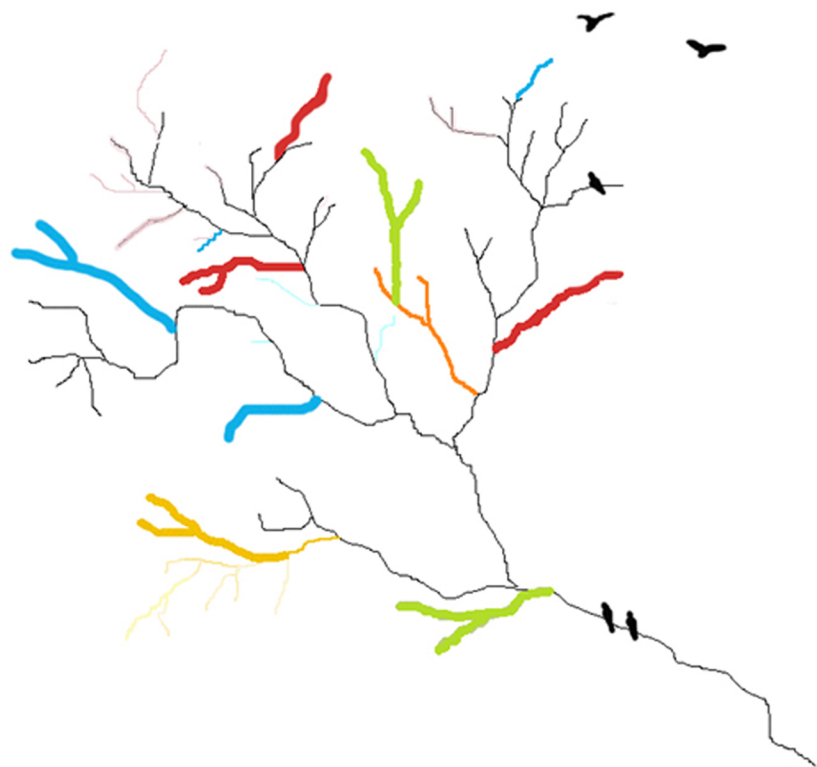




Secret Arcade is Babak Govan.

All songs and lyrics written by Babak Govan except Suspect. Song written by Babak Govan and Kamyar Nouri, lyrics written by Babak Govan, and additional lyrics written by Kamyar Nouri.

All songs engineered, recorded, and produced by Babak Govan.

All songs mixed and mastered by Glen Nicholls, Audio Science Productions, LTD (UK).

Vocal coaching by Roxie Wallis Sakura, Sakura Sun Entertainment.

Art direction, design, and artwork by Babak Govan.

Graphic postproduction by François Matus and Kamyar Nouri.

Photography by Dustin Condren.

Photography location scouting by Jeff Guardalabene.

Website consultation by Sas Lari.

Legal consultation by Peter Vaughan Shaver, Esq., Sound Advice, LLC.

Many thanks (in alphabetical order) to Ali Hagigi, Asanio Lara, Ashcon Navid, Bryan Alsop, Chris Ellis, Dustin Condren, Ellie Karimi and Bijan Abtahi, Erik Schultz, Fall for Me music video appearance volunteers, François Matus, Glen Nicholls, Jeff Guardalabene, Kickstarter project backers, Peter Vaughan Shaver, Roger Joseph Manning, Jr., Roxie Wallis Sakura, Sas Lari, and Sepand Samzadeh (including arrangement advice on The Sound of My Heart Breaking).

Very special thanks to Avid Farahani, Kamyar Nouri, and Shahrzad Nouri.

This album was made with friends, family, and artists. Thanks to all who have offered their interest and support throughout the years. I hope you know who you are.

Fall for Me is dedicated to Chris Ellis.

For lyrics and additional credits, please visit www.secretarcade.com.

Please send inquiries to admin@babakgovan.com.

All songs © © 2016 The Babak Govan Creative Company, LLC. All songs published by Babak Govan (BMI). All rights reserved.

Thank you for listening to QUARTER CENTURY.







1977

Song written by Babak Govan
Keyboards, effects, and drum
programming by Babak Govan

SUSPECT

You have lied to me
You have drugged me
You have bribed me
You have killed me
I've been bruised (by you)
I've been let down
I've been used by you
I've been dragged around
I've been looking for you
I'm wondering
If you know that life is cruel
You were a suspect
I was your victim
You were a vampire
I was your prey
I was a suspect
You were my victim
I was a vampire
You were my prey
(pre-chorus)
I've believed you
I've trusted you
I've given to you
I've died
(pre-chorus)
(chorus)
(chorus)
I've been looking for you
I'm wondering
I am in, noticing you
I've been victimized
Suspect
Suspect

Song written by Babak Govan and

Kamyar Nouri
Lyrics written by Babak Govan
Additional lyrics written by
Kamyar Nouri
Vocals, keyboards, and drum
programming by Babak Govan
Guitar and vocoder by Kamyar
Nouri

BLOOD ON THE MIRROR

When the night is falling
And you're lying wide awake
Searching for memories
Do you finally feel
I'm piercing your skin
But I can't make you bleed
Your heart is steel
Invented machinery
Tell me how it feels
Now you're real
Tell me how you like
To feel
Bleed
And let me know you
Feel
Me become you
When the dream is gone
And you're lying wide awake
Searching for light
Tell me if you find
A way out
(chorus)

Song and lyrics written by Babak
Govan
Vocals, keyboards, and drum
programming by Babak Govan

SAVE ME

Come to me now
And stay with me now

I need you to help me stand
I need you to hold my hand
I need some luck right now
I've been traveling through a
moonless sky
I need you to shine a light
I'm lost in the black of night
I need a savior now
I'm trembling like a little child
Come on and hold me now
Come on and help me out
(verse 1)
I need your shelter now
I've been drowning in a storm
And I need you to pull me out
I've drifted a million miles
(chorus)
And if you could feel
How my muscles shake
When I'm caught behind the
glass
Between me and the world
outside
Then you would see
My flesh has turned to bones
My house to stones
I can't fight this fight
Alone
I'm surrendering all I have right
now
I need you more than ever now
My time is running out
My soul
It's breaking down
Come on
Come on
Come on
Come on
And save me now
(repeat)
(repeat)

Song and lyrics written by Babak

Govan
Additional arrangement by
Kamyar Nouri and Ali Hagigi
Vocals, piano, and keyboards by
Babak Govan
Guitar by Kamyar Nouri

THE SOUND OF MY HEART BREAKING

This is a troubled time
In a broken space
Broken tears
From a broken face
Precious hymns
Won't save anyone
Even when I'm dying
I'll be singing you my love song
In my transparent chest
You were a guest
I kept you warm
I kept you safe
From bears and wolves
That are chasing me now
Through memories
Through vacancies (It's a
vacancy)
And this is the sound of my
heart breaking
And this is the song that I'm
crying
It's a quiet time
In this broken state
My broken hands
And broken faith
Fragile lies
Won't save anyone
Even when I'm dying
I'll be singing you my love song
In your hidden chest
You have a place
That kept me warm
That kept me safe

From bears and wolves
But I can't stay there now
It's a memory
It's a vacancy
And this is the sound of my
heart breaking
And I love to see you in pain
If you are aching
For me to love you
Again

*Song and lyrics written by Babak
Govan
Additional arrangement by Ali
Hagigi
Vocals, piano, keyboards, drum
programming, and guitar by
Babak Govan
Keyboards and key bass by Roger
Joseph Manning, Jr.*

THE HOUSE INSIDE

Inside this house
Is where I live
My own master
My own slave
Inside this skin
Is where I live
Waiting for years
For someone to look in
People will follow you
Around your neighborhood
People will ask you about your
clothes
People will run to you to hear
the good news
They will take pictures of you
These white walls
They keep me safe
But why
No one really cares
I'm a vagabond

In my own house
I'm a stranger
No one understands
Because no one
Wants to visit
The house inside
Inside this pain
Is where I dream
Of what it means
To be free
People will ask you
About your mood
But only if you change it
When they're in the room
These precious things
I lay out for you
You don't look
Because you have them too
(chorus)
Because no one
Wants to visit (me)
The house inside

*Song and lyrics written by Babak
Govan
Additional arrangement by Asanio
Lara
Vocals by Babak Govan
Piano and background vocals by
Asanio Lara*

FALL FOR ME

Come land at my feet
And I'll pull the cables in
Place you into my hand
And stop your suffering
I've got too much to tell you
I need you to listen
I've been waiting for you
All that's left to you is to
Fall for me
Fall and fall hard for me

I'm begging you please
Just fall for me
(repeat)
You can give so much to me
And I'll give you everything
Anything that you want
And not just what you need
(chorus)
(repeat)
Come
To me
Sing
This song
Stay
Here
And breathe
Love
(verse 1)
(chorus)
Please
Please
Please
Please

*Song and lyrics written by Babak Govan
Additional arrangement by Chris Ellis
Vocals, keyboards, drum programming, and bell samples by Babak Govan
Guitar and background vocals by Chris Ellis
Glockenspiel samples by Roger Joseph Manning, Jr.*

RUNNING IN PLACE

Wait
It's impossible not to hate
Life
For the rules that we live by
Thirty years

I've been waiting
To go home
I run and I run and I run
But I can't get away
There's no escape
(repeat)
Let me in
Come on and let me in
Let me in
Come on and let me begin
Wait
It's impossible not to hate
Life
For the rules that we live by
These dirty nails
Are tired
Of digging out
(chorus)
(repeat)
(bridge)

*Song and lyrics written by Babak Govan
Vocals, keyboards, and drum programming by Babak Govan*

THE DEEPEST CARESS

In the deepest caress
Where the loneliness fades
I touch your dress
We both exhale
And we leave our lives
And float to the warmest light
The most luscious dark
Becoming a statue of lovers
Forever together, and never
apart
In the deepest caress
Where the hunger is fed
I touch your dress
We both exhale
And we leave our lives

And float to the highest sky
And into the deepest sea
To lose all anxiety
Away from time

*Song and lyrics written by Babak Govan
Vocals, keyboards, drum programming, and guitar by Babak Govan*

WHAT AND WHY

Entered the world today
Sorting uncharted waters and
waterways
Do you believe in what the
prophets say
What do you think about God's
odd ways
I touched the sky
But you were playing
Escaping the world and your
own feelings
Do you have a certain vision
Escaping the world from your
television
But to you I'll say
That I'll come through
Because when you've bled
I've bled with you
And I ride this street like a dog
tonight
I'm a soldier who's been asked
to fight
But sometimes I don't know
For what and why

*Song and lyrics written by Babak Govan
Vocals and keyboards by Babak Govan*

- 
- 1_ 1977
 - 2_ Suspect
 - 3_ Blood on the mirror
 - 4_ Save me
 - 5_ The sound of my heart breaking
 - 6_ The house inside
 - 7_ Fall for me
 - 8_ Running in place
 - 9_ The deepest caress
 - 10_ What & why

All songs © © 2016 The Babak Govan Creative Company, LLC.
All songs published by Babak Govan (BMI). All rights reserved.
www.secretarcade.com

The
Babak
Govan
Creative
Company
LLC

