

KEN HENSLEY LYRICS 1968 - 1984

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TOE FAT 1970

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HEAD MACHINE / ORGASM 1970

Climax - You Tried To Take It All
Make The Feeling Last
You Must Come With Me
The Girl Who Loved, The Girl Who Loved
Orgasm
The First Time
Scattering Seeds
All songs written by David Paramor

WEED...! 1971

Sweet Morning Light
Lonely Ship
My Dream
Slowin' Down
Before I Die
Weed (Instrumental)
All songs written by Bodo Albes

BLACKFOOT / SIOGO 1983

Send Me An Angel (Hensley/Williams)
Crossfire (Medlocke/Spires/Hargrett/Barth)
Heart's Grown Cold (Cleminson)
We're Goin' Down (Medlocke/Spires)
Teenage Idol (Medlocke/Spires)
Goin' In Circles (Medlocke/Spires)
Run For Cover (Medlocke/Spires/Hensley)
White Man's Land (Medlocke/Spires)
Sail Away (Medlocke/Spires/Hargrett/Hensley)
Drivin' Fool (Medlocke/Spires)

BLACKFOOT / VERTICAL SMILES 1984

Morning Dew (Dobson/Rose)
Living In The Limelight (Cetera)
Ride With You (Medlocke/Spires/Barth/Osborne)
Get It On (Medlocke/Spires/Hensley)
Young Girl (Medlocke/Spires/Walker)
Summer Days (Medlocke/Spires)
A Legend Never Dies (Johnson/Gendel/Maher)
Heartbeat And Heels (Medlocke/Spires)
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Living In The City (Medlocke/Spires/Hensley) single b-side

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THE GODS / GENESIS

TOWARDS THE SKIES

Ah ... Towards the skies
Ah ... Towards the skies

Turn your face to the wall
That's where I'll be
In the crack of the paint
My eyes you'll see
Locked away in my mind I must be free

Reason with myself I find
Life is treating me unkind

Run the fields of green
And touch the ground
Zipping on my ears to hear a sound
Picking things to see up from the ground

CANDLE'S GETTING SHORTER

And the candle's getting shorter
And the flame has nearly gone
You didn't love me like you
Ought to have done
Why do I, why do I keep on crying
Why do I, why do I keep on crying

How long will the sadness last
Will it be too long before it's past
How I've been so hopelessly out class
Since our love died
I've cried and cried and I cried
Since our love died
I've cried and cried and I cried

It doesn't really matter
If I wake one day and find
You didn't want to stay
My heart will just go on pretending
That I didn't love or want you anyway

YOU'RE MY LIFE

You're my life, you're my heart
In my dreams you play a part
When I wake everyday
I think of words that you say

I'll never find a girl
Sweeter in this world
I've gotta find a way
The thing to you I say

You're my blood in my veins
You're my life, you'll never change
You're my life, you're my heart
In my dreams you play a part

You're my life, you're my heart
I'll never find a girl
You're my life, you're my heart
Sweeter in this world

You're my life, you're my heart
Gotta find a way
You're my life, you're my heart
The thing to you I say

LOOKING GLASS

When she looks in
The looking glass on the wall
She can see she's the fairest of them all
Makes me do anything
Has me on a string
And there isn't anything I can do
La la la la la ...

She's there on a place no-one else above
There's no chance of her loving me
The way I love her
What in the world is left to do
She's crying out for someone new
And there isn't anything I can do
La la la la la ...

MISLEADING COLOURS

Misleading colours, misleading colours
Misleading colours for the eye to see

Raving colours going 'round my mind
Filling my eyes till I go blind
Colours are followed by the score
My eyes can't focus anymore

Wishing a wish that won't come true
Doing things that you want to do
Seeing prisms yet to come
Knowing that it's just begun

Misleading colours ...

RADIO SHOW

I got a car and I drive it
All night in the rain
A little blue horn and
I'll blow it again and again
I go so quickly, quicker, quickly

I saw a fire in the night
As I drove down the lane
A little red house was ablaze
As I tore down the lane
I go so quickly, quicker, quickly

Would you believe me if I said
I'm losing my mind
Would you believe me if I said
I'm losing my mind

You can win a candy
On a fluorescent one-armed bandit
Here in Andrew's Nickel Bar

If your alligator shoes can dance
The mashed potato blues
You're a dandy, yes you are

You can buy a custom-built
Banana Wonder Sundae
Here in Andrew's Nickel Bar

I can hear the pitter-pat of the rain
I can hear the pitter-pat of the rain
Again and again
I can hear the pitter-pat of the rain

PLASTIC HORIZON

Trying to see, trying to see tomorrow
Listening to laughter
Children who do not know why

It was on my mind, it's on my mind

Hey, we are not shadows
That cling to each other

Whose eyes are prisons of sleep
Whose lips are heavy with dreams

FARTHING MAN

Give a man a penny
Give a man a penny
Penny for the farthing man
Treat him to a penny
Treat him to a penny
He will do what he can
He will do what he can
Little man, farthing man
Will do just what he can

Jump little man, jump high little man
Try for another penny
Laugh little man, laugh loud little man
Or you won't have any
Or you won't have any little man
Farthing man is good for your last penny

Man in the pouring rain
Has got a wet head
Something inside of him shows
He's never fed
Though it may rain or snow
He's always out there
Picking up pennies from people
Who don't really care

I NEVER KNOW

Never knew what time it was
Till I saw you hanging around
Never knew the time because
My head was stuck deep in the ground
Times were bad, had to be sad
Times were cruel till I met you

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Hadn't had a life, and then
You turned the light into my eyes
Now I no longer need a friend
You are my true paradise

Pink champagne drown my brain
When one's mind has no time

TIME AND ETERNITY

When you're tired and blue
Think of what to do
You can't explain your heart

La la ...

Life has just begun
I aim to touch the sun
For money I am poorer

My mind is travellin'
I know where it will be
The tides are turnin'
Through time and eternity

The day has broken through
My mind is clear to you
My life is just a ball

BABY'S RICH

Single a-side, included as a bonus track on cd.

My my, my baby's rich
Girl, she buys me everything
My my, my baby's hitch
Always acting like the king

Money in this world isn't everything
They tell me
It's no good acting like the king
They tell me
For every penny that you spend
You'll always find you lose a friend
In the end, end, end, end!

I'm gonna show you a different life
If you let me
If money is your biggest thing
Then forget me
If you're always gonna pinch a penny
When it comes to friends
You won't have any
In the end, end, end, end!

Oh, oh, la la la ...

SOMEWHERE IN THE STREET

B-side of 'Baby's Rich' single, included as a bonus track on GENESIS cd.

Somewhere in the street
I saw a face I couldn't forget
Later in that street
I cried a tear of bitter regret

I reached the place where she stood
Only a moment before
Now there's no face
Only lonely shadows
And raindrops of tears

I am so tired, so tired of chasing
A face in a dream, waiting and watching
From a lonely window
It's always the same

HEY BULLDOG

Single a-side, included as a bonus track on GENESIS cd.

Sheepdog, standing in the rain
Bullfrog, doing it again
Some kind of happiness
Is measured out in miles
What makes you think you're
Something special when you smile

Child-like, no one understands
Jack knife, in your sweaty hands
Some kind of innocence
Is measured out in years
You don't know what it's like
To listen to your fears

You can talk to me, you can talk to me
You can talk to me
If you're lonely you can talk to me

Big man, walking in the park
Wigwam, frightened of the dark
Some kind of solitude
Is measured out in you
You think you know it
But you haven't got a clue

Hey bulldog ...

REAL LOVE GUARANTEED

B-side of 'Hey Bulldog' single, included as a bonus track on GENESIS cd.

Don't waste all your time
Mess up your mind looking for dreams

Stop looking so sad
Life's not as bad as it may seem

If you pay the right price
I've got love that you can buy
Or charge is a little love in return
Good love, real love, guaranteed
Good love, real love, guaranteed

Just before you start breaking your heart
Look back at me

Climb out of the crowd
Cast up your shadow, set yourself free

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TO SAMUEL A SON

On a clear day in May
When the sun was out to play
And the children all made hay
Samuel J. was heard to say
"I've got a son"

All the neighbourhood could hear
Everybody far and near
And they all let out a cheer
Sammy's son was gonna
Grow into a man

Years and years long the J's
Had longed for a son
Someone they could show
The world as their own

8 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

8 o'clock in the morning
Everybody's yawning
School bell is ringing
Little voices singing

"All things bright and beautiful"

Growing up believing
Till it's time for leaving
All he's been concerning
His ambitions burning

ABC and XYZ, 2 by 2 and 3 by 3
He is learning
Learn to choose, to win and lose
Grown up life can be so new
He's learning

HE'S GROWING

When he wakes in the morning
And opens up his eyes
Sun is rising in the sky
Another day will soon pass by
And he won't know the reason
Why he's growing

This same boy, now he's older
Laughs at his young days
Because he's changed in many ways
Passed the stage of playground toys
And all the games of little boys
Puts away his jigsaw puzzles
And all his favourite colouring books

Oh ... he's growing, Oh ... he's growing
Isn't that a shame
His childhood dreams are almost gone
But he won't complain
It will all come true as time goes on

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Thirteen years have passed by
Sammy dreams of love
And his mind's in imagination
Fills his head with promises of
Endless days of grown up ways
Just a little complication
This celebration has to end
Oh ... he's growing

STICKING WINGS ON FLIES

Sammy's gone to find the job
Sticking wings on flies
Building clouds for thunderstorms
Growing apple pie

This could be the end
Of beautiful baby dreams
Getting old before his time
Or that's the way it seems
He is faced with Failure's ocean
Devils' evil schemes

Sammy had the chance
To make it in one year
Everyone hustled
Trying to find him a nice career
But he's so tired of hang-ups searchin'
He's leaving here

LADY LADY

He closed his eyes and pretended to sleep
And he dreamed a dream
Of a lady to love day after day
To walk down the aisle
And say: "I'll be your lover"
And there'll be no other for me
Or for you, or for us

Sammy, Sammy don't hesitate
She loves you now
But her love won't wait
You've got to start thinkin'
Of your future life
So make a lady from Dover your wife

A golden band and a few chosen words
From a christian man who was in charge
Of the church at the time
For a lady from Dover
It was very soon over
Her name was Jay and it had changed
At the drop o fa hat, fancy that
At the drop of a hat

Lady, lady, hold my hand ...

PENNY DEAR

Penny dear, wish you could be here
Sammy's far away
He'll be back one day
He thinks of you
Hope you're thinking of him
He's feeling bad, you're feeling sad

Penny dear, it's plain and clear
You're both far apart
Your thoughts are in his heart
You write each day
And he reads what you say
Though you're sad, it's not so bad

You know he loves you and it's true
You know he needs you, only you
You know he loves you and it's true
You know he needs you, only you

Penny dear, the time is near
He is on his way, only one more day
You've been alone
And now he's coming home
No falling tears when he appears

LONG TIME, SAD TIME, BAD TIME

Listen baby, he's coming home
Where he belongs
So stop your weeping
And on the high tide
He'll be by your side
In the bed he always used to sleep in

So stop your wonderin', guessin'
Sammy J. is coming home
It's been a long time, sad time
Bad time living on your own

For your sadness will turn to gladness
By the time you count
One hundred and ten, girl
Watch your baby, cook the dinner
Listen for the bell, and then, girl

All the years you've been crying
All the time you've felt like dying
All you really needed was to be
Beside the one you love

FIVE TO THREE

Sammy and his wife living city life
From eight till six every day
Fourtynine years and more
They've spent in the big town store
With never a morning away

All at once the day approaches
Sammy knows it's time to leave
One thing playing on his mind is
Do they know how he will grieve

But Sammy needn't sigh
His days have not passed by
Without being noticed at all
At nearly five to three
The manager wants to see Sammy
In his office by the hall

"Please accept this gift we offer
Thank you for your loyal years"
Then it's over, the store is silent
Sammy cries devoted tears

What will Sammy do
His working life is through
But the firm must have cared after all
A part of him has died
But he still has the pride
Of five to three in the office by the hall

Have you read the morning paper
Did you see my picture there
Have you seen the watch I'm wearing
Given to me on that day

AUTUMN

Oh, how the days fly by
Never stopping for a minute
While he cries, no, no, no
But no tears fill his eyes
And no sighs or goodbyes
To the world that is
Treating him badly

Now his autumn years
To cloud his mind with fears
He knows his time has come
Life is almost gone

As life leaves the strongest fighter dead
And the figures of
Past years approach his bed
Shared those sorrow on this day
As he passes away
Samuel J is the name they'll remember

An end, yet life begins
He looses but he wins
Sammy will live on
In the shadow of his own son

YES I CRY

If she brings me down what can I do
There'd be nothing left if I lost you

If she makes me sad and goes away
(She makes me sad)
There'd be nothing left for me to say

And so I cry, cry, cry, yes I cry
Though I try, try, try not to cry
I cry

Crying hurts me and it can hurt you too
(Crying hurts me too)
So you know it's only up to you

In my heart I know it hurt to stay
(Inside my heart)
Time stood still, moved
Then she went away

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GROOZY

Standing outside in the rain
Blown all my money again
Shining in the gutter
The neon lights can flutter again

Sam stepped outside the arcade
Whispered, man, we've got it made
I just got the invite and we won't
Spend our whole night un-laid

Something is wrong
I don't feel like I should
I know you've tried
And if I understood
I'd explain the whole thing
And I'd come if I could
But something is wrong
You better forget it, forget it, forget it!

And I know something is wrong
(Something is wrong)
It won't let me, you go alone
(We're going on)
Said I know something is wrong
(Something is wrong)
I've lost the tune of my song

So believe me when I whisper
It's so groozy
All you hippy happy chicks
Are really choosy
Try to make it and forget
About the sad scene
You can tell Farukh the King's
A nasty has-been

Layaround and left upon
The hurly-shurley-burly
Always welcome on the hurdy gurdy
Don't forget that whisky makes
Your hair grow curly
And it swells inside to make
Your brain go whirly
We can make a good time
Boozy, groozy, lose it, hit that thing!

MOMMA I NEED

Momma I need your shoulder to cry on
Bring it on home for me to rely on
Momma I need your bed to lie on
I'm sure my time has come

Here I stand, a broken man
A lifesize illustration of
A fallen favourite son
And I lay deep in sleep of a lonely kind
And sadness reflecting misery

Good morning, sorrow
Today I'm going out of borrow
Just a little of the sun
From someone else's life
But the way to happiness
Is gonna be closed again
And so I begin to feel it just the same

In her heart a million ways to love
In her head a thousand poisoned dreams
Just for the first time
This has got to be the last time
I can't get down any further

Pain and dreams are hand-in-hand
But who holds the answer I need
Where is my turning in life's long road
Did I take a side-lane to this hell I'm in

Momma I need your shoulder to cry on
Bring it on home for me to rely on
Momma I need your bed to lie on

CANDLELIGHT

By the sun and candlelight
Wandered through a misty night
In a dream not long ago I saw her
In a dream not long ago

I walked all around the town
Thinking she might be around
In a dream not long ago I saw her
In a dream not long ago

Foolish heart of mine going out to find
Someone who is never there
How am I to know if she'll care at all
For someone who's never there

LOVELY ANITA

Lovely Anita, I'd love you to meet her
Her eyes are as deep as a wishing well
Her eyes are so pure
And her lips are so cool
I love her forever and ever

She makes my heart bleed
When she knows that I need
The good things in life
That I know she can give
And when we're alone
And there's no-one the same
I tell her I love her again and again ..

Yes, I know Anita is mine
Lips like strawberry wine
Yes, I know Anita is mine
Mine till the end of time

Lovely Anita, I'm going to meet her
She waits for me down by
The trees near the lane
And when we're alone
And there's no-one around
We make love again and again ...

Lovely Anita ... Going to meet her ...

MARIA

*Single a-side, included as a bonus track
on TO SAMUELA SON cd.*

Maria - I just met a girl named Maria
And suddenly that name
Will never be the same to me

Maria - I just kissed a girl named Maria
And suddenly I've found
How wonderful a sound can be

Maria
Say it loud and there's music playing
Say it soft and it's almost like praying

Maria - I'll never stop saying Maria

CLIFF BENNETT

MEMPHIS STREETS

Headed for Memphis, ridin' a '59 Ford
Good paying job, girl
Bein' alone makes it hard

Find myself taking rides
Through the Memphis streets
Look out and watch the view
Girl, you know I don't see a thing
Can't get my mind off of you

Na na na ...

Work on the day shift
Come back to my three dollar room
I'm a ten dollar dreamer
And I'm going to make it come true

But now I'm taking rides
Through the Memphis streets
Look out and watch the view
Girl, you know I don't see a thing
Can't get my mind off of you

Na na na ...

BUT I'M WRONG

Never thought I'd need your love so bad
Never ever thought I'd care
Never thought I'd miss
Your mystifying love
Never ever was aware

Never ever thought I'd miss so much
Never realised
Never thought I'd miss
Your mystifying love
But I've been looking your eye

But I'm wrong
And I'm not too proud to admit it babe
Wrong
And I'm not too proud to admit it babe

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HEY WESTERN UNION MAN (Send A Telegram)

Oh, Western Union man
Send a telegram to my baby

Send a telegram, send a telegram
Send a telegram to my baby
This is what I want you to do

Listen: Tell her that I'm all alone
I tried to call her on the phone
Tell her I'm in misery
And I think she's avoiding me

And if the telegram won't do
Send a box of candy too
Maybe some flowers
Tell her that I missed her
For hours and hours

Oh, Western Union man, send a telegram
Send a telegram to my baby
Western union man
Won't you send a telegram

Send a telegram, send a telegram
Send a telegram man to my baby
This is what I want you to say

Listen, have you got a boy you can send
This is what I want him to do
Put him on his bike right away
See if he can get my message through

Mail it tomorrow, mail it right away
I want the girl to know that I miss her
Something like yesterday

TOE FAT

THAT'S MY LOVE FOR YOU

That's my love for you ...

Just to sure every day in a week
That's my love for you
Just to sure every burned off squeeks
That's my love for you

I'm so sure of my love
But I'm not so sure of your

Just to sure every tuffle turn
That's my love for you
Just to sure that I'll never learn
That's my love for you

Just to sure of the chicken run
That's my love for you
Just to sure of the paice need
That's my love for you

BAD SIDE OF THE MOON

This is my life, this is my life
This is my life

Seems as though I've lived my life
On the bad side of the moon
To stir your dregs, and sittin' still
Without a rustic spoon
Common people, live with me
Where the light has never shone
And the hermits flock like hummingbirds
Speakin' in a foreign tongue

Oh, I'm a light world away
From the people who make me stay
Sittin' on the bad side of the moon
Oh, I'm a light world away
From the people who make me stay
Sittin' on the bad side of the moon

Everydody sing:
This is my life, this is my life
This is my life

There ain't no need for watchdog here
To justify our ways
We live our life in manacles
The main cause of our stay
Exiled here from other worlds
My sentence comes to soon
Why should I be made to stay
On the bad side of the moon

NOBODY

Nobody gonna tell me
You don't love me babe
They just don't know
That you're an angel, whoah
Nobody gonna tell me
You don't love me baby

Now the way we look
And the way we dress
May make some people frown
They just don't understand aback
Why they put us down

They just don't know
That you're an angel, whoah
Nobody gonna tell me
You don't love me baby
No no no

All the squares keep
Talkin' 'bout you baby
Don't you know that talk's cheap
Found a love gonna last forever
Time of talk gonna last forever
We're gonna kill it

Nobody ...

THE WHEREFORS AND THE WHYS

When I finally get to sleeping
And I stop myself from weeping
I know there's a sign I see with my eyes
The wherefors and the whys of living

They say it's all part of being young
But still a lot of songs
Have to stay unsung
And still there's a sign I see with my eyes
The wherefors and the whys of living

Picture me here standing alone
(Can't you see he's on his own)
You can't see a thing that has no love
(So old and so alone)
See if you can, a lonely man
(See if you can)
Can you agree that you can see me

BUT I'M WRONG

Never thought I'd need your love so bad
Never ever thought I'd care
Never thought I'd miss
Your mystifying love
Never ever walk away, yeah, oh

Never thought I'd need your love so bad
Never realised
Never thought I'd miss
Your mystifying love
Ever looking in your eyes

But I'm wrong
Not too proud to admit it babe
Wrong
I'm not too proud to admit it babe

Well, I'm wrong, yeah
So wrong, yeah
I can't help myself
I can't stop myself babe
No but I'm lonely
I thought that I am wrong
So wrong
Well, I'm wrong, wrong, wrong ...

JUST LIKE ME

Mary had a little lamb
His fleece was white as snow
And everywhere that Mary went
The lamb was sure to go

Ain't that just like me
Trying to run away with you
You know that I love you, yeah
I love you, yeah
Don't you wanna love me too

Hey Diddle Diddle, the cat had a fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
The little dog lauhed to see such fun
And the dish ran away with the spoon

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Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
All the king's horses and all the king's
men
They couldn't put him back again

Don't you wanna love me too ...

JUST LIKE ALL THE REST

Oh, how I tried to do the right thing
Girl, Lord knows I tried my best
Oh, how I tried to do the right thing
But each time things just turn like all the
rest

I will buy you cars and diamond rings
If I have the money to do that
If I bought you cars and diamond rings
Situations turned out like all the rest

I will take a ride to the end of the earth
If I thought your love was there
But I realised just what it was all worth
It would be a bad trip, just like all the rest

I CAN'T BELIEVE

Baby - Don't wanna wait for so long
Baby - Don't wanna make you
Come on strong
I can't - I can't believe you're really near
I can't - I can't believe you're really here

Surely - The feeling cannot last too long
Truly - It's a moment, then it's gone
I can't - I can't believe you're really near
I can't - I can't believe you're really here

Surely - the feeling cannot last too long
Truly - It's a moment, then it's gone
I can't - I can't believe you're really here
I can't - I can't believe you're really here

WORKING NIGHTS

Got a job, working docks
Tryin' to earn some extra bread
Gettin' ready for the future
Get a suit for the party

Got a wife, settle down
Let everything work out
And if I dont, I'll let her go
Find someone else, no doubt

'Cause I wanna be loved, needed
Treated right by her

Look around, take my time
I gotta be there, sure
I don't want a string of women
Come marching through my door

I gotta clap, hit the city
Everything will look good right now
Met some girls, lots of girls
Spend my bread and how

But the girl that I want
Takes me all my life
When I do, then I know
This one will be my wife

I'll take her home, show her off
Everyone around
Then I'll be what I am
That kind of man in town

Now I'm loved, needed
Treated right by her
Treated right ...

YOU TRIED TO TAKE IT ALL

Oh, how I tried and I tried
Oh, how I tried to
Save a little love for you
But you were not satisfied
You tried to take it all
And that I couldn't let you do

I tried to remember, I tried to recall
I offered you a little love
And you tried, you tried to take it all

Oh, how I prayed and I prayed
Prayed that you
Would make a little sacrifice
You wronged much more than I had
You wouldn't reason
Or Listen to my advice

Now that it's over
Now that it's through, yeah
You wanted just a little too much
But I had to
I had to prove it to you, oh

Now that you're out of my life, yeah
I just sat down and realised
What a fool I've been
Now you're no longer around
I'll go out tonight
And maybe find a girl that is keen

Now that it's over
Now that it's through, yeah
You wanted just a little too much
But I had to
I had to prove it to you, oh yeah

HEAD MACHINE / ORGASM

CLIMAX

Baby - I don't wanna wait for so long
Baby - I don't wanna make you
Come on strong
I can't - I can't believe you're really near
I can't - I can't believe you're really near

Surely - the feeling cannot last too long
Truly - it's a moment then it's gone
Climax - I can't believe it's really here
Climax - I can't believe
You're really near

YOU TRIED TO TAKE IT ALL

Oh, how I tried and I tried
Oh, how I tried to save
A little love for you
But you were not satisfied
You tried to take it all
And took me for a real hard ride

I tried to remember, I tried to recall
I offered you a little love
And you tried, you tried to take it all

Crazy with teasin' and needin'
Your body was bleedin' but still
You shouted out for more
The look in your eyes was misleadin'
I plead love to someone
But it never felt this good before

MAKE THE FEELING LAST

I will try to make the feeling last
I will try not to love you too fast
But now this heart of mine
Is beatin' too strong
And now the love I give to you
Is beatin' low
But I will try to make the feeling last

Now you move so quickly
I try to tame you down
But I know you can make it alone
Please resist the feeling that
I'm tryin' to give you
Till I'm near, oh, near

I can't help the nights
That we have passed
I can't help the way
That I've been fast
I'm in the clouds and
No-one's listenin' to me
Colour in spaces
In your body and see
But I will try to make the feeling last

YOU MUST COME WITH ME

You must come with me
Won't you try, don't just lie there
You must come with me
Can't you see what it's doin' to me

I'm doin' my best while
You try to undress
And the colours I see Mean so little to me
You must be fast now
That you've reached the last
But the colours remain
Quietly cloudin' my brain

Now you'll come with me
Spend the day lovin' this way

**THE GIRL WHO LOVED,
THE GIRL WHO LOVED**

The girl who loved, the girl who loved
To rest there in her arms
But lived the life of hell
When someone comes

The girl who loved, the girl who loved
To smell each passing bay
But no-one else to touch or speak, or play

In a deserted place he'd been a fool
Tearing her clothes and acting so cruel

The girl who loved those tender words
But never from a man
The girl who's reached the sun
With female hands

The girl who loved the sweet caress
Of lipstick on her cheek
The girl who never knew of love so sweet

She lives the life of hell
When someone comes
She's no-one else to touch
Or speak of play
The girl who's reached the sun
With female hands
She never knew a love, a love so sweet

ORGASM

I know how to hold you
I know how to touch you now
I know how to make you feel alright

I know what you've been through
I know how it's always been
But you never felt what you feel tonight

I always told you I'd do it to you
I told you I would give you such delight

I know how to hold you now
And I know how to touch you now
I know how to make you feel alright
Orgasm, orgasm

THE FIRST TIME

Yes, I know it's first time
That you've been lyin' without her
Sick of the thought a lonely night
Without her at your side

You've mistreated her badly
And now you're lonely without her
Sick of the thought of
The happiness you've been denied

You're playin' the wrong kind of game
Her love, it just isn't the same
Frustration's gonna leave you behind
You're makin' the wrong kind of love
Your hand was nothing for love
Your overflowin' river just went dry

You can still touch her discreetly
And hold her hand in the sunshine
In the place where it started
A long time ago

You feel sad just to see it now
For reasons you know in your heart
You broke your dreams and hers
By makin' it told

You've spent your time runnin' around
Sudden deeds have been
Bringin' me down
But from the look on your face
I can see you've cried
But don't ever say it's the end
There's no heart in beginnin' again
Let no-one tell you that you haven't tried

SCATTERING SEEDS

Scatterin' seeds in your hand
And you're callin' your name
Try to remember the time
When we both felt the same

Scatterin' seeds on my island
Now when you're away
Knowin' the feeling that you
Won't be back today

And in some dreams I find
Scatterin' seeds and losin' my mind
But we will find a way
Went for a change we need a play
We need a play

Scatterin' seeds when we
Can't find a way to be sure
Leave her out just to see now
For closing the door
Scatterin' seeds with a smile
And a tear in our eyes
Touchin' the sun through
The glass of an evening sky

WEED / WEED !

SWEET MORNING LIGHT

Sweet morning light, sweet morning light
Sun shinin' bright on everything inside

Green is the grass, Winter has passed
No sign of cloud, wanna shine out loud

That I love to live and I live to love
In the sweet morning light

Sun in my eyes is my sweet surprise
Now life of lies or black disguise
Good lord of life and precious sight
Keep out the storm, try to keep me warm

'Cause I love to live and I live to love
In the sweet morning light

LONELY SHIP

Where, oh where shall I look my love
Where in the world
To find a thousand battle ships
With all their flags and furl

Will the will of life for me today
Can a log so sadly sink
Of the love we found and cast away
That was my everything

I'm not saying that I'll die for you
I'm not saying that I long
What I mean is I will look for you
For it's you who has my soul

Far, so far into the empty night
My lonely ship will sail

Where there's life, there must be love
In this world and the next
And paths along which lovers walk
Whom happiness returns

MY DREAM

In my dream I saw ahead
Another thousand years
I saw the vision of a world in fear
In my dream

And I saw the battle at
The whole world lost
And left no-one to sit and count the cost
In my dream

But my head was flying high
Above the tired strife
I saw beyond the actual waste of life
In my dream

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SLOWIN' DOWN

I feel I'm slowin' down
Left here to die on the ice cold ground
I've had my share of trouble
And all the misery around

I got one day left to live
Nothing left to give
Take my soul, I'm slowin' down

I just can't stay around
I've been abused and I'm leavin' town
I've had my share of trouble
With sorrow followin' me around

I've seen fightin', people dyin'
Politicians lyin'
Take my soul, I'm slowin' down

BEFORE I DIE

Let me see one summer before I die
Free my heart from weary fortune
Let me see the light with the stars at night
With not of deserving
These clouds at its side
Before I die

Bring no tales of hidden meaning
Please don't speak to me of war
These are things my heart rejected
Oh, forever, never
Never cause me pain again
Before I die

What's the use of a life without love
With our love is everything
There's no place for it here or above
Yes, love is everywhere

Oh, before I die

WEED (instrumental)

BLACKFOOT / SIOGO

SEND ME AN ANGEL

Everynight, I hit the streets
All alone burnin' with the need
Broken dreams and
An empty heart have got me
I need a lover with a lot of heart
It's so hard when you're in the dark
And no one's there
To help you find your way

I keep running in the night
Searchin' for the light
Cryin' for someone to rescue me

Wont you send me, send me an angel
Send me, send me an angel
Send me an angel tonight, tonight

Keep lookin' but I can't see
Listen hard but I don't believe
Is this the way it really has to be?
Say you're in or count me out
I can't live without all this doubt
Save my life with a single word

And I'm out here in the dark
I don't know where to start
Begging for my feelings to be heard

CROSSFIRE

You can have her, I don't want her
I don't want you around
You have taken all the feelings
And run them in the ground

All your lyin', you've been tryin'
To leave me in the cold
First you want him, then you want me
The story's gettin' old

I'm caught up in a crossfire
Oh, don't you know that
You're a live wire
You got me feeling baby like I'm on fire
What's a lonely man to do?

Put another slug in the chamber
You play roulette with love
Take your chances with danger dances
You'll pay for it with blood

You've got me in your sights
There's nothing I can do
Maybe in the dead of night
I can slip away from you

HEART'S GROWN COLD

Oh, go out and have your habit
You're the one who's takin' it
You're the one who's fakin' it
You're the one who's heart's grown cold

Come down and tell me that it's better
You're the one who's using it
You're the one who's losing it
You're the one who's got no soul
You're the one who's heart's grown cold

I touch your lips with my fingertips
I hand on every breath you take
You don't need me like I need you
You have your heartaches tonight
Everyday, I just hope and pray
I just hope that you still care
That you still have your dreams, oh

Baby, honey let me tell you that
Your heart's grown cold
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

WE'RE GOIN' DOWN

Feelin' low down and I'm drug out
I'm feelin' hungry again
I need a taste of your sweet lovin'
I don't think it's a sin
I don't need a lot of lovin'
I don't need a lot of time
I don't need much to speak of
Let me love you won't you be mine

It's getting harder by the minute
I've been away too long
It's after hours, you've got the power
To keep me comin' on strong

I don't need a lot of lovin'
I don't need a lot of time
I don't need much to speak of
Let me love you won't you be mine

We're going down
We're going down, to dine at the Y
We're going down, we're going down

Yeah, did you like it?
You didn't fight it
I know it wasn't a sin
You got the power, it's after hours
I think I'm hungry again

TEENAGE IDOL

A lonely boy in the city
Standing tall up to his blue jean
Jacket and eyes of pity
He's got a dream, now he told his Papa
"Don't you worry Daddy
I'll be back to show you
The life I've made"
With a tear falling from his eyes
He knew what he wanted to be

Oh, he wants to be, yes, he's got to be
Oh, he'd love to be a teenage idol

Standing in his hometown
Waiting for the bus that will take him
Farther than he's ever been
Packed his bags and
Kissed his sweetheart
"Don't you worry honey
I'll be back to show you
What a life I made"
With a tear falling from her eyes
She knew that he'd love to be

Oh, he wants to be, yes, he's got to be
Oh, he'd love to be a teenage idol
Oh, if he could see
His name on the marquee
He'd live so happily, as a teenage idol

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He's in another city
Standing tall up to his satin
Jacket and eyes of pity
He's got it all except for his Papa
"Don't you worry, Daddy
I've shown them
What a pretty life I've made
Even though I'll miss you badly
You know I always wanted to be"

Oh, I want to be, yes, I've got to be
Oh, I'd love to be a teenage idol
Yes, I love to see
My name on the marquee
Oh, I'd want to be, yes, I got to be
Oh, I'd love to be a teenage idol

GOIN' IN CIRCLES

I've laid in bed alone most every night
I'm havin' dreams of you
Been hearin' things about you
I don't wanna know
Tell me woman it ain't true

You got me goin' in circles
I'm runnin' all around
You got me goin' in circles
Round and round and up and down

You say forever
I think it's now or never
My heart is in your hand
Drop it on the floor
Step on it once more
You're so hard to understand

You got me goin' in circles
I'm runnin' all around
You got me goin' in circles
I'm runnin' all around
You got me runnin' in circles
Round and round and up and down

RUN FOR COVER

Winter wind is blowin' in
Makin' me feel low, so low
Even though the fire's in my heart
It doesn't warm the soul
We had it all but it wasn't enough
You played a dangerous game
You made your move
Now you get to choose
Between me and the pain

You run for cover
You run with another
Run for cover, from me, yes you do

Can't believe you got a heart of stone
It's such a cold surprise
Don't try and hide
Behind those empty words
It's right there in your eyes
Said you wanted to name the dance
To face the word on your own
I ain't givin' you a second chance
You gotta dance alone

Now you've had your final dance
Go face the world on your own
I ain't givin' you a second chance
Now you're all alone

WHITE MAN'S LAND

I am a savage, I'm always on the run
Four wheels my animal
This guitar is my gun
I never eat and I never sleep
Oh, I got to move

Seems everywhere I stand
I'm always on white man's land

The tax man is at your door
You're caught up in the race
You're so down you need a ticket
For a trip to outer space
You wanna run, you wanna hide
This ain't what you planned

If you are a woman or a man
Your life is nothin' in his hands
Seems that everywhere I stand
I'm always on white man's land, oh yes

Can you remember when you've
Had so much fun ?
Do you feel you're always
At the wrong end of a gun ?
You know that it's a bit too late
To start your life again

And if you are a woman or a man
Your life is nothin' in his hands
Seems that everywhere I stand
I'm always on this white man's land
Oh, your standin' on it

SAIL AWAY

So far, far away
I traveled cross this world today
I'm sailin' on, sailin' on, I'll sail away
As the spotlight falls around me
You know I'm drownin' in this life
And through it all, I hold onto you
Into the sunset, my heart is true
I'm movin' on, for one last song
I'm sailin' on, I'll sail away

Sailin' on, sailin' on, I'll say away

A time to leave, a place to see
'Cause in my soul, I'm a ramblin' free
And through it all, I hold onto you
Into the sunset, my heart is true
I'm movin' on, for one last song
I'm sailin' on, I'll sail away

DRIVIN' FOOL

Yeah, come on, come on, come on
Well, I'm a drivin' fool
Got my foot on the gas
Look out mister, I'm gonna pass
Ninety miles an hour and I'm all alone
The wind's in my face
And I'm headed for home
Up from the streets
In the heat of the night
Lookin' for a lover
Ain't lookin' for no fight
Don't want no trouble, cause any harm
Just want a pretty girl hangin' on my arm

Ain't no road too fast
Ain't no road too slow
Fill me up with the super
Show me which way to go
I'm a drivin' fool, drivin' fool
Drivin' fool, drivin' fool

Kickin' up the dirt and gravel
Faster than you ever seen
Harder than the road I travel
This is a bitchin' machine
I won't take no excuses
Don't want to hear no phony lines
Can't stand a useless muther
Wastin' my precious time

It's early in the morning
And I left her bed
Gimme more, gimme more
Is ringin' in my head
The highway's callin'
And I got to move
I don't feel bad 'cause it happens to you
I really don't know where I'm goin'
This kind of life is tippin' the scale
The marker on my dipstick says I'm cool
Good-God almighty, I'm a drivin' fool

Drivin' fool, drivin' fool

BLACKFOOT / VERTICAL SMILES

MORNING DEW

Walk me out in the morning dew
Walk me out in the morning dew today
Can't walk you out in the morning dew
My baby
I can't walk you out
In the morning dew today

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I thought I heard a young girl cry
Like a baby
I thought I heard a young girl cry today
You didn't hear no young girl cry
My baby
You didn't hear no young girl cry today

Thought I saw a flash in the sky
This morning
Thought I saw a flash in the sky
Oh today
The earth it trembles and
The sky is no longer blue
Now there is no more morning dew

Now there is no more morning dew
Now there is no more morning dew
Now there is no more morning dew
What they've been sayin'
All these years has come true
Now there is no more morning dew

LIVIN' IN THE LIMELIGHT

Everybody wanna be a star
Livin' in the limelight
A big house and a fancy car
Livin' in the limelight
Everybody's gonna know your name
Should it be to reach ya
Ask you for your autograph
See your latest feature

In the middle of a midnight dream
Livin' in the limelight
See yourself on the silver screen
Livin' in the limelight
Claim you'll keep them
Down on the farm
Never make them happy
Claim you'll keep them close to home
Everybody's leavin'
Headin' for Hollywood

Everybody has a fantasy
Livin' in the limelight
A personality
Livin' in the limelight
Hypnotized in the roar of the crowd
Never had a stage fright
First one back for the curtain call
Fall in love with a spotlight

On the cover of a magazine
Livin' in the limelight
In your limousine
Livin' in the limelight
How you gonna keep them
Down on the farm
Never make 'em happy
How you gonna keep 'em
Close to home
When everybody's leavin'
Headin' for Hollywood

Headin' for Hollywood
Lookin' for something good
Headin' for Hollywood

RIDE WITH YOU

I'm dyin' to get out of this town
I'm never comin' back
Gonna take you just as far as we can go
No use in pretendin'
We done all we can do
Gonna live our dreams
Just like a picture show

I wanna ride, ride, ride with you
I wanna ride, ride, ride with you
I wanna keep on ridin'
Till my dreams come true
I wanna ride, ride, ride with you

Well the road is never ending
Like a line that's ever bendin'
And the white lines on the road
Can hypnotize
I've been here forever
And I know I'm going nowhere
I wonder why it took so long to realize

I wanna ride, ride, ride with you
I wanna ride, ride, ride with you

Gonna live like no tomorrow
Beg steal or borrow
We'll take everything we've never had

Oh oh ride, ride, ride with you

GET IT ON

When they left me out
Said they'd give me back my brain
Said you'll be alright
But you'll never be quite the same
The human mind is sophisticated
I think the treatment was
Completely over-rated
I'm mad but I'd do it all again

You're runnin' round
You don't know what to do
Better leave your monkey
Sittin' at the zoo
Your dad don't like it but your mama do
I've got something that is good for you

Why don't we get it on
Get it on and rock, get it on
Get it on tonight and rock

Man machine, take they keys
And start it up
Get it on, sit on it
I'm looking for a loving cup
Six foot three or five foot two
Been so long, anything will do, I'm hot
Let's don't waste a single drop

I don't know if I can take it
It's just a case of eccentricity
Doesn't look that serious to me
All these doctors and pretty nurses
It's such a shame
His mama used to be so proud
Then turned his stereo up far too loud

There's a red light in my mirror
I know it's almost over
Now, little men in white coats
are gonna take me back somewhere
I've enjoyed this little bit of freedom
Don't kill the maniacs
One day you'll need 'em, I'm mad
They're gonna take me back again

YOUNG GIRL

I've seen her in Cosmopolitan
Seen her in Seventeen
Don't you know she turned my head
In all those magazines
I hold her in my dreams at night
As close as I can get
Even though she's unreachable
I just can't give up yet

I know she's gonna be the end of me
But I love you so, love you so
Young girl, young girl

Late at night she drives me mad
When I pull down the shade
Then reality hits me hard
In the light of the day

There's nothing more that I can do
Nothin' left to say
I tried and tried and wished so hard
Still she's so far away

I know she's gonna be the end of me
But I need her so can't let go, no, no
And I know she's got me blind
And I can't see but I love ya so
Love ya so
Young girl, young girl, don't take me
Love's lost and found, girl

You're the one for you're my fantasy
Just got to have you young girl
Oh you know it's right
For you and me tonight
Just got to have you young girl

SUMMER DAYS

Summertime's here, everybody's happy
Another Winter's come and gone
Give me, some baby moons
For my '55 Chevy
Oh these crazy Summer days
Well I stopped by the market, yes I did
Had a peach or two well they taste
So good I forgot where I was goin'

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Oh these crazy Summer days
Don't you love these lazy Summer days

Now up in the north they're sailin'
Out in the west they're doin' fine
Yes they are, oh in the south
They're holdin' onto memories
Of all these lazy Summer days

Well I feel so good
Think I'll keep singin'
Of a time that's come and gone, yeah
Don't you just wish this could last
Forever, all these crazy Summer days

Don't you love these lazy Summer days
All these crazy Summer days
Oh I love these lazy Summer days
Don't you need these crazy Summer days
All these lazy Summer days

A LEGEND NEVER DIES

You know we could last forever
Togethet till the end of time
An everlasting love
Just like the story goes
We'll make history you and I
A legend never dies

Tonight is the beginning
Our once upon a time
Like the stars we'll always light the sky
Like the heavens you and I
A legend never dies, a legend never dies

Some things were meant to live on and on
That's how a legend survives
A legend never dies

Yeah we'll spread our wings and fly
Forever 'cause a legend knows no time
And just like stars
We'll always light the sky
We'll make history you and I
A legend never dies

Some things were meant to live on and on
That's how a legend survives
We'll live on and on
Oh, a legend never dies
We'll live on and on
That's how a legend survives
A legend never dies

HEARTBEAT AND HEELS

Sound of my boot heels against the street
I'm on my way back to you
Across the city
Hear the sound of my heartbeat
Oh baby I hope that you do

I'm through with the talkin'
It's time I started walking
To where you are

I don't care how far
I hope you're in your bed tonight
I know it's far, I wish I had a car
Our love is right but money's tight

Heels against the sidewalk
I sure don't need no bad talk
From the street

Heartbeat and heels, all night and day
Heartbeat and heels, baby
Heartbeat and heels
Comin' back today to stay

IN FOR THE KILL

I've been standing on the edge
A little too long
Waiting for the door to be opened
Hanging on the brink biding my time
Wonderin' if the spell would be broken

Seen a million words of wisdom lost
In the wind heard the voices
Of the desperate and the dreamers
And I knew that any moment
They'd be callin' my name
To see if I was ready for the game

So I'm movin', movin' in the for kill
Got a date with a man
Who says he'll watch me fall
Gotta take this chance
I'm movin' in for the kill
This time I'm gonna have it all

The title's in my pocket
The ideas in my head
I'm lookin' for a little inspiration
It isn't just the money
That gets me outta bed
I've got to have a little motivation

I ain't got no brand illusions
I'm better than the rest
There's a fire in my heart
That makes me wanna be the best
My finger's on the trigger
Know what I wanna be
And everything is ready
As far as I can see

Movin' in for the kill
Movin' in for the kill
Ah, I'm movin' in for the kill
Movin' in for the kill
Movin' in for the kill
This time I'm gonna have it all
I'm movin' in

LIVING IN THE CITY

*B-side of 'Morning Dew' single, included
as a bonus track on 'King Biscuit Flower
Hour' live album (1998).*

On a cold and misty morning
A bus pulled into town
And a hungry little runaway
Takes her first look around
She came here with no money
Just a pocket full of dreams
And in her heart she wondered
Were it all what it seemed

Living in the city, living in the city
This guy has no pity, living in the city

She had visions of a good life
Like she saw on TV
And pretty soon she took it
Or is it that she should never have been
Trouble around every corner
Sorrow in the street
And all roads will lead to nowhere
She sees that it ain't so sweet

She's not the first
And she won't be the last
So many dreams are dying
Here in the past

Now no one can find her
She's another nameless face
Just another loser in this
Bloody human race
So if you're looking for the bright lights
With everyone you ever cursed
Do you remind look like heaven
But it's hell, you could be lost

Living in the city, living in the city
Sometimes it ain't pretty
Living in the city