

“Restless Angel”

1. Restless Angel

Chorus:

Oh, Restless Angel

Don't fly me away to a golden shore

Oh, Restless Angel

Don't need white wings to carry me o'er

I see it in the dark of night
Smallest gleam of halo light
Gentle flutter of soft wing
I feel you close to me

Restless Angel against the sky
To my darlin' you must fly
Find the one I'm waiting for
And bring him to my door

Restless Angel, can't you see
I do not crave eternity
Til my own true love I meet
Don't take this life from me

Restless Angel, hear my plea
Guard me well but let me be
Keep me in your watchful sight
But grant me earth's delight

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2. The Man You Could Not Get

You can cry and you can try
Till the very day you die
Turning up a haughty nose,
Sort of scornful, I suppose
But you are still a dreaming yet
Of the man you could not get

Chorus:

***And you are still a-dreaming yet
Of the man you could not get***

Well you know time’s coming soon
When you’ll be older, wiser, too
And your man will wonder why
When you cast adrift a sigh
Well you know what makes you fret
Even then you can’t forget

He don’t care, for tis true,
He just barely thinks of you
As a girl he used to know,
One of many, this I know
But you are longing, sighing yet
For the one you could not get

Can’t forget the night when you
Loved him long and sweet and true
Can’t forget his voice and style,
Reckless, careless, all the while
Can’t forget that old dark day
When he laughed and rode away

And you are still a-dreaming yet
Of the man you could not get

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the poem, “The Man You Could Not Get”,
by Robert V. Carr, from Cowboy Lyrics (1908)*

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3. Is This the Part?

Is this the part where he says, It's over
Is this the part where he says, I have to leave
Is this the part where he says, I'm sorry
Followed by that famous line,
It's not you - it's me

Is this the part where her walls start to crumble
Is this the part when he says, All good things end
Is this the part where her heart pounds like thunder
As he takes her hand and asks,
Can we be friends?

Is this the part where her tears start falling
Is this the part where she says, I thought you were mine
Is this the part where she cries, You said you loved me
And he replies, I truly meant it at the time

Is this the part where he says, Nothing lasts forever
Oh Lord, oh Lord, I hate this part
Oh Lord, oh Lord, I hate this part

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4. Just Like a Lie

There will be someone, someday
Who brings you to mind
And that could be enough
At the time

There will be another, one day
Who makes me think of you
And that might get me through
For a while

Chorus:

***But you know and I know
Anyone but you would be
Just like a lie***

I will never say, but I will know
Why I can't look into his eyes
For even when it tries
My heart can't lie

A shadow, a stand-in
A well-intentioned mannequin
Poor innocent, how could he ever know
I gave away my heart long ago
And a body doesn't guarantee a soul

And who are you pretending with
Trying to forget me with tonight
Who are you pretending with
Trying to forget me with tonight
Goodnight

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5. Oh, Foolish Me

Once you courted me
And made me all your own
Heaven shown upon your face
You were my rising sun

You won me with your honey words
With dark and loving eyes
And you never left my lone
Until you won the prize

Chorus:

***Oh foolish me
Too late the lesson learned
Never lock the cabin door
After the thief has gone***

Your pretty face and gentle ways
I thought were just for me
I was your girl, your precious pearl
In life's deep blue sea

But when the winter wind blew cold
You grew cold to me
My virtue I then denied
And surrendered willingly

Chorus

I guess it was that red-haired gal
Who stole your mind away
I saw you take her by the arm
After church one day

You walked her down the river road
The pleasant view to see
But she was wise and kept the prize
I gave to you so free

Chorus

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6. Out Yonder

I heard tell of a promised land
Of rolling hills and burning sand
Removed from all the cares of man
Far away out yonder

Silver sage and prairie rose
Send me a western wind that blows
Carry me away from all my woes
To a land out yonder

Little darlin' on my knee
Won't you come away with me
We'll grow you up like a tall pine tree
In our home out yonder

We'll take our rest by a waterfall
Learn the wild coyote's call
And wonder why we took so long
To bring ourselves out yonder

Trade my ring for a crackerjack
Hop away in a gunny sack
And when I leave I won't look back
The day I travel yonder

Make me a bird so I can fly
Feed me on chokecherry pie
I swear I'll laugh until I cry
When I arrive out yonder

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7. The Passion Tree

Take this cup away from me
Don't lead me to the passion tree
For I fear what I will see
From the branch where I must be

The clear light of the noon day sun
Will darken when my red tears run
Grieving for a life that's done
And knowledge of the world to come

Lift me to the morning sky
Spirit, from my body fly
Oh dear Heaven, hear my cry
Take pity on this world so wide

Mother, Mother at my knee
Rose of all eternity
I beg you not to mourn for me
But mourn for what the world will be

For every thought of hate or greed
For every unkind word or deed
For every tender heart that bleeds
I will climb the passion tree

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8. Waiting for You (to Come True)

Waiting for a smile from the man in the moon
For a sky that is forever blue
Waiting for a sunset that never fades
Waiting for you to come true

Chorus:

***Holding, enfolding
One fond hope
One precious jewel
And with each passing hour
I play the fool
Waiting for you to come true***

Find the wildflower that needs no rain
Nor yearns for soft meadow grass
Find the wildflower that ne'er sees the sun
Find her in my looking glass

Chorus

Wait for winter snow to melt
Pine for summer's fresh bloom
Know that the bright blaze of autumn will freeze
Into December's gloom

There is no daylight that breaks as fast
Nor night that falls as hard
Nor season as sure and certain to end
As Springtime in a faithless heart

Chorus

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9. What’s the Game Today?

What’s the game today?
Are you cool
Are you kind
If you’re cruel
Should I mind?

What was born as sweet romance
Became a game of chance
So fire away and watch me dance
Honey, what’s the game today?

What’s the game today?
Step on up
Place your bet
This one’s called
Heart Roulette

I can’t win and you can’t lose
And I have to guess the rules
Just call me a bettin’ fool
And tell me, what’s the game today?

When you decide
To be nice
Do you cut cards
Or roll the dice?

You say it’s just for sport
But you’re sure good at keeping score
And I keep coming back for more
So Honey, what’s the game today?

What was born as sweet romance
Became a game of chance
So fire away and watch me dance
Honey, what’s the game today?

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10. The Language of Flowers

You speak the language of flowers
You hear them wake in the soft morning hours
With you they dare their secrets to share
You speak the language of flowers

You bring the song of the wind
Crying from heaven to you, my friend
Through stormy skies in your arms it flies
You bring the song of the wind

You find the sparrow that falls
When boughs break, to you she calls
With broken wings, still she sings
You find the sparrow that falls

You feel the beat of my heart
Though we are ages and lifetimes apart
When oceans are wide and nations divide
You feel the beat of my heart

I see your face in the stars
You walk on moonlight, you drift on clouds
Vision unseen, you float through my dreams
I see your face in the stars
You speak the language of flowers

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11. The Gospel Boat

Chorus:

***Oh, if ever you were there, Dear Lord I need You now
I'm standing on the shores of sin and darkness swirls around
Temptation's sweet and stormy winds are blowing me astray
And I need your Gospel boat to carry me away***

I saw him down in Franklin town on one market day
He was so kind and so refined I could not look away
Little did I ever hope that he would speak to me
I heard his voice, I made my choice, and now now I turn to Thee

Chorus

We spoke of small and loving things, walking all alone
Of life's simple pleasures, of family and home
Then he took me by the hand and held me tenderly
And for a moment's paradise, I gave eternity

Chorus

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12. Farewell to Green Valleys

(Platte County's for Sale)

Chorus:

***Farewell to green valleys and wide open skies
To glory-gold fields where the meadowlark glides
Over tall grass a-waving in the wind at full gale
Have you heard the news, Boys, Platte County's for sale***

Farewell to the woodland in her garland of spring
Crowned with wildflowers and the cardinal's red wing
They courted and craved her, they stood by her side
Then they plundered the bride gown and ravished the bride

Chorus

Goodbye to the sunset and the clear twilight hour
To meadows adorned with the day-lily flower
Bid adieu to the dells where sweet rivers run
Tell the deer and the fox that the auction's begun

If I were an artist and could handle a pen
I'd sketch the bright scenes we'll ne'er see again
To show our dear children when they have grown old
How fair was Platte County before she was sold.

What shall we behold when all beauty is gone
What song shall we hear when the last bird has flown
And where shall we be when at last we're alone
In a garden we've buried in a graveyard of stone

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13. Floods and Storms

I think I'll hide a while
Behind the same old smile
And we'll both make believe
That it's still worthwhile

I'll pretend I care
You'll pretend you're blind
To all we ever lost
To all we left behind

Chorus:

***It shattered slowly
Over the years
From too many words
And way too many tears
The floods and storms have washed it all
away***

I am too scared to go
I am too tired to move
Alone in this wide world
What would I ever do

So if you don't mind
I'll wait another day
Or just a few more years
Then I'll be on my way

Don't ever think
I blame you
For one thing I have learned
I'm for sale, too
But the floods and storms have washed me
all away

I don't have what it takes
To leave tonight
So I'll sit in the dark
And watch the firelight

I think I'll let it go
Just one more time
One last drink to rock the cradle
And ease me into our bed of lies

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14. Bitter Creek

We were walking by Bitter Creek
Oh, the air, it was so sweet
Hand in hand, to the cottonwood tree
We were walking by Bitter Creek

We were standing by Bitter Creek
His hair blew soft against my cheek
Only the wind and twilight deep
We were standing by Bitter Creek

We were lying by Bitter Creek
While the world was fast asleep
Washed in moonlight and promises sweet
We were lying by Bitter Creek

We were talking by Bitter Creek
Of bright hopes he'd share with me
Vows to make, but not to keep
We were talking by Bitter Creek

I am waiting by Bitter Creek
Light of dawn, where is your peace?
A heart of stone will never sink
If it is cast in Bitter Creek

I am drifting on Bitter Creek
Sky above, oh sweet release
One bird, one cloud, no matter now
One bird, one cloud, no matter now

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