But you ain't gittin' any younger
So if yer' sure that this is it

Ya' better get and git' us hitched

[Male Vocalist]
Tellin' ya' darlin' that's the way I really feel
I know it's time to seal the deal
Time to tie the knot
Put a ring on it

I went and asked yer' Dad and he approves
So now it's time to make my move
In just a little while
We're gonna' walk that aisle

'Cause ya' know I got that hunger
And I ain't gittin' any younger
I know for shor' that this is it
I'm gonna' get and git' us hitched

But only if you say "yes" – that is….
So what d' ya' say, Darlin'?

Please Don't Give Up on Us (December 2025)

There are times when sayin' "sorry"
Isn't nearly quite enough
When a foolish lie is delivered
It will shatter trust to dust
And now that I am guilty
Of what I thought I couldn't do
I stand before ya' weepin'
Pourin' out my heart to you

Don't give up on us
Please don't give up on us

It's so sad and oh so scary
That this heart which seemed so pure
Was so quickly cracked by trauma
To expose a sinful core
And now I'm feeling helpless
To undo the wrong I've done
My sin casts such a shadow
It has blotted out the sun

But don't give up on us
Please don't give up on us

For there is One who never falters
He never will forsake
In His time He can restore us
And I'll implore Him every day

[2][*But I know this pain that I've caused you*
Has completely crushed your heart
Coming just as you had re-opened it
Hoping our new life might start
Now your mind is filled with questions
Wonderin' if you've been a fool
To believe we had a future
But I pray He'll help you through]

To not give up on us
Please don't give up on us

I beg you Lord
Don't give up on us

It's Complicated (December 2025)

You've got your stuff and LORD knows I've got mine
Ex-spouses, kids, and secret buried mines

It's a winding road we're on so we have learned
A roller coaster of emotions at each turn

And it seems we've been fated
To a life that's complicated
But I wouldn't trade it
For any other life

The years ahead will likely have some days
When you'll be tempted just to walk away

But the LORD is movin' and He's got His plans
For us to live together in His hands

So despite how we've been fated
To a life that's complicated
I wouldn't trade it
For any other life
I wouldn't trade it
For any other life
No I wouldn't trade it
For any other life

I Will Wait Upon The LORD (December 2025)

My love for her has no ending
And neither does my grief
For the pain my sin has caused her
Attacks without relief

There is only One who can fix this
And I pray to Him each day
As I fast among these ashes
In stillness do I wait

I will wait upon the LORD
For only He can heal
I will wait upon the LORD
For the Truth to be revealed

Seven years seemed but a few days
As Jacob waited for his bride
Through these tears I swear that same love
Within my heart abides

[2] *Michelle has requested that I not include this verse, so it is not included in any recorded versions.*

So for years or even decades
This will be my daily prayer
That in His just and perfect timing
He'll restore what once was there

I will wait upon the LORD
For only He can heal
I will wait upon the LORD
For the Truth to be revealed

With a flash of light
He'll split the sky
His patient flock removed
But until that Day
I'll always pray
For our love to be renewed

I will wait upon the LORD
For only He can heal
I will wait upon the LORD
For the Truth to be revealed

Creve Coeur [Broken Heart] (January 2026)

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Here I am
My broken heart
But I'm being restored
Here in Creve Coeur

Yes, we'll be restored
Here in Creve Coeur

Forgiven (February 2026)

You sent your SUNO song on Friday
It shared exactly how you feel
It hurt to hear how I had harmed you
But we need to keep it real

On Saturday at Starbucks
You said you'd be making changes and that change is good
I held your hand and asked you not to move away
But that I understood

We had our pleasant conversation
Just like we always do
And just a little while later
You texted "Nice to see you!"

I answered back "Always!"
I placed a heart upon your message
You placed a heart on mine
It was then I felt forgiven
For the very first time

I'm so thankful for our friendship
And for the healing from the LORD
Applying salve to give us vision
Weaving us a three-strand-cord

A bond that never can be broken
Friends forever to the end
He'll grant us patience and endurance
And the power to repent

He'll bless each pleasant conversation
And give us everything we need
To serve however that He calls us
Despite all pain and tragedy

He'll answer back "Always!"
If we question His Love
For us His Light will always shine
'Cause we have been forgiven
For all of time

Yes, we have been forgiven
For all of time

The Gift (February 2026)

It arrived without wrapping
No ribbons and no bows
But once we had received it
His wondrous Gift had brought us close

A Gift unique in every aspect
One we never could have known
Except that we'd been brought together
By Him who sits upon the throne

Now it's cloaked within a shroud
But is it buried for all time?
Hidden there behind a cloud
Of sin whose making is all mine

Can it really be forbidden
For us to open it again?
Our future has been hidden
My fate is twistin' in the wind

Oh my God how I am longing
For the Gift we once beheld
The first sense of true belonging
That my heart had ever felt

As each lonely hour passes
I fear that it is now too late
Time has slowed to thick molasses
And in its sticky mire I wait

The nights are really rough
As my mind replays the clips
Is it meant to be enough
To just have memories of the Gift?

I know that God is Sovereign
His Will is perfect and so True

His rendered judgement solemn
For I took the Gift too soon

Our Rock and Our Redeemer (February 2026)
co-written with Michelle

May the words that we speak
And the thoughts that we think
Be pleasing to you LORD
In everything that we do
Let us first come to You
So we act in one accord

You're our Rock and our Redeemer
Sent your Son to show the way
We are chosen and forgiven
Our lives forever changed

In the darkness You're Light
In the wilderness our Guide
If we just trust and obey
We'll surrender to You
Trust Your promises are true
Forever Yours remain

You're our Rock and our Redeemer
Sent your Son to show the way
We are chosen and forgiven
Our lives forever changed

When our hearts cry out You hear us
When we fear all hope is gone
That's when we feel You near us
Like the Rising Light of Dawn

In the years yet to be
There's a sure destiny
For all who call Your Name
Then we'll be face to face
In that glorious place
As we sing this sweet refrain

You're our Rock and our Redeemer
Sent your Son to show the way
We are chosen and forgiven
Our lives forever changed

And we praise praise praise
In Jesus' name

The Little Scroll (February 2026)

Blessed are those with ears to hear
Heeding all the words within
Who with patience will endure
As this final act begins

One like the Son of Man is there
Among the golden lampstands
Shining white His Robe and Hair
Seven stars are in His Hand

He sends His word to seven angels
Each one assigned a church
Scattered through a barren land
A forgotten stretch of Earth

Five are told they must repent
But all are urged to keep the faith
Glory for obedience
Or else eternal fire awaits

It's all hidden there in plain sight
Each letter seems addressed to me
His words are burning through the night
And define my destiny

To Ephesus
Do the works you did at first
To Smyrna
Don't fear your days in prison
To Pergamum
Reject idols and fornication
To Thyatira
Beware conniving Jezebel
To Sardis
Wake up and strengthen what remains
To Philadelphia
Walk through the open door
To Laodicea
I spew you from my mouth

The little scroll is inscribed on me
Take and eat – all mysteries told
To the tongue as sweet as honey
When swallowed bitter to the soul

It's a profound mystery
And it puzzles still
How God's sovereignty
Combines with our free will
To write all of human history

A story He foreknew
And also orchestrates
For the good of those who
Will love Him always
And are called to serve Him true

Prophecy violates physics
Until we realize
That time is an illusion
He's implanted in our minds

The little scroll spells it out
Wormwood is Chernobyl
As fallout poisons waters
666 vav vav vav W W W
The Inventor's AlGore-ithm
Commerce succumbs to Satan
The fourth bowl pours searing heat
Global warming intensifies

Until his kingdom all falls dark
They are gathered there for battle
On the plains of Megiddo
The sun turns black, the moon turns red
He brings a massive earthquake
And then comes The End
For He is coming with the clouds

But of all God's solemn warnings
There is one that haunts me still
A temptation ever warring
And assaulting my free will

Sex outside the marriage bed
Plagued for nine and two-score years
Till it all crashed down upon my head
And I lay shattered in my tears

The little scroll is inscribed on me
Take and eat – all mysteries told
To the tongue as sweet as honey
When swallowed bitter to the soul

To the tongue as sweet as honey
When swallowed bitter to the soul

Under the Weather (February 2026)

The phone rang and I could hear it
Your husky voice and your coughin'
It sucks to be under the weather
I sure hope you're feelin' better
Real soon

I wanna' introduce my puppy
I wanna' work on our next song
But those are just lame excuses
'Cause I just really want to hang with you
For a while

You said we couldn't have our meetin'
You knew that I'd be disappointed
A long couple weeks since I last saw ya'
I really miss chattin' over coffee
There with you

LORD knows that it's a bummer
Feelin' like a truck hit ya'
It sucks to be under the weather
I sure hope you're feelin' better
Real soon

It sucks to be under the weather
I sure hope you're feelin' better
Real soon

'Cause I miss you

I really do

Tenderly (March 2026)

Tenderly
Your voice on the phone
Bringing a calm
Deep inside of me

Lovingly
Your words kiss my ears
Erasing all fears
And anxiety

Soothingly
Warming my soul
Making me whole
And fulfilling me

Your thoughts are so kind
A balm for my mind
Tenderly healing my heart

No one could know
The depth of your soul
And how you're transforming my life
So tenderly

Perfectly
My hand fits in yours
As we thank the LORD
For His mercy

Cheerfully
We chat through our meal
The nourishing feel
Of intimacy

Tenderly
Our parting embrace
Though I'd like to stay
For eternity

Your thoughts are so kind
A balm for my mind
Tenderly healing my heart

No one could know
The depth of your soul
And how you're transforming my life
So tenderly
Oh, so tenderly

If This is Goodbye (March 2026)

We're both damaged souls
Beyond all repair
Yet we were made whole
In each other's care

We just needed to chat
And life became bliss
It's as simple as that

A peace I sorely miss

For I love you so
And we found such joy
Your voice shined a glow
That brightened my void

Then we chatted all week
Til' I was ghosted again
Another weekend of secrecy
Are you off with him?

So now there seems not
The faintest of hopes
In your wounded heart
To renew our Shalom

It's too hard to take
This pain is too much
Each nerve feels an ache
Each thought needs a crutch

I can't sleep at night
Just constant anguish
I'm frozen by fright
Off sails the friendship

So if it's all gone
And this is goodbye
I'll try to move on
And take it in stride

If this is goodbye
May God be with ye
Through prayer we must try
To find lasting peace

If this is goodbye
I'll pray for Pipes too
That God would bring life
And bless both of you

And may He always
Bless both of you

Only by You (March-April 2026)

On Earth as in Heaven
Let Your Will be done
Our voices are lifted
In the Name of Your Son
We command every demon
To depart from our lives
That You may redeem us
And shine Your True Light

We thank You and praise You
All the day through
Let us be filled, LORD
Only by You
Only by You, LORD
Only by You
Let us be filled, LORD
Only by You

In sorrow and darkness
Please help us to pray
When Satan attacks us
Please stand in the way
You never will leave us
Of this we are sure
For You sent us Jesus
He knocks at the door

We thank You and praise You
All the day through
Let us be filled, LORD
Only by You
Only by You, LORD
Only by You
Let us be filled, LORD
Only by You

This world can deplete us
Till we're parched to the core
We plead for Your Spirit
And you send evermore
Evermore, evermore

We thank You and praise You
All the day through
Let us be filled, LORD
Only by You
Only by You, LORD
Only by You
Let us be filled, LORD
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Isaiah 61 (Jubilee) (May 2026)

Sin imprisoned us in bondage
But Jesus came to set us free
Now His Spirit is upon us
To proclaim His liberty

Jubilee
For you, for me
We shall be set free
Forever more

Crowned with beauty, no more ashes
He brings comfort through our tears
With anointing oil of gladness
He will wash away our fears

Jubilee
For you, for me
We shall be set free
Forever more

We will be like oaks of righteousness
The planting of the LORD
We'll repair the ancient ruins
As their glory is restored

Jubilee
For you, for me
We shall be set free
Forever more

We shall eat the wealth of nations
Of His Blessings we will boast
Spread His Gospel of salvation
From the mountains to the coasts

Jubilee
For you, for me
We shall be set free
Forever more

Jubilee
For you, for me
We shall be set free
Forever more

How Much is Enough? (May 2026)

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How much is enough
To make you forget
You and me?

And now that I've gone
To the Great Far Beyond
I just want ya' to know
That no one in this world
Was ever enough
To make me forget
You and me
You and me

The Healer (June 2026)

Our daughters' lives lie shattered
Bringing unrelenting grief
Till my heart is torn and tattered
And I question my belief

In the God whose healing power
Caused the lame to leap for joy
Yet in their darkest hour
Our daughters sense just an endless void

How can it be
That You can ignore
All of their pain?
I'm begging You, LORD

I don't know how
I don't know when
But I know Who
Will heal them in the end
Our daughters' closest Friend
He waits beyond the bend
Their healing to begin

Yes, there's hope for their future
But our daughters hurt right now
I long to shout "Hallelujah!"
But my heart can't blurt it out

You are the Healer
So please, LORD, come and heal
You're the Revealer
So please, LORD, come reveal
Open their hearts, LORD
And make Your Love so real

I don't know how
I don't know when
But I know Who
Will heal them in the end
Our daughters' closest Friend
He waits beyond the bend
Their healing to begin

Yes, I know Who
Will heal them in the end
And Jesus is His Name

The Pain of Letting Go (July-August 2026)

Well, I see you're really leavin'
And I'm here to help you pack
There'll be time enough for grievin'
To beg the LORD to bring you back

These precious things I gave you
All packed with love and prayers
A careless slip and they have fallen
To the bottom of the stairs

Here among the broken pieces
The fragile beauty of the past
A choking cry that never ceases
For a time not meant to last

I'm in a place I've never known
The pain of letting go

Now she is gone
And I am left alone
With The One upon
The Bright and Shining Throne

Here I kneel before Your Altar
And I offer up my life
I can give it to no Other
It's my final sacrifice

All the ways that I have failed You
Flame a torment in my mind
How I wish I'd been more faithful
With my treasure and my time

I'm in a place I've never known
The pain of letting go
Yes, it's a place I've never known
The pain of letting go

***Chesed* (חסד) (August 2026)**

It's my favorite Hebrew word
The kindest thought I've ever heard
A calming comfort in the storm
In a biting wind it keeps us warm

We're as fickle as the weather
But His *Chesed* is forever
Though we're prone to go astray
He sends us *Chesed* every day

Chesed
He sends *Chesed* every day
Chesed
He sends *Chesed* when we pray

Two hundred forty-nine times
His Word repeats it and reminds
His lovingkindness never ends
Despite our struggles and our sins

We're as fickle as the weather
But His *Chesed* is forever

Chesed
He sends *Chesed* every day

Oh, how I need it in my life
Through all this heartache and this strife
The days bring darkness and despair
And I just need to know You're there

Chesed
I need *Chesed* from You, LORD
Chesed
I need *Chesed* evermore

The Path of Deliverance (August 2026)

So ancient, so cunning
So clever, and so cruel
With voices seductive
Conniving and so shrewd

Enveloping their victims
With the urge to conceal
To hide in the darkness
Where the light cannot reveal

The Path of Deliverance
That sets the captives free
The Path of Deliverance
That's there … for you and me

They once were up in Heaven
But the Devil sent 'em here
The Father of all Lies
And the Author of our Fears

Swarming us like locusts
Rushing in to fill the Void
Pouncing on each soul
Seeking only to destroy

But the Path of Deliverance
Sets the captives free
The Path of Deliverance
There … for you and me

It's a Spiritual Battle
Fought in the Unseen Realm
But we know the Conqu'ring Captain
Who is steering at The Helm

Despite these days of chaos
Though a skirmish might be lost
The Final Outcome has been settled
By His Work upon The Cross

Stand firm and wear The Armor
Keep praying for that Hour
When the Demons will be silenced
Extinguished by His Power

For the Path of Deliverance
Will set the captives free
The Path of Deliverance
There … for you and me

Yeah, the Path of Deliverance
Sets the captives free
The Path of Deliverance
There … for you and me

***Selah* (סלה) (September 2026)**

Dear LORD God and Heavenly Father
Please give ear to my prayers
O LORD, how many are my foes
Many rise against me
They are sayin' of my soul
"He's beyond all salvation
From You, LORD"
Selah Selah Selah

But You are a shield about me
My glory, and the lifter of my head
I cried aloud to You, LORD
And You answered from Your Holy Hill
I stretch out my hands to You

I thirst for You like parched ground
My days are but a few handbreadths
I am a mere breath
Selah Selah Selah

O LORD, if I have failed You
If there is wrong in my hands
If I've repaid a friend with evil
Or plundered without a cause
Let the enemy overtake my soul
And trample my life to the ground
And may he lay my glory
Gasping in the dust
Selah Selah Selah

You surround me with shouts of deliverance
You ransom my soul from Sheol
You send from heaven and save me
I shall dwell in Your House forever
Shelter in the comfort of Your Wings
My praise shall be an offering
That rises forever more
Selah Selah Selah

Reunion Gratitude (September 2026)

So many faces from the past
Though not all can I recall
Feelin's rushin' back so fast
As we share our stories there

But what strikes me most of all
As I move around the room
Is kindness stretching wall to wall
In each word that I have heard

The LORD has blessed each one of us
I'm overwhelmed with thankfulness
The years have been so kind to you
I feel reunion gratitude

Some have left us far too soon
Their spirits leave sweet memories
A song is played, a long-lost tune
A tender track that takes us back

And as the music starts to fade
All who were here soon disappear
But all the memories that we made
Warm my soul and keep me whole

The LORD has blessed each one of us
I'm overwhelmed with thankfulness
The years have been so kind to you
I feel reunion gratitude

Untold confessions
Of feelin's not disclosed
All kept in secret
But now they're fully known

The LORD has blessed each one of us
I'm overwhelmed with thankfulness
The years have been so kind to you
I feel reunion gratitude

God's kindness shining thru and thru
I feel reunion gratitude

***Hevel* (הבל) (Abel = Vapor) (October 2026)**
co-written with BB

My son, my son
What have you done?
Your brother you've killed
His blood has been spilled
From the ground it cries out
Of your guilt there's no doubt

As fleeting as fog from a breath
His beautiful life snuffed by death

Hevel
So frail
Our lives here
A vapor
Hevel

The curse of Cain's crime
Still echoes through time
His heart filled with hate
Burst forth in a rage
Our years are so few
Take care what you do

LORD, teach us to number our days
May wisdom guide all of our ways

Hevel
So frail
Our lives here
A vapor
Hevel

You who would boast of your plans
Prove that you don't understand
Your life's in the Hands of the LORD
And He decrees all that's in store

This world and its woes
So soon overthrown
A New Universe
Too wondrous for words
We're United as One
By the Blood of His Son

Though Faith and Hope pass away
Yet His Love fills all in That Day

Hevel
So frail
Our lives here

A vapor
Hevel

Hevel
So frail
Our lives here
A vapor
Hevel
Hevel

I Still Believe (October 2026)
co-written with BB, Claude & Reese

I keep asking
Answered only by silence
I keep seeking
And my search ends in vain
I keep knocking
But the door remains shut

All I see, hear, and feel
Shouts that God can't be real

Yet I still believe
I still believe
Even here in the fire
Flames rising higher
I'll still believe

I have loved ones
Who are trapped in addiction
And others in
Depression so deep
Some who battle
Daily with cancer

All their hearts long for joy
But they're lost in the void

Yet I still believe
I still believe
Though I lose from here
Every soul I hold dear
I'll still believe

I still believe
God is God
He knows all
He loves me
God is good
Jesus saves
And in the end
All is well

I face struggles
In each idle moment
Sinful urges
That tear at my heart
Past failings
Still torment my mind

There's a wound in my soul
I'm so bruised and alone

Yet I still believe
I still believe
Though my heart still aches
Over past mistakes
I'll still believe

Till all comfort has passed
And I breathe my last
I'll still believe

I Can Breathe (Psalm 23) (October 2026)
co-written with Claude & BB

The LORD is my shepherd
I will not go in need
I can breathe
I can breathe

There are green pastures
And quiet waters in my future
I can breathe
I can breathe

When I am suffocating
Under the weight of the world
You rush in, giving air
Pure air

In His Name my soul is restored
And my paths are righteousness
I can breathe
I can breathe

I still experience the shadow of death
But without fear because of your presence
I can breathe
I can breathe

When I am suffocating
Under the weight of the world
You rush in, giving air
Pure air

Your anointing always prepares a place
For me despite my enemies
I can breathe
I can breathe

Goodness and mercy follow me now
And I have eternal life
I can breathe
I can breathe

I can breathe
I can breathe

The LORD is my shepherd
I can breathe