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MAN FULL OF YESTERDAYS

He wanted to go to the sun
He wanted to swim in the rain
He waisted his time
Drinking whisky and wine
But now he's come back again

He's tried so hard to forget
What others would make him regret
But if I were he I'd listen to me
And keep myself in my head

Keep myself in my head ...

A man full of yesterdays
Climbing the ladder once again
But he can feel the strain
He's got to make it through
Forget the mistakes of his youth

He's come back again ...

A man full of yesterdays
Climbing the ladder once again
But he can feel the strain

SWEET ROCK'N ROLL

Sweet Rock'n Roll
Thrill me to my soul ...

When I was a kid doing the things I did
I'd hear the music playing on the radio
On the D.J. show
I'd hear the jockey saying

Here's a song that will turn you on
You ain't heard nothing like it
It's the latest thing
Make you wanna sing
I'd knew I'd have to try it

Sweet Rock'n Roll, thrill me to my soul
Make my life whole ...

Now that I'm a man doing the best I can
Singing rock music
It's the same old beat
Gets them on their feet
I guess they'll always choose it

It's nothing new but Lord it's true
We can't do without it
'Cause it's my life and that is why
I've really, really got to shout it

Sweet Rock'n Roll, thrill me to my soul
Make my life whole
Make my life whole

And when I'm down, I hear that sound
That takes me higher

STEAMIN' ALONG

Sing me a song about love and affection
While I'm driving alone in my car
Sing me a song about a cool reception
When you think you're being bizarre

Just keep on going till the end of the day
And work yourself up untill
The sweat is running down your face

The feelin' of it all is there to be found
So while you're all sittin' around
We're just steamin' along
Steamin' along

It's just across town to a knee high dive
Where everybody's jumpin' about
The temperature gets
To about one O'five
But nobody's trying to get out

The guitar's blazing
Like a bolt from the sky
And everybody looks like
They're kinda naturally high

So come on in if you feel in the mood
But let's make it understood
We're just steamin' along
Steamin' along

It's just across town to a knee high dive
Where everybody's jumpin' about
The temperature gets
Well over one O'five
But nobody's trying to get out

The guitar's blazing
Like a bolt from the sky
And everybody looks like they're
Kinda, kinda, kinda naturally high

We're just steamin' along
Steamin' along ...

Steamin' ...

SILVER WHITE MAN

Just looking around the sky
And trying to reason why
The feeling is right
For someone to appear
He's never been seen before
But he's somewhere out there, I'm sure
And he talks in a whisper
That most don't even hear

A silver white man
On a silver white horse
And I think that I'm going to meet him
A silver white man
On a silver white horse
And I'll hope I'll be able to greet him

He watches us night and day
Whatever we do or say
His only concern is
Rightning all the wrong
Because of the way they decreed
He must stay on his silver white steed
Try to find out the people who belong

A silver white man
On a silver white horse
And I hope that he's coming to see me
A silver white man
On a silver white horse
And I hope he'll be able to see me

He watches us night and day
Whatever we do or say
His only concern is
Rightning all the wrong
Because of the way they decreed
He's gonna stay on his
Silver white steed
And try to find out
The people who belong

LOVE SONG

If you love me like I love you
Then nothing else should matter at all
'Cause the feeling and the meaning
Should last right from winter till fall

And then go on and on and on
Till everything has really gone
And all that's left
Is you and me and love

When I'm crying, it means I'm trying
Not to miss you more
With each single day
'Cause with some sorrow
Maybe tomorrow I can love you
In a whole different way

It's the only way for me to learn
Just sit and watch the others burn
Then we can share
The game of life and love

Try to sing, try to sing
Try to sing our love song ...

Love song, love song, love song
Nothing can go wrong
Just you and me
Like it was meant to be
I love you, babe I love you ...

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MIDNIGHT FLYER

Can you hear it coming
In the midnight sky
Can you hear it running
Feel it getting nearer
In the cold night air
Can you feel the fear there

It's the midnight flyer
So you'd best beware
It's the midnight flyer

Can you feel the power
Taking you away
It's the darkest hour
Ain't no use in fighting
You might just as well give in
It's as fast as lightning

It's the midnight flyer
So you'd best, you'd best
You'd best beware
It's the midnight flyer

Give him a chance
And he'll steal your soul
Cast him a glance
And your blood runs cold
You can run, you can hide
But you know deep inside
That you'll ride the midnight flyer

Midnight flyer ...
Take me higher ...

SATURDAY NIGHT

Oh well, the week is over
And the weekend's here
I can almost taste that icecold beer
I ain't so tall but I'm really high
When you see me on a Saturday night

We got a gallon jar for the ride to town
We'll hit those bars
Before the sun goes down
We ain't so tall but we're really high
When you see us on a Saturday night

And when the bars are closed
We're on to farmer Joe's
You ought to see us when we dozy doe
He's got the finest pickers in the land
Everybody's heard of
Joe's good time band

And those country girls are
Known just everywhere
But leave me the one
With the yellow hair
She ain't so tall
But she really gets high
When you see her on a Saturday night
She's allright

And when the bars are closed
We're on to farmer Joe's
You ought to see us when we dozy doe
He's got the finest pickers in the land
And everybody's heard of
Joe's good time band

And those country girls are
Known just everywhere
But leave me the one
With the long yellow hair
She ain't tall
But she's really high
When you see her on a Saturday night ...

ROLLER COASTER

I'm speeding on a roller coaster
And I've got my ticket to ride
I'm dreaming on a roller coaster
And I'm looking for somewhere to hide

Cause when get left flat
By a woman like that
The heat that was sweet
Is just another nail into your heart
But I had to get smart

I'm riding to a destination
And I don't care where I'm gonna go
I'm riding to another station
Ain't taking no one in tow

I never bothered with
A bottle by my side
I never bothered but
That woman was still my prize
Filled with booze one night
I took to using a gun
Now the only thing left
For me to do is run

I gotta run, gotta run
I gotta run, 'cause I used the gun ...
I gotta keep on runnin', keep on gunnin'

And the gun went ...

STOP (Think What You're Doing)

Girl, you think I'm blind
That I don't know what's going on
Huh - Let me tell you something
I know who's calling 'round
When I'm gone

Now some men, you can fool them
Cause they just won't open up their eyes
But me, I'd rather face facts
Than to live a life that's a lie
Great big lie

Baby baby baby baby
Don't you know you're causing me pain
You'd better stop right there
And think what you're doing
'Cause our love's in ruins again

I've told you time and time before
You got to quit your messing around
Cause I ain't gonna go on
Being your plaything
Just like a clown

So baby if you don't want me
Don't please, don't leave me
Lying in the dirt
Cause I ain't gonna take it
Oh, no more
If you keep acting the big town flirt
So I said:

Baby baby baby baby
Don't you know you're causing me pain
You'd better stop right there
Just think what you're doing
Our love's in ruins again
I tell you once again, babe

Our love's in ruins again ...

HIT ME WITH A WHITE ONE

Ain't many places to hide
It's almost too long ago to remember
This cowboy's had a long ride
And he yells out Mr. Bartender

Hit me with a white one on the rocks
And treat yourself to a double
I'm looking for a man in these parts
'Cause I owe him plenty of trouble

We used to ride the banks
And the trains till someone
Filled my guts full of lead
And when he saw those ugly stain
I guess he kinda left me for dead

So hit me with a white one
I'm gonna need my throat warm and wet
Hit me with a white one
I'm gonna need all the help I can get

I gotta get even ...

We grew up in a bad part of town
We both decided to do it together
We promised Ma
We'd never let her down
We didn't say how
Didn't want to upset her

But what he did wasn't right
'Cause it was me he was leaving
Bartender, if you see him tonight
Just tell him that I want to get even

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Bartender, just give me one more
I don't need no help from your law
I've waited a long time
To get to this place
Now I wanna meet that man face to face
Just one more white one
That'll be all I need
Then I'll sneak off into the night
And do my deadly deed

Hit me with a white one ...

WHAT'S GOING ON

Out-take, included as a bonus track on 2011 remastered cd. Released for the first time on "Man Of Yesterday" compilation in 2005.

I know what's going on
I know how to sing my song
I'm gonna sing it over here
Sing it over there
Take you by surprise
So you better be aware
Oh no no no ...

I know how to make the pieces fit
I'll show you what to do with it
So come on and take time
Listen to a rhyme with me
We're gonna take you through
A rhythm or two or three

When I was a boy I listened with joy
To the music on the radio
And nearly at an age
Trying to get myself in that show
You better watch
The people used to shout
The kid's gonna keep on going
Till the very end

Now a long time later I think
I know what's going on
So if you're out there and listen
Why don't you just sing along
Sing along, listen to the band!

I know, I know what's going on...

ROUGH DIAMOND 1977

ROCK 'N' ROLL

I've given my life to a band on the road
I've made my mistakes
And maybe they showed
But I live for today
Tomorrow's far away
And when it comes around
I won't know

For everyday there's been change
And I would not re-arrange any moment
For the happiness in store
'Cause I dig rock'n'roll
Presley, Cochran, love 'em all
And you got no feeling
If you can't yell out for more

You ain't got nothing
If you ain't got soul
Ain't got nothing till you rock'n'roll
Ain't got nothing, ain't got nothing
Till you get up and rock'n'roll

I said I've given my life
To a band on the road
I've made my mistakes
And good golly, they showed
But I live for today
'Cause tomorrow's far away
And when it comes around
I won't know

Oh yeah, I love to rock'n'roll ...

Ain't got nothing till you rock'n'roll ...

LOOKIN' FOR YOU

Did you ever love somebody
Who never tried to share
Did you ever talk to someone
Who really didn't hear
Did you ever stop to think
Is it all in vain
Did you ever love and lose
Again and again

That's why you'll stay on your own
And do your cryin' alone
I remember chances I've thrown away

You gave my life meaning
Made me stop leaning on everyone
But I'll prove my feelings

Spend my life looking for you ...

When you'd gone I got to thinking
What the hell I'd done
Like a stone that's sinking
I was losing everyone
I tried every single way
To get you off my mind
But those years of loving smiles
Are something you can't buy

That's why I called on the phone
Hoping, praying that you'd be home
And it was like you'd never been gone
When you whispered in my ear

I was hoping you'd say that
Help me to stay back
I've learned this lesson
That I'll never forget

When you whispered in my ear
I was hoping you'd say that
Help me to stay back
I've learned a lesson
That I'll never forget

Spend my life ...

LOCK & KEY

Velvet lady, you're cool as ice
I'll take no chances, just play my dice
Now if I'm winning
I'll slide across my key
Go and cash my chips in
I love to gamble, you see

That's how I keep my lady
Keep my lady, keep my lady
Under lock and key

If she's a rocker, you better rock 'n' roll
But if she's a listener
You gotta get right down to her soul
But whatever you do boy
Show her you're sincere
And with your strength of mind
You ain't got nothing to fear

That's how you'll keep your lady
Keep your lady, keep your lady
Under lock and key

Velvet lady, you're cool as ice
I'll take no chances
Just playing my dice
Now if I'm winning
I'll slide across my key
Go and cash my chips in
I love to gamble, you see

That way I keep my lady
Keep my lady, keep my lady
Under lock and key

Keep your lady under lock and key
Keep your lady

SEASONG

Sailing away, leaving today
On a mid-night honeymoon
I'm so glad, you're happy

Sailing away, starting today
We'll be together soon
I'm so glad, you make me happy

Across the sea I hear our favorite song
Telling me we're getting closer now
I feel at ease, I know it won't be long
So hold on, 'cause I love you

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Ain't nothing to do
Just lay here with you
On a midnight afternoon
I'm so glad, you're happy

'Cause when you give me your heart
The waters will part and we'll
Sink into the great unknown
We'll both be glad, we made us happy

Across the sea I hear our favorite song
Telling me we're
Getting a little bit closer now
I feel at ease, I know it won't be long
So hold on, little darling
'Cause I need you

Sailing away, leaving today
On a mid-night honeymoon
I'm so glad, you're happy

'Cause when you give me your heart
The waters will part and we'll
Sink into the great unknown
We'll both be glad, we made us happy
Like we all should be

Across the sea I hear our favorite song
Telling me we're
Getting a little bit closer now
I feel at ease, I know it won't be long
So hold on, little darling
'Cause I love you, yes, I do
You know I do

BY THE HORN

Are you feeling like
You're ready to go boy, yeah
Stick around 'cause
You're part of my show, yeah

Oh, I say come on
Oh baby, come on
You make us feel so good
Grab that Diamond lady
You've been trying to find

And move, move, move
You gotta get the bull by the horns

Let's go, pass around that wine
Smoke a number, you'll be feeling fine

So come on, come on
I said baby, come on
Together we can feel like one
If you try real hard
What you want can be yours

So move, move, move
And get the bull by the horn
Get the bull by the horn, yeah

SCARED

I can feel you standing near me
I can smell your sweet perfume
Driftin' slowly, driftin' slowly
Across the room

I would love to come and meet you
But each time I try to move
I get so scared

I ain't never seen a woman
Who has filled me with such fear
Other voices turn to echoes
But yours is clear

To just say hello should be so easy
But each time I try to move
I get so scared
I get so scared ...

No, I ain't never met a woman
Who has filled me, filled me
Filled me with such fear
Other voices they all turn to echoes
But yours is clear

HOBO

It takes an honest man
To admit that he's wrong
I thought by roaming around on my own
I could prove I was strong
But those long cold nights
Told me one thing for sure
Made me miss my woman all the more

But she said hobo, hobo
Get out of here, get out of here
Hobo, hobo, get out of here
Get out of here

You get to miss the moans
When they get carried away
I needed that moment and
I knew there was only one way
I walked into a bar
Asked a soak where to score
He pointed to a lady
Standing right by the door

I knew that I'd made a mistake
When I'd said goodbye
And now I was paying the price
And the costs were high
So I went back to my woman
To apologize
Asked if I could come back
And with tears in her eyes

She said, hobo, hobo
Come inside, come inside
Hobo, hobo, come inside, come inside

THE LINK (instrumental)

END OF THE LINE

A few of the good things in life
Can make you feel fine
But a little too much
And you're waiting at the end of the line

A real bad woman
Can be as bitter as a bad red wine
Send you beggin', cryin'
Dyin' to the end of the line

But I've served my time
And now it's past
I've learned my lesson
And I learned it fast
There ain't no no no no way
I'm going back to that line

Talk is cheap and words can be unkind
But a twisted tongue's your only friend
At the end of the line

But if you see the red light
And turn away in time, yeah
You can smile
'Cause you beat the denial
And that's the end of the line

But I've served my time
And now it's past
I've learned my lesson
Lord, I learned it fast
There ain't no no no no way
I'm going back to that line

But I've served my time
And now it's past
I've learned my lesson
God, I learned it fast
There ain't no no no no way
I'm going back to that line

DAVID BYRON – BABY FACED KILLER 1978

BABY FACED KILLER

I will give you lace and diamond
If that's how it has to be
Shower you with my affections
Be around you constantly
If you think that you can lose me
You are in a world apart
'Cause given just the smallest moment
I will surely steal your heart

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I am aware that I don't compare
To magazine fantasies seen everywhere
But don't let me in
'Cause really I'm a baby faced killer
Don't be surprised when
I look in your eyes
If images change in their shape
And their size
'Cause you're under the spell
The spell of the baby faced killer

I would like to be a spider
Hanging from your bedroom wall
Watching you go through your motions
Seeing you reveal your all
But I am a mere mortal
And I have no such disguise
So I'll have to use the power
That exists within my eyes

RICH MAN'S LADY

Here she comes again
Without a steady guy
Will she look at me, will she pass me by
I ain't got no money, it's a crying shame
'Cause if I don't win this time
I got myself to blame

She'll let you kiss and mess around
Provided that you spread
Your bread around

'Cause she's a rich man's lady
And I ain't got a dime
As she's a rich man's lady
And have to pass her up this time

Should I take the chance
Should I say hello
Would I look a fool, will she turn and go
I'd really like to know her
'Cause she's really fine
But as I'm stone broke
I doubt if she will be mine

That's the way the story goes
She's really into money and it shows

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

Sleepless nights are catching up on me
Sleepless nights, I'm tired as I can be
Since you've been gone
I find I've lost my piece of mind
And I know I won't unwind
Sleepless nights

I've tried to reason why I'm all alone
I'm sure we'll work it out
If you'd come home
And then if you weren't sure
If it could work out just once more
You could slam the door
And leave me sleepless nights

I can remember a love so fine
But then I went and messed around
And lost the only love I've ever found

AFRICAN BREEZE

When the sound of the drums
Is as dark as the sky
Dancers are moving so fast they can fly
I just sit all alone on a natural high
With the African breeze

Fever is coming and eyes getting blazed
The smell of the night sets
The whole place ablaze
Sit all alone, casually gaze
With the African breeze

On the African breeze, African breeze

I can smell, I can feel
The African night and my senses
Are reaching a new kind of high
And I know that the feeling
I'm getting is right
With the African breeze

This morning is easing me
Out of the spell
Got the African breeze
It's been feeling so well
I can return with a story to tell
Of the African breeze

EVERYBODY'S STAR

I left you standing there
At gate number 27
Trying to find the perfect words to say
See, I've got to be in Phoenix and
I simply cannot find the time to stay

I am a rock 'n' roller
And it takes a lot to bowl me over
But you came along and
Turned me upside down
Just holding hands, biting lips
Is moving me so much
Shakes the ground

But it will be alright
When I call you late tonight
You can say the things
That it's hard to say right now
Yes, it will be alright
Just look at that star
That's shining bright
'Cause tonight I'm gonna be
Everybody's star but my heart
Will be right there with you
Where you are

My occupation makes it difficult
To say when I'll be free
To do whatever comes along
See, I'm half-blinded by the lights
That pick me out so bright
When I sing my song

I do my gig each night
And most of the time I get it right
So the people want to see me back again
So please don't tell nobody
That this rock'n'roll is
Driving me insane

'Cause tonight I'm gonna be
Everybody's star but my heart
Will be right there with you
Where you are

HEAVEN OR HELL

I woke up cold this morning
To see another rainy day
And as I stopped my yawnin'
I wished that I could get away
There's nothing left to live for
Or that's the way it seems to be
You could have tried to give more
But that's the way it had to be

Am I in Heaven, am I in Hell
Am I in Heaven, or am I in Hell

I had to make my mind up
But I just could not find my way
'Cause every door I opened
Just led me back to my dismay
Here comes another evening
And I have yet to win the fight
The question's never answered
It's either lost or out of sight

Am I in Heaven or am I in Hell ...
Where am I? ...

ONLY YOU CAN DO IT

Hey, each time I see you cry
I really wish that I could
Somehow get it through
I'm true to you

Hey, I'd like to let you know
It hurts each time you go
And so it really goes to show

Only you can do it
Make me laugh and cry
Only you can do it
So what's the reason why oh why ...

Say, I really wish you would
Come just like you should
'Cause I can't explain the way
I feel for you

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Say, would you consider this
To leave without your kiss
Would be a livin' misery

'Cause only you can do it
Make me laugh and cry
Only you can do it
So what's the reason why oh why ...

DON'T LET ME DOWN

I've been lookin' around and
I think that I've found a little lady
With her feet on the ground
'Cause in a world of
Ever-changing times you need
Someone to pull you through
When nothing rhymes

'Cause it's a hard fightin'
Sometimes frightenin' world we're in
So every now and then
A love becomes a friend
Somebody that you can believe in

So don't let me down
Now that I've found that I love you
Love you
Don't let me down
I wouldn't put no-one above you
I've been waiting for a long, long time
To overcome the past
And lay it on the line
So don't let me down this time around

I've been crazy to think
That we couldn't go wrong
We'll have to see
If we can both get along
The only thing to do
Is really try and make
The future bright for you and I

'Cause it's a hard fightin'
Sometimes frightenin' world we're in
But I believe in you and know
We'll make it through
'Cause I know that we're
Right for each other

ACETYLENE JEAN

Well, she's a dirty little lady
With an evil eye
And she gets a little crazy
When she's feeling high
She walks into banks
With her acetylene gun
And burns through
The armoured windows just for fun
She leaves everybody
Laying on the ground and
Tip-tip-tiptoes out of town

Acetylene Jean
She's gonna set you aflame
Look out, she's real mean
So just remember her name
Acetylene Jean
Such an innocent face
Cutest you've ever seen
Acetylene Jean, she's alright

She looks like an angel
But she's evil inside
And the fact that she's
The devil's queen ain't been denied
And everytime we hang around
She's waiting for the pay
But when she steams right in
And blows them all away
'Cause when she feels unkind
She sets her torch alight and
Boot-boot-boothheels out of sight

Acetylene Jean
She's gonna set you aflame
Look out, she's real mean
So just remember her name
Acetylene Jean
You're such an innocent face
Prettiest you've ever seen
Acetylene Jean

I REMEMBER

I can talk about it now because I'm free

Didn't I say just a moment ago
All of my life has been just like a show
Always impatient and ready to go
I remember

I've been 'round the world
With a whole bunch of clowns
Seen all of the cities
And most of the towns
We had our ups and plenty of downs
I remember

I can talk about it now because I'm free
But I'll always be the same old me

Playing my music is all I can do
To say all the things that is possible to
But sometimes I thought that
I wouldn't pull through
I remember

So I'll carry on for as long as I can
With hardly a reason and never a plan
'Cause I'll be contented if I stay the man
I remember well

ADDITIONAL SONGS:

DOWN ON MY LUCK

(Byron/Boone) 2.51

B-side of 'African Breeze' single.

I've been up, I've been down
I could say in my own kinda way
That I've been around

I've been in and I've been out
So believe me when I say
I know what I'm talking about

So you can you burn and beat me
You can lie and cheat me
But you'll never see me
Down on my luck
'Cause you're kind of lyin's
Something I ain't buying
No, you'll never see me
Down on my luck
On my luck, on my luck, on my luck
On my luck, on my luck, on my luck
Never see me down on my luck

I've been high and I've been low
But no matter what happened
I always had somewhere to go
I've been out but I came back
And I've always been able
To pull out an ace from the pack

So you can you burn and beat me
You can lie and cheat me
But you'll never see me
Down on my luck
'Cause you're kinda liar
Something I ain't buying
No, you'll never see me
Down on my luck

So you can you burn and beat me
You can lie and cheat me
But you'll never see me
Down on my luck
'Cause you're kinda liar
Something I ain't buying
No, you'll never, never, never, never
Never see me down on my luck!

ALL IN YOUR MIND

(Byron/Boone) 2.52

B-side of 'Rich Man's Lady' single.

Think of the things
That you do just for me
Love me in so many ways
Yes, in the past I've been bad
???
Now I'm a fool with no stage

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And it's all in your mind
Love's hard to find
So don't believe what
everybody says about you
I'll never need you to tell me
'cause I'm nearly gonna
Do without you
All in your mind
So whine, whine, whine
Just let yourself
you're old enough
to give me a lesson
the ones who really show you
That's it's all in your mind

Think of the things
That I've done just for you
Before you decide where I stand
Worried awake stay and
Think what you do
Whole of my world's in your hands

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REBECCA

I got your letter this morning
And it knocked me down to the floor
We had such a good thing going
Now you have to kick me out the door
I loved you so much, now I'm hurting
You could've been part of my life
The only thing I didn't really do, girl
Was to make you my loving wife

But Rebecca, it's gonna get better
Rebecca, yeah, it's gonna get better

I got your message this morning
And it's causing me so much pain
I did the wrong thing, now I'm calling
Oh, please take me back again
With you I'll take my chances
I'll be a good boy this time
No more midnight romances
Give me a drink, and it'll turn out fine

'Cause Rebecca, I'm gonna get better
Rebecca, I'm gonna get better
Rebecca, it's gonna get better
Rebecca, yeah, it's gonna get better

BAD GIRL

I want a bad girl to hold me tight
I want a bad girl to share my night
Don't need a tease
I'm gonna please her every way
Just lead the way
'Cause if you stay, you'll get your pay

Don't want a shy girl
You're just wasting my time
Just say goodbye, girl
Take the next one in line
There's always more
That's come here for my taste of honey
And if you ain't buying
Don't waste my time, I ain't being funny

I want a bad girl for just a little while
I want a bad girl
'Cause bad's just my style
In skin tight jeans
Not seventeen, ready and willing
Come on along and come on strong
It's such a good feeling

Don't let me down ...

HOW DO YOU SLEEP

How do you sleep
Now you're alone at night
How do you sleep
Close your eyes and I'm out of sight
What do you dream
Are you into make-believe
What do you dream
I bet it's something you can't achieve

How do you sleep
Are you the lonely kind
How do you sleep
Is there someone on your mind
What do you dream
Is there a place for me?
Do you know what I mean
Will you give up the key
Just give up the key and give it to me
How do you sleep

How could you treat me so badly
And where did you learn how to lie
How could you get up and leave me
When you knew it would
Only make me cry
Yes, you knew it would
Only make me cry

So, how do you sleep
Now you're alone at night
How do you sleep
Just close your eyes
And I'm out of sight
What do you dream
Are you into make believe
What do you dream
I know it's something you can't achieve
You can't achieve
How do you sleep

How do you sleep
If you will listen to reason
You might find all that you need
Then life might be much more pleasing
And you'll have a chance to succeed
You'll have a chance to succeed
You'll have a chance to succeed

How do you sleep
Now you're alone at night
How do you sleep
Close your eyes and I'm out of sight
What do you dream
Are you into make-believe
What do you dream
Is it something you can't achieve

How do you sleep ...

LITTLE BY LITTLE

Little by little - bit by bit ...

There's no need to give me time out
I've made up my mind
I've found a new direction
And I'm making out fine
I ain't in any hurry, just taking my time
And the best thing about it
I'm on the right line

Oh, I've made up mind
To do it little by little and bit by bit

Little by little and bit by bit ...

If I never said I loved you
Did you find it absurd
The thing you didn't understand, girl
I'm a man of my word
There's plenty people talking
Trying to find some more worth
But the thing you must remember
Is that they're really hurt

START BELIEVING

I've got a suggestion
To try to ease your mind
In answer to your question
Don't ever look behind
The future's out there waitin'
For you to grab a bite
Better start creating
But keep the end in sight

Start believin', believe in me
Start believin' ...

Don't want no resistance
Do what you think is right
And if you need assistance
I'll prove that black is white
And if you don't believe it
Take my advice

The more that you endeavour
The more you will achieve
The road goes on forever
As long as you believe
You'll never need to worry

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NEVER SAY DIE

It was one of those days I'll never forget
And one of those times I'll never regret
One of those things I could never deny
'Cause oh no, no, I'll never say die

She came from Chicago
Down to New York
And I met her once down in Central Park
But she was so pretty
I had to give up my case
But who, tell me who can resist
A pretty face?

So I gave in 'cause I was losin'
The best thing I ever had
It's a pity she was so pretty
It's a shame she had to be so bad
She was playin' the game
But she was losin'
And she had a wicked gleam in her eye
Oh, oh no, I'll never say die
Never say die

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And one of those times I'll never regret
One of those things I could never deny
'Cause oh no, no, I'll never say die

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She was losin'
And she had a wicked gleam in her eye
Oh, oh no, I'll never say die

I gave in 'cause I was losin'
The best thing I've ever had
It's a pity she was so pretty
It's a shame she had to be so bad
But she was playin' the game
She was losin'
And she had a wicked gleam in her eye
Oh, oh no, I'll never say die
Never say die

KING

You couldn't call him lazy
He used every trick in the book
Though people thought he was crazy
He gave a lot more than he took
His brain was full of good intention
It's a shame didn't hit the brakes
But I thought he was worth
Just a little mention
At least he didn't burn the cakes

He was the king and he wore my ring
He was the king, a right ding-a-ling
He was the king, it didn't mean a thing
But he was the king
I think you know what I mean

He played around with the weather
And turned the sunshine into rain
He used his best endeavours
But the queen said, never again
But being kinda hard of hearin'
He didn't understand her right
With the best of intentions
He turned the day to permanent night

He tried to knight the jester
Who took it light-heartedly
(well a jester would!)
The king comes on
And says: "I blessed ya!"
And told him to get off one knee
And following the celebration
He tried to get the sunshine appear
Right across the nation
His subjects were askin' him when

PIECE OF MY LOVE

Hey, little honey, ain't got no money
But I'll show you a real good time
You got me spinnin'
I know you're willin'
So let's get down to feelin' fine

You can have a piece, a piece
A piece, a piece of my love
You can have a piece, a piece
A piece, a piece of my love

You're stayin' in my house
And you're always on my telephone
But I don't mind as long as
You do what you've been shown
I know you're young
But don't have any regrets

You drive me crazy
You're my kind of lady
So please stay around for awhile
You know you treat me unkind
But I like your mind
You know you're just my style

You're goin' out again but
I hope you're gonna be back soon
My temperature is burnin' and
I miss you even more just now
I'm a good lovin' man and
A good lady never forgets
At least she shouldn't

You drive me crazy
You're my kind of lady
So please stay around for awhile
You know you treat me unkind
But I like your mind
Darling, you're just my style

You're stayin' in my house
And you're always on my telephone
But I don't mind as long as
You do what you've been shown
I know you're young
But don't have any regrets
Oh baby, don't you have any regrets

ADDITIONAL SONGS:

EVERY INCH OF THE WAY

Single released in 1980, included as a bonus track on remastered ON THE ROCKS cd along with a longer unedited version of the song. The parts of lyrics written in italic are included only on the long version.

Met an old friend today
And he told me he was real low
'Cause his music don't fit
With the change of the time
So I asked him to join me
That night for a free blow
Just like we did when we played
For those nickels and dimes

*He took a drink and told me
That he'd think it over
Said that it was a while
Since he'd tickled the strings
So I told him to come along
If he was sober
And get high on the energy
Rock'n'roll brings*

He said, I'll tell you no lie
I'll give it one more try
'Cause I love my old rock music
And I want it to stay
Just put me to the test
You bet I'll give my best
And I'll push her to the top
Every inch of the way

Later on in the evening
I was singin' and playin'
When up to the front of the stage
Came an old friend of mine
Said, he'd had it with moving
And figured on staying
And if it was okay by me
Could he join for awhile

I'll tell you no lie
I'll give it just one more try
'Cause I love my old rock music
And it's got to stay
Just get me to the test
You know I'm gonna give my best
And I'll push her to the top
Every inch of the way

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*I won't tell you no lie
'Cause I'm gonna give it one more try
'Cause I love my old rock music
And I want it to stay
Just put me to the test
'Cause you know I'm gonna give my best
And I'll push her to the top
Every inch of the way
I'll tell you, tell you, tell you no lie
I'll give it one more try
'Cause I love my old rock music
And it's got to stay*

ROUTINE

*B-side of 'Every Inch Of The Way' single,
included as a bonus track on remastered
ON THE ROCKS cd.*

Routine - does nobody really care?
Routine - is no one gettin' anywhere?
I need a break from all this emptiness
Oh, I need a rest - routine
Routine

Routine - makes everybody
Look the same
Routine - there's always
Someone else to blame
Well, I don't think I can take it anymore
Oh, I'm longing for - routine
Routine

Routine - what is the meaning
Of the word?
Routine - it's really gettin' quite absurd
It doesn't matter how you try to pretend
Oh, 'cause in the end it's routine
It's just routine
Routine ...

TIRED EYES

*B-side of 'Rebecca' single, included as a
bonus track on remastered ON THE
ROCKS cd.*

Tired eyes reading words
That somebody has kept in the corner
Tired eyes and tired nerves
And tempers that are getting shorter
But still we're strong and on and on
'Cause we know there's no disguise
To beat those tired eyes

Shattered dreams can reflect
One or two of life's imperfections
But it seems that I elect
To try and follow my own direction
And in the end I am sure my friend
That our dreams will all come true
For me, for me and you

Tired eyes, nothing new
Rest awhile tonight
And tomorrow when I look at you
We'll sparkle with new light

If I tried to sustain the energy
We both need so badly
If I tried to explain that if you wanted
I could stop all this gladly
Would listen awhile
With a trace of your smile
'Cause you know it wouldn't be true
That's why I love you
That's why I love you

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Guess I'll have to get out of this town
No sense in my waiting around
The only thing left for me here is pain
She's gone for sure so why pretend
Left last night with a friend
Leaving not a word that would explain

That was only yesterday
How will I ever face tomorrow
She took away what I once had
And returned it full of sorrow

I think I better find somewhere
A place where I won't care
I need some time to hide my shame
Was only just one day ago
That I found what I'd been searching for
Had left town on a late night train

WAITING FOR THE SUN

At first flash of Eden
We race down to the sea
Standing there on freedom's shore

Waiting for the sun...

Can you feel it?
Now that spring has come
That it's time to live
In the scattered sun

Waiting for the sun...
Waiting...

Waiting for you to come along
Waiting for you to
Tell me what went wrong
This is the strangest life I've ever known

Waiting for the sun...

This is the strangest life I've ever known

PRIDE & JOY

You are my pride and joy
And I just love you, little darlin'
Like a baby boy loves his toy
You've got kisses sweeter than honey
I wanna celebrate and give you all my
money
That's why you're my pride and joy

And I'm tellin' the world
That you're my pride and joy
I believe I'm your baby boy
And I know you're mine
My pride and joy
Yeah baby ooh baby

You, you are my my pride and joy
And a love like mine, yeah my baby
Is something nobody can ever destroy
You pick me up when I'm down
And when we go out, my pretty baby
You shake up the whole damn town
And that's why you are my pride and joy

I said you are my pride and joy
Pride and joy
I wanna be your baby boy