

**Start at the End**  
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**your permission**

Can I ask your permission to be someone else today  
To say what I want to say  
In a different sort of way.  
Can I ask your permission to be the perfect wife  
To have the perfect life  
Just maybe not today

Oh oh oh oh oh oh  
Oh oh oh oh  
I got that feeling I've been here before  
Oh oh oh oh oh oh  
Oh oh oh oh  
Will you remind me what I came here for?

Can I ask your permission to turn and walk away  
Without caring what they say  
And let the drama play  
Can I ask your permission to be a kinder soul  
To play the gender role  
Just maybe not today

Oh oh oh oh oh oh  
Oh oh oh oh  
I got that feeling I've done this before  
Oh oh oh oh oh oh  
Oh oh oh oh  
Will you remind me what I came here for?

Some days I don't care  
I just wanna shut my mouth  
Just wanna take 'em out  
Some nights I think twice  
I don't wanna be myself  
Just go somewhere else  
Some days I don't care  
I just wanna shut my mouth  
Just wanna take 'em out  
Some night I think twice  
I don't wanna be myself  
Just be someone else.

## tragic endings

Tragic Endings happen all the time  
Will I be any different?  
Standing, crying in the check-out line  
Don't want the lady to see me read about  
Another reality queen  
Lost her man, her home, her dream.  
So I fumble for my keys and I wonder what she thinks of me?

I read the endings of books before  
I even turn to the beginning.  
My heart can't take surprises anymore  
I'm losing faith in happy endings.  
And so it is another restless day  
I need to get away.  
Somewhere by an ocean breeze and I wonder if you'll go with me?

Don't you tell me it's gonna be alright  
That's not where my head is right now.  
Just wanna paint the picture in black and white  
So I can be prepared for the worst-case scenario.

Unanswered letters happen all the time  
Will this be any different?  
I try to sit and plan what I might write  
But I'll just blame it on a misprint.  
And so it goes another sleepless night  
Feeling so damn uptight.  
And I try to tell you in my dream that I wonder if you'll wait for me?

Don't you tell me I should really hang on  
until the story's over.  
Just wanna know exactly who's right or wrong  
and finally get some closure.  
And don't you promise me that things will work out fine  
That's not what I've seen lately.  
Just wanna know the ending that's my battle cry  
So I can be prepared for the worst-case scenario.

## **hoping this day won't kill us**

Desperate feelings like paint that keeps peeling  
Revealing the colors of past roommates and lovers  
Interpreting faces is now just contagious  
The emotional toll is like grief and it's stages  
And I'm hoping this day won't kill us.

I've hardly begun to pick up this mess  
And I'm starting to forget all the things that I said  
So let's just pretend to start it over again  
And go inwards and outwards and never again words.  
And I'm hoping this day won't kill us.

Sweep up the leaves, smooth out the sheets and keep going.  
Straighten the books, dust off the shelves and keep going.  
Tidy the drawers and mop the floors and keep going.  
Under the beds and in my head I'll keep going.

When nothing makes sense then nothing is true  
So I'll go through the motions just like they tell me too  
But that one single day I keep referencing to  
Has become everyday it's a deja vu.

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Straighten the books, dust off the shelves and keep going.  
Tidy the drawers and mop the floors and keep going.  
Under the beds and in my head I'll keep going.  
And I'm hoping this day won't kill us.

## alone tonight

Seems to me like it's a perfectly good reason  
If you take a step back and see.  
Cause I'm admitting that it's mostly about me then  
So don't take it so personally.

And when I try to talk to you the way I think I should,  
It seems the conversation never ends that good.  
And I have no idea why I start a fight,  
I guess I'm better off alone tonight.

Seems to me that it's just the right solution  
If you wait and think it through.  
Cause I'm admitting that I'm just the kind of person  
That on occasion gets confused.

And when I try to talk to you the way I think I should,  
It seems the conversation never ends that good.  
And I have no idea why I start a fight,  
I guess I'm better off alone tonight.

I think that you know, I lack self-control  
And sometimes I say the wrong things.  
But just for today let me go away  
And feel what it's like to be lonely.

And when I try to talk to you the way I think I should  
It seems the conversation never ends that good  
And I have no idea why I start a fight,  
I guess I'm better off alone tonight.  
And when I try and make it through the way I think that I could  
I hear that never-ending promise we misunderstood  
And I could never tell you why I start that fight  
I guess I'm better on my own tonight.

## **june lake**

I always think no one is being sincere.  
That's just the way I was brought up.  
I hide it away but it reappears  
And all of the thoughts that I made up.

Maybe I'll drive north to June Lake  
And try not to get lost on the way.  
The last time i got there too late  
But maybe this time I'll stay.

I always think I'm looking worse for the wear  
That's just the way that I grew up.  
And what others say I pretend I don't care  
But inside I always get torn up.

Maybe I'll drive north to June Lake  
And try not to get lost on the way  
The last time i got there too late  
But maybe this time I'll stay.

## **You already knew**

You were wrong when you said to me that I would see you soon.  
Every day I wait patiently for a sign from you.

But never again will I see you and I don't know how I'll make it through.  
Never again will I talk to you, I believe that you already knew.

I was there when you said to me that I would be you.  
I wish I could have made you laugh or knew what to do.

But never again will I see you and I don't know how I'll make it through.  
Never again will I talk to you, I believe that you already knew.

## **Sweet Relief**

I don't really know if this is the end  
It's just an X on the calendar day again.  
So we'll sit like detainees  
Looking for a sign of relief.  
Sweet relief.

And so you talk too much as usual  
And mostly about yourself when you get uncomfortable.  
And I'll hide beneath the underbrush  
So we'll never have to talk about us.  
About us.

And I'll wake up in the middle of the night.  
Sleepwalk into your bedroom light.  
And I'll be this way until the rest of my life  
Cause I had so much more to say that night.

And then I walk right through the crowd.  
Thinking thoughts I'd never say out loud.  
And I see that open door  
But I don't know who it's for.  
Who is for?

And I'll wake up in the middle of the night.  
Sleepwalk into your bedroom light.  
And I'll be this way until the rest of my life  
Cause I had so much more to say that night.

## **Real Bad Day**

I wanna write a happy song so I can sing along and not worry about it.  
I wanna win a great big prize so I can live my life the way I've always wanted.

And it might be so cynical and such a waste a time to think that way  
But mama don't you know I'm having a real bad day.  
Yeah, mama don't you know I'm having a real bad day.

I wanna break out all the moves in front of you and not worry about it.  
I wanna throw out all the stuff that's been clogging me up 'cause I can live without it.

And it might be so cynical and such a waste a time to think that way  
But mama don't you know I'm having a real bad day.  
Yeah, mama don't you know I'm having a real bad day.

I wanna throw out all the crap because it's just a trap and I can live without it.  
And then I'll get in a pick-up truck and then I'll pick you up... we'll make a run for it.

And it might be so cynical and such a waste a time to think that way  
But mama don't you know I'm having a real bad day.  
Yeah, mama don't you know I'm having a real bad day

## No Chair

This home ain't no home when I've got no chair to sit on.  
And there's just no point when I feel like I can't move on.  
'Cause my mood is too huge that I might break in two.  
And my voice is too old now it's just me and you.

The clouds they stand still when you got no one to talk to.  
And the ghosts of this place are not letting me past the window.  
'Cause the view is too huge that it might crack in two.  
And my voice is too old now it's just me and you.

So let's go on...  
Move on...  
Cause I don't want us to miss this...  
And there's no more time and there's no witness.

Another grey morning to wake up and find you're long gone.  
And the photos and pictures are all I have left to go on.  
And I'm moving too slow and there's nowhere to go  
And I keep thinking that you might still say hello.

So let's go on...  
Move on...  
Cause I don't want us to miss this...  
And there's no more time and there's no witness.

## **Dandelions in my flower bed**

I gotta wait this out again.  
I'll hold my ground 'til the bitter end.  
I'll close my eyes and I'll shut my mouth.  
And I'll keep saying my prayers to keep the devil out.

And until the circumstances change I'm gonna stay in bed.  
Cause it's a time of calculated waiting is what the pennies said.  
And I will let destiny keep playing with whoever it wants instead  
And I'll keep planting those dandelions in my flower bed.

I'm gonna step aside this time.  
I'll let 'em fight it out and I don't mind.  
No matter what I do or say  
Is gonna come across in any better way.

And until the circumstances change I'm gonna stay in bed.  
Cause it's a time of calculated waiting is what the pennies said.  
And I will let destiny keep playing with whoever it wants instead  
And I'll keep planting those dandelions in my flower bed.

I sometimes don't know why I try when it comes back to me everytime.  
'Cause everyone's got something to prove, something to lose  
And I'll never know what it's like being you.

And until the circumstances change I'm gonna stay in bed.  
Cause it's a time of calculated waiting is what the pennies said.  
And I will let destiny keep playing with whoever it wants instead  
And I'll keep planting those dandelions in my flower bed.

## **Wrong Information**

Stop me if I fall asleep at the wheel  
'Cause my thoughts have become confused by the sun.  
Stop me if I call when I'm drunk and alone  
It's the urgency for a friend... nothing more.

But maybe I've given the wrong information  
And maybe I told you too much without thinking  
And maybe I've left a clue for you  
To pick up and take it on through  
And see if it may possibly come true.

Stop me I wander away from your side  
'Cause I don't always see what's in front of me  
Stop me if I tell you to start at the end  
'Cause I'd just rather know the direction to go.

But maybe I've given the wrong information  
And maybe I told you too much without thinking  
And maybe I've left a clue for you  
To pick up and take it on through  
And see if it may possibly come true.  
Maybe I've given the wrong information...  
Maybe I've given the wrong information...  
Maybe I've given the wrong information...  
To you.

## **Just Be**

Oh darling would you come outside  
Get out of that chair you're in.  
Take a look at the big blue sky.  
Oh darling let the sunshine in.

Oh I don't know what will be.

Oh darling, will you take my hand.  
Tell me a story about your life.  
Walk with me in the warm white sand.  
Precious words like the morning light.

Oh I don't know what will be.  
Oh I won't cry... I'll just breathe.  
Oh I'll just be  
I'll just be.

Oh darling the sun is low  
The moon is hovering around the bend.  
Walk with me to the ocean's edge  
Make a wish that the night won't end.

Oh I don't know what will be.  
Oh I won't cry... I'll just breathe.  
Oh I'll just be  
I'll just be.

## **This is me trying**

I caught the chalk dust in my hands at last, last night.  
And I collected all the words I tried to write.  
And I was waiting to explain before they blew away  
But the sun came down too fast on my feet.  
And I stayed glued to my seat.

And when I tried to make a move you stood in my way.  
A monument to bad decisions I almost made.  
And it choked out the daisies I planted that day  
But damn, I feel good after a drink.  
So I'll just sit here alone and think.

But I promise....I promise you....

This is me trying.  
This is me trying  
This is me trying to get through the day.

I'll only let you ask me once  
And I'll be honest when I say it  
And then we'll burn the tape or never even play it.

But I promise you....  
This is me trying.  
This is me trying  
This is me trying to get through the day..  
Don't let me fade away.....  
Don't let me fade away.....  
Don't let me fade away.....