

ARKANGEL complete album lyrics

The Last Thing On My Mind

It's late in the evening and there's no-one at home
I'm making the most of being on my own
Avowed intention is to be alone
But I'm one step closer to the danger zone

Between uncertainty and what is real
Lies never exactly knowing how I feel
I shake my head, inhale the cold night air

And I say to myself, yeah...

You were
The last thing on my mind
But never far behind
The first thing that I'd find

Eight in the morning, and it's happened again
I'm walking the street to find that long-lost friend
Destroying Angel is the lover of mine
Through the doors, down to darkness at the golden sign

On every corner, on any day
She'll pick me up and chase my blues away
I know her face, but may as well be blind

Cause I say to myself...

You were
The last thing on my mind
Never far behind
But the first thing that I'd find

Desperate Times

You called my name you knew my number
You told me everything was gonna be fine
You touched my hand, and took me away from this place
And I keep on thinking I'm going out of my mind

Someone out there calling me
I don't know what I can't see
I dread to think what might be there
I'm shaking now with so much fear
I know, I feel
I'm living in desperate times

I looked to the ground, I couldn't believe my eyes
The world I'm from was never that tough
The life I've known is falling away from me
And all of my strength may not be enough

Now all is gone that I held true
Am I bound to lose you too?
The choking smoke obscures the sun

I see so clear what I've become
I know, I feel
We're living in desperate times

I held the world in the palm of my hand
And I threw it away like a petulant child

Someone out there calling me
I don't know what I can't see
I dread to think what might be there
I'm shaking now with so much fear
I know, I feel
I'm living in desperate times

I Can't Lie Anymore

Mama said it would be alright
Keeping it all to myself
Johnny's secrets would stay out of sight
If they all could stay on the shelf

Papa swore he'd lose his temper
If I breathed a word to a soul
And that no-one would remember
Or believe the stories I told

I've been living an illusion
And things are going from bad to worse
It seems there's only one solution
But the truth is going to hurt

Oh Oh Oh
I can't lie anymore

Mama never did apologize
When I always shouldered the blame
Papa's defense was to terrorize
And I burned with anger and shame

I've got to come out once and scream it
Got to say what's on my mind
Got to rage and shout and mean it
I don't like to be unkind,
But I can't lie, no I can't lie anymore

Only darkness and confusion
Lie behind the bedroom door
I'd like to say that it's been some fun
But the damage is done
I don't want this anymore....

Arkangel

You're with me always
You hold my very soul
You never know uncertainty
Without you I am not whole

You are my Arkangel, my heart and my right hand
When in the face of danger we stand

You are my courage
You are my ecstasy
You give me hope, when there is none
And sinners just like me
Your wings will enfold me, hold me through the night
You are my Arkangel, my light

Forever faithful
Throughout my frailty
The times you had to carry me
The times you let me see
A candle in the darkness, oil upon the sea
The star that was guiding me

I feel your presence
Your voice I know so well
You caught me when I stumbled down
The steepest steps of Hell
The trials of my childhood, will be the death of me
Stay with me, Arkangel, with me

You Against The World

Did you fight your evil demons
Or did you walk away in tears
Did you hold your head within your hands
After all those years?

Did you tell them of your story?
How you fought till you were done
At the end of the day when you'd had your say
Well, the big guns won

When you talked to me of glory
I know you held your banners high
But for all the good it did you
You made a grown man cry

And for those of us who loved you
And couldn't bear to see the pain
When the lights went out inside you
Something died in vain

It was you against the world
With a wounded heart you'd try to be a woman
A fragile little bird
With the wings that wouldn't fly
You denied yourself the childhood you deserved
It was you against the world
And you were just a little girl

Could you think about forgiveness
Could you find it in your heart
To release all the anger you feel
And make a brave new start

To forget about your battles
There's no shame in your defeat
Love will only make you stronger
Make your life complete

And be that little girl
For soon enough you will become a woman
High above the world
So precious and so proud
Your wings soar through the cloud towards your freedom
But remember, mighty bird
When you were just a little girl
And it was you against the world

Be Careful What You Wish For

Finding forgiveness at the foot of your bed
Down on your bended knees
Listen to the voice replying inside you head
"Just leave your message please..."

Sometimes your life may seem it's turned upside down
And the strangest things are happening
But you just don't give a thought about it
Can you fix it with a drug or a drink?
And you're out of control
So you just can't stand to talk about it

God knows
Be careful what you wish for
Be careful what you wish for

Can you get frightened as the thought of the truth?
Or are you gonna win at last? (I don't think so)
Sometimes you wish you hadn't sinned in your youth
'Cos now you're living in the past

Honesty is not a word that springs into mind
In the dead of night, when it just ain't right
And you really could be losing it
You pray, "Dear Lord, just take those ghosts from my sight!"
But the line is dead, dial collect instead
Operator keeps refusing it...

Emma

It's so good to see your face tonight
I could have sworn it was a trick of light
I've been haunted, I been so alone
In no-man's-land, in a twilight zone

Oh Emma, oh please
Help now I'm on my knees
Oh Emma, hold tight
Just don't let go of me tonight

Like a wrung-out rag, I've been hanging on a line
I'm washed-out and I'm empty, and I'm barely alive

Way too tired of running, and my luck is all burned out
The grain of truth remaining tells me how I need you now

Oh Emma, don't leave me
I'm on my knees believe me
Oh Emma, hold tight
Don't let me slip away tonight

Give me hope and give me strength, pull me back into this world
Give me life again to love you, and I promise that I will...

Oh Emma, please help me
These feelings overwhelming me
Oh Emma, hold tight
Just don't let go of me tonight...

Nothing Happens For Nothing

Venus and Mars collide tonight
But I was looking the other way
Still we cannot decide what's right
Each and every day

Pay attention to every detail
Take care of your health
Got a fact that I've been dying to tell you
Been keeping it to myself

Nothing happens for nothing, baby
Everything must have a reason
Nothing happens for nothing, maybe
That's worth believing

You really started something
But it just don't seem to register with me
I see a new day coming
It could set us free

For every action, there's a chain reaction
That we just can't help
Take these words that a good friend once told me
Don't keep them to yourself...

Nothing happens for nothing, baby
Everything must have a reason
Nothing happens for nothing, maybe
That's worth believing

All Grown Up

Remember the father
You thought you had
The best of your heart
And the heat in the fields

Then one day
They took him away

For sins that weren't revealed
And you cried every night
For no-one heard your pain

You struggled and fought
Against men who had sought
To silence your voice
Kill or be killed is the only law of the jungle

It doesn't matter
Now you're all grown up
You have their attention, they almost salute
It's so different now
You lead them by the hand
Isn't it strange the things children do
What children can do

You made a vow
That's a promise now
To turn the tables round
You worked for respect
And the power that it brings

They look to you for the future
You hold it in your hands
Don't despair
Don't look back
Don't give in

After All

After all your day is done
Time for sleep, the night time's come
Hopes and dreams are reborn
In the quiet of your room

After all the songs are sung
All the actors come and gone
The stage is dark and empty
But one candle burns alone

After all the pain has gone
How can I forget, your memory goes on
After all your pain has gone
My life goes on...

All the wounds you held inside
And your stubborn sense of pride
Take the love we feel for you
Try to help us understand

If the wish were left to me
This final act would never be
You give wings to our hearts
And our thoughts are with you now

After all the pain is gone
Only memories linger on
After all the pain is gone

Has gone is gone
After all the pain has gone

And in the darkness, when I call
Tell me please, that there is light, after all

Take These Tears

I saw an eagle flying higher and higher, towards the sun
As it passed over me, it turned its head, and seemed to smile
But I could see it had tears in its eyes
Why, father, why?

Hush little children, don't ask such questions, I'm just a man
I worked my fingers to the bone, to build a world for you, the best I can
I sold my conscience some would say, fought and struggled, to see you grow
Don't make me cry an endless river, or tell you where the eagles go
Oh very young one I know, it hurts you deep inside, the way that things are going
Your day will come for sure, forgive me for the seeds I'm sowing

Take these tears, from my eyes
Let me see the peace, that I have been denied
I was strong, long ago
Now I know that I'll hand over to the young
When tomorrow comes...

Sleep little children, don't look in judgment, close your eyes
You're the only ones tonight to see the angels in the skies
So many times I dreamed that I would show you the promised land
Now it hurts me to see the promise scattered like grains of sand
Oh, very young one, be strong, the burden that I bear is more than I can carry
Your day will come for sure, if paradise is in your heart, take it!

Take these tears, from my eyes
Let me see the peace that I have been denied
I was strong, long ago
Now I know that I'll hand over to the young
When tomorrow comes...

Rest easy tonight
For tomorrow the end of the earth
Will be in your tender hands
So realize your dream
And be the best the world has seen...