

# 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...