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The Joy Of Knowing Jesus
Overture: "La Tristeza Secreta De Un Corazon Gitano" Pt. 1
(instrumental) - revised version only
Jesus (Again & Again) - revised version only
(Because Of) Who I Know - revised version only

RUNNING BLING 2002

Overture: "La Tristeza Secreta De Un Corazon Gitano" Pt. 1
(instrumental)
Prelude: A Minor Life
Out Of My Control
You've Got It (The American Dream)
The Final Solution
Finney's Tale
I Close My Eyes
A Little Piece Of Me (Julia's Song)
Free Spirit
Let Me Be Me
I Don't Wanna Wait
Tell Me
I Won't Change - special limited edition only

THE LAST DANCE 2004

Crying
Letting Go
Give Me A Reason (Hensley/Williams)
Second Chance (A New Beginning)
I Know Who You Are
The Voice Of Love
Give 'Em What They Want
Who Knows
Dancing
Did You Know
The Last Dance (El Gitano Viejo)

COLD AUTUMN SUNDAY 2005

Romance

BLOOD ON THE HIGHWAY 2007

(This Is) Just The Beginning
We're On Our Way
Blood On The Highway
You've Got It
Doom (Scene 1)
It Won't Last
Think Twice
Doom (Scene 2)
There Comes A Time
Okay (This House Is Down)
What You Gonna Do
Postscript
I Did It All
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FASTER 2011

Set Me Free (From Yesterday)
The Curse
I Cry Alone
Katrine
Faster
Slippin' Away (The Lover's Curse)
The End Of Never
Beyond The Starz
(At) The Last Minute
Somewhere (In Paradise)
Fill Your Head (With Rock) (Hensley/Ingwersen)

All songs written by Ken Hensley except where otherwise indicated

THE GODS / GENESIS 1968

Towards The Skies (Konas)
Candles Getting Shorter (Hensley/Konas)
You're My Life (Konas/Kerslake)
Looking Glass (Konas/Hensley)
Misleading Colours (Konas/Kerslake)
Radio Show (Sugarman/Robertson)
Plastic Horizon (Sugarman/Robertson)
Farthing Man (Konas)
I Never Know (Konas/Hensley)
Time And Eternity (Konas/Kerslake)
Baby's Rich (Hensley/Konas) single a-side
Somewhere In The Street (Hensley) single b-side
Hey Bulldog (Lennon/McCartney) single a-side
Real Love Guaranteed (Konas/Hensley) single b-side

THE GODS / TO SAMUEL A SON 1970

To Samuel A Son (Hensley)
Eight O'clock In The Morning (Kerslake)
He's Growing (Konas/Glasscock)
Sticking Wings On Flies (Konas/Hensley)
Lady Lady (Hensley)
Penny Dear (Konas)
Long Time, Sad Time, Bad Time (Hensley)
Five To Three (Hensley/Konas)
Autumn (Hensley/Konas)
Yes I Cry (Konas)
Groozy (Sugarman/Robertson)
Momma I Need (Hensley/Konas)
Candlelight (Hensley)
Lovely Anita (Kerslake)
Maria (Bernstein/Sondheim) single a-side

WEED...! 1971

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

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

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)
In For The Kill (Hensley/Medlocke/Spires)
Living In The City (Medlocke/Spires/Hensley) single b-side

**PROUD WORDS ON A
DUSTY SHELF**

WHEN EVENING COMES

At the break of day
When my dreams have come and gone
The memories will fade away
But I wonder for how long
Not too long

For I know an evening comes
And I hear the night-birds' tune
I remember where it all begun
As we danced beside the moon

It's always on my mind
But where did it come from
Our love was the strongest kind
So where can it have gone?

Won't someone show me the way
To turn my night into day
Or throw a rope around the moon
No, don't let it see me alone

FROM TIME TO TIME

Once I loved a pretty woman
'Till one day she up and ran
Supposed I should have felt it coming
But it's hard to think of her
With another man

Oh my lady, I need you
Though from time to time I don't seem to

Once the sun shone in my garden
'Till my love took off
And left me with the rain
Now my heart and I are starting
To forget it all and start out again

My heart is hurting so bad
And all the trees look so sad
And all the love we could have had

Oh, from time to time ...

KING WITHOUT A THRONE

Walk on the dusty road
Without any shoes
See all the people out there
Singing the blues
I've got my trouble but
I'm paying my dues
It isn't easy but there's too much to lose

Many's the time I have wandered alone
Looking this way and that
For something unknown

But where can a good king go
Without his throne?

Many's the good man lost in his prime
The path of fortune
Took him well before his time
He ain't got his trouble
But I've still got mine
Got to find some freedom
Before I start to decline

The moon is rising and
I'm still on my own
This must be life I guess
The seeds have been sown

Where can he go, who can he see
Is there anybody, it's easy to be
Find him a stairway, find him a tree
And while you're doing it
Please won't you find one for me

The unbeliever says it's hard to believe
I'm told the preacher
Frowns on those who deceive
The winds of winter
Steal leaves from the trees
The path of fortune
Is getting closer to me

The snow is falling
And the truth is obscured
I think of all the things
My soul has endured
Cursing this loneliness that can't be cured

RAIN

It's raining outside but that's not unusual
But the way that I'm feeling
Is becoming usual
I guess you could say
The clouds are moving away
Away from your days and into mine

Now it's raining inside and that's a
shame
And it's getting to me - a happy man
Why should you want
To waste all my time
The world is yours but I'm mine

Rain, rain, rain, in my tears
Measuring carefully my years
Shame, shame, shame in my mind
See what you've done to my life

Rain, rain, rain, in my tears
Measuring carefully my years
Shame, shame, shame in my mind
See what you've done to my life
See what you've done to my life

PROUD WORDS

Stand up and fight
Or you'll lose your right
Do you wanna stand in a line
Fightin' hard to hold on to your mind

Seek and you'll find
Proud words on a dusty shelf
Find and you'll seek
Keep on keepin' on helpin' yourself

When the wind of trouble comes
Put away all battledrums
And stand up and fight
Stand up and fight
Don't stand in a line
Hold on to your mind

Stand up and fight
Stand up and fight
Don't stand in a line
Hold on to your mind

FORTUNE

Although now it seems like never
When we were even less together
I appeared to have my back to the wall

And the way things were going
There was no way of knowing
If I was having any luck at all

Silently, suddenly standing before me
An old man awaited his death
Part of me cried out
But none turned to hide
For no curses distorted his breath

It was then I took to thinking
And my hands took to writing
And my dreams came
In answer to the call

Waiting in wonder
My thoughts ran like thunder
Could it be that
I've been wasting my mind
I grew sort of cold as the vision unfolded
Bursting the shackles of time

So I gathered what I had
I took a look at what was going down
And it made me kinda sad
Seeing all the circles going slowly round

And the stars sang in harmony
It was so perfect that it laid me down
And the rainclouds were tossed away
Seemed like the world was lost
And I would drown in its sound

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Somewhere along the way
I don't know where
I had really believed I was poor
Looking, not seeing
The point of my being
When all of my fortune is sure

BLACK-HEARTED LADY

Reading between the lines I find
You don't mean what you say
You cheated and you lied
And how you made me hurt inside
You turned my days into darkest nights
And rearranged my dreams
You're just not what you seem
Black-hearted lady

I am from the land
So you won't understand my grief
I've lived in vain belief
In world of poisoned words
And everywhere I look
I find no answer to my prayer
You're just not there
Black-hearted lady

GO DOWN

She sits so quietly
At the window by the door
Wondering if she'll ever smile again
Her eyes filled with memories
And her life in sad array
Unaware of the colours of the day
She dare not cry for fear
Her hope might disappear
But if she cared to try
I know it all could be so clear

But she's living in the past
She didn't know it wouldn't last
And it's a long, long, lonely road
Oh, to go down

The treasured names
You call each other just for fun
And as you woke
She kissed your eyes
You killed it all when it had
Only just begun
What's it take to make you realise

Love isn't easy though
Many like to think it is
But you must learn to give and take
Or know what you will miss

But she's living in the past
She didn't know it wouldn't last
And it's a long, long, lonely road
Oh, to go down

COLD AUTUMN SUNDAY

When the leaving birds
Fill the stone grey sky
And the green, green leaves
Turn away and die
And the once warm sun
Has to run and hide
And the Winter clouds
Begin their stormy ride
Cold black shadows cross my eyes
And help to make me realize
You've gone, oh, Cold Autumn Sunday

Still I walk alone the paths we shared
And I try to recreate the love we had
For you were my life and my heart is sad
And it's strange how autumn
Used to make me glad
Only now an empty sky is there
To let me know how much I care
You've gone, oh, Cold Autumn Sunday

I'm near to dying
No use denying that it's true
Spend my whole time crying
Finding ways of trying
Not to be blue, oh, over you

THE LAST TIME

I have travelled across the universe
On wings of golden light
And the lady of the mountain
Brought me comfort in the night
But the love I really need
Is further from my sight
It is yours

Oh, tell my lover I'm coming home
For the last time

I have seen the children playing
As I watched the sun go down
I have shared their games
And sung their songs
And helped their world go round
And although I know enough of life
To tie up my own shoes
I still need you

Oh tell my lover I've been away
For the last time, for the last time

EAGER TO PLEASE

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You put a load on me
Though you probably didn't mean to
I'm on the road, you see
Leading to my mind to my work, to you

It's all dividing me
It's a hard, hard game I play
And eventually it could
Take my reason to live away

Reaching out in eagerness to please
Seeking out the happiness of ease
At the same time holding out a hand
Though the other one keeps on
Making all these plans

STARGAZER

Walking down a dusty road
I was lookin' for a reason
An awful long way from my home
Just lookin' for some peace of mind

Walking down a dusty road
That's where I saw him coming near me
Something special about him, then
He smiled and seemed so friendly

He's a stargazer, he's lighted up my world
He's a dreammaker, he touches my soul
He's a stargazer
He knows what life can be
This dream maker, he shows it all to me

SECRET

What is this place I find myself in?
Where we're all supposed
To think the same way
All I see is patience growing thin
While the people need someone
With something to say

In the garden of peace
All around me is dying
And the place where
My love grew is empty
At this moment in time
How can truth be a crime
I'll tell you if only you'll let me

I'll let you into a secret of mine
Like a delicate wine treat it gently
By setting free all the love in your heart
Life will become what it was
Meant to be originally

With this memorized
Take your place by my side
And we'll ponder the joys of tomorrow
Only in love can we live with our pride
For in love lies no reason for sorrow

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THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD

I once read a story
About a world full of love
Of freedom and glory
As seen through the eyes of a child
We learned to believe
That the earth was all
Ocean and ground
Though we were soon to see
That there wasn't enough to go 'round

I saw words and wars
Though my books had told me
My life would be one long song
Man make laws
Although laws make man so uncertain
So uncertain what's right
And what's wrong

Confused without reason
Stumbling helplessly day by day
It was all so deceiving
For that child was me
And I can't find the book anymore
For that child was me
And I can't find the book anymore

PART THREE

Once upon a time
Reason lived with rhyme
And today I see you're in love with me

I just sit and count
My time is running out
All I want is you
You and your heart too

But don't be too late to take my heart
My love won't wait to make a start

I see us riding on a wave of joy
I see us running round the moon
One day we're sure to
Find our rainbow's end to begin again

Oh, how I love you ...

THE HOUSE ON THE HILL

How well I remember the days
In the house on the hill
With the cat, the raccoon and
A fat lazy daydream to kill

And the moon to sing me to sleep
And the birds to open my eyes
And the first thing I'd see would be you
And you made me happy

I know I could love you
If I knew that you wanted me to
And the house on the hill
And all of the things we could do

How good it all is just to live
And to need nothing more
The way I feel now I don't know
But I don't need to be sure

'Cause the sun that brought us together
Will follow my dreaming forever
And the first thing I'll see will be you
And you make me happy

WINTER OR SUMMER

See how the sun shines
Beyond the grey sky
Then watch the snow fall
And ask yourself why

Lovers keep loving
Through wind and through rain
Winter or summer, real love is the same

Watch from the wayside
And you could be left out
Fearful of the day
When it's too late to show

Love is like time
It will wait for no one
Give it and seek it or
You'll find you're all alone

You could save the day
You can show the way
To all the lonely hearts
You see before you

But before you choose
To ignore my song
Am I right or wrong ?
Or am I dreaming ?
Dreaming, dreaming ...

See how the sun shines ...

TAKE AND TAKE

I gave my friend a helping hand
But I find it hard to understand
Why this and more
Never seems to be enough
For as long as I live I'm prepared to give
Just as much of myself or of what I have
For I know what it's like
When the going's really rough

But I can see there are decisions
I will have to make
In a world that seems to live on
Take and take and take

And what will happen
Should the river of my soul run dry ?
Will I be needed then?
Will someone sing me a lullaby ?

My friend gave me a helping hand
And I wondered then If I could be a man
Strong enough to Forgive with a smile
Now as I've travelled far-off lands
I see it clearer

And it makes me glad
I guess I'm happy 'cause
I'll go on giving for a while
And I hope it's for all my life

LONGER SHADOWS

Winter came today
And took the sun away
Leaving me with nothing but
The stars to play
But I'm sure that I won't
Let it bring me down
The rough comes with the smooth
But that's what life's about

Working on the principle
That you'll be here
I can stand alone for quite a while
I know I can learn to live
The changes of the year
Mellow in the river of your smile

I know that the season's Queen
Can hear me
She's bringing longer shadows
To the trees
Perhaps she knows
I'd love to have you near me
So she tries her very best to please
Her best to please

I suppose I'll always have these
memories
Till we are together once again
Of the days which were
So long and lonely
Till the longer shadows
And all the golden meadows
Tell me that the time has come
For us to live again

IN THE MORNING

I'm just wandering through this day
Thinking of you
Father time rolls away
Night comes nearer
It's getting to me now
In the morning I'll be better
In the morning I'll be better

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I've been waiting so long for this day
Darkest nights all alone far away
All that's past
I don't mind this last time
In the morning I'll be better
In the morning I'll be better

When I get home and I see you again
In the morning we'll be better

One last mile, this old car must go faster
I'm on my knees yet I'm higher today
Now I see you, I know I'm nearly better
'Cause in the morning I'll be better
In the morning I'll be better ...

HOW SHALL I KNOW

Momma told me one day
I'd hear the bells ringing in my head
But the ones I think I'm hearing
I've imagined in my bed

She said love will watch and guide you
Walk beside you in the dark
But I'm scared at night
With no love in sight
Though I'm really trying hard

Love, love, love, love
Where are you now that I need you
Show your face, don't ever go away
It's so hard to find my friends today
For so few of them have faces
But without you in my heart
My world's a really empty place

When I finally meet you
Will I find the words to greet you
If it comes to that
Will you even know my name
Will you wear a coat or an angel's wings

So I'll know it's you that's coming
I just can't stay with my life this way
You'll have to think of something
Or else how shall I know
How shall I know ...

WHO WILL SING FOR YOU

*B-side of 'In The Morning' single,
included also on 'From Time To Time'
compilation (1994).*

Who will sing for you
When you need a song
Who will stay with you
When it all goes wrong
Who will be there when you
Feel the weight of a tear
And say a prayer that is real
Just to lighten your fears when I'm gone

I have lived with you
Through the good and bad
And I've given you everything I had
But I need to be needed, not just used
So many times I have pleaded
But I have been abused
So now I'm gone

How long should a man
Be expected to live
Without a heart and nothing to give

FREE SPIRIT

INSIDE THE MYSTERY

Mysteries sometimes need
Special people to stop and read
In between the written lines
To find the meaning Inside the mystery
Inside the mystery

You and I, we take it slow
Writing stories as we go
Understanding what we see
To the world it's hidden deep
Inside the mystery

To you and I everything is fine
To the world it ain't so right, no no
But who's to say who's right
And who's wrong
Let us move along tonight
When you and I have travelled on to
Greener pastures and clearer seas
We will live in all their dreams
Inside the mystery

Maybe it's an illusion or a masquerade
Or it could be a decision
That only you and I can make
While jokers come in thousands
And the actor hopes to deceive
You and I have a paradise
Right here inside the mystery

To you and I everything is fine
To the world it ain't so right
But who's to say who's right
And who's wrong
Let us move along tonight
When you and I have travelled on to
Greener pastures and clearer seas
We will live in all their dreams
Inside the mystery
Oh yeah, inside the mystery ...

NEW YORK

New York, you're such a fickle city
You've got a heart but you won't admit it
You've got a soul and I'd like to get in it
But you can't have my dreams
In exchange

'Cause I came to you with an open mind
With my heart full of hope
Of a special kind
But the doors stayed closed
For the longest time
So I thought of inside
Wondering what I might find

But you played with my illusion
'Till my image laughed in my face
I would have loved to love you
But my heart needs a different space

New York, New York ...

THE SYSTEM

The night is closing in on another day
A moment's peace some time
To sleep my dreams away
But not enough to hide from the truth

'Cause the system's gonna get you
Come what may
Sooner or later it's gonna find a way
You're gonna see, there's no escape
From the system

Try as you do
You're just not getting thru'
Makes no difference what you try to do
You won't be satisfied you'll have
Frustration at your side

Put it to the test, to hell with the rest
Make your deal with the devil
You'll find it hard to stay alive
Just to survive

It's the system ...

WHEN

When will you rise
When will you rise again
When will you rise and show me the way
I need you now in my uncertainty
I need your strength to face the new day

Swept off my feet by life's sweet mystery
Sometimes it's hard just getting along
I know you're there
Why won't you come to me
You know I'm lost without a song

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Dance with me, sweet inspiration
Seems to me only you know how
Dance with me, oh dance with me
Share my fantasy just for now

Inspiration's gonna rise again
Gonna take me by surprise again
You'll see the light in my eyes again
Inspiration's gonna rise again

NO MORE

You've been cheating me so long
Giving me the run around
Spreading evil everywhere you go
But I tell you here and now
You will pay the price somehow
You can say goodbye
To everyone you know

'Cause I won't take no more
No more, no more of your lies
No no no more
No more, no more

You mean one thing and say another
Trying to confuse your brother
It's all too much for me to understand
For you will need my help one day
And I just might turn you away
Think about that while you're
Holding out your hand

So you think you can run around
Breaking people's hearts
Tearing apart the ones you should love
Well, I think you would be wiser
To heed the prophets words
One false move and all your love is lost

Write it down to experience
It's all part of life
And who will be the loser in the end
But is that really what it's all about
Is it reason enough to sing and shout
You lost another lover
But you've also lost a friend

No more, no more
No more of your lies
No no no more
No more, no more

BROWN EYED BOY

Well I picked her up on the 44
One evening back in July
She looked so pretty in the full moonlight
That I just couldn't pass her by
And we hadn't rolled but a mile or more
Before the lady started making her moves
It was becoming steadily clearer
That she was into a boogie groove

Well she said she was hurtin'
From too much flirtin'
And I shouldn't get the wrong idea
So I said what's a pretty girl like you
Doin' in a place like here
Well she got into a fix
Lookin' for some kicks
Her high ideals had been blown
So I tried to be nice, I told her twice
She was the prettiest girl in town

And she said brown eyed boy
Play me a rock 'n' roll tune
And maybe there's a chance we can
Dance by the light of the moon
Yeah, brown eyed boy
Won't you play me a rock 'n roll tune
And maybe there's a chance we can
Dance by the light of the moon

DO YOU FEEL ALRIGHT

Do you feel alright ...

One in the morning
I'm always on the run
And still it seems I never get far

The road's never ending
It looks like I've just begun
And life's just a game and
I'm playing my part

When will I see you
I'm longing to hold you
Just the sound of your voice
Will help me through

TELEPHONE

Well, I'm sitting by the telephone
Waiting for you to call
I've got the welcome light shining
Got the red carpet down in the hall
And my heart starts jumping
Just thinking about
The sound of your voice
You know I hate to wait but
I love you, so I got no choice

They say absence makes
The heart grow fonder
But I'll go crazy if I wait much longer
I'm beginning to wonder
If you remember our love at all

Well, the problems of the night
Seem much better in the light of day
But if you don't hurry honey then
I'll have to give my heart away
It takes a certain kind of man to
Let this loneliness go on and on
You know I hate to wait
By tomorrow I just might be gone

I picked up the phone as soon as it rang
Picked up the phone
And my heart really sang
And I suddenly forgot all the trouble
I'd been thinkin' about

You said goodbye and I said I love you
You said hold on and I said forever
And then you were gone and
I was left alone with my doubt

WOMAN

Woman you are a mystery to me
You're really not what I thought
You would be from the start

And I've tried just as hard
As any man can
But you never seem to
Understand my heart

Woman

Lady we've been together
For a good long time
But every time I start to think
You're all mine, you stand back

I tried but I'm slowly running out of
ideas
And my joy is quickly
Turning to tears and that's a fact

Woman, you gotta trust me
If we're gonna stay in love then you
know
That's the way that it must be
Won't you try a little harder to
understand

NEW ROUTINE

New routine ...

Risin' early, sleepin' easy
I got myself a new routine
Time for talkin' and lazy walkin'
Rememberin' the things I've seen

New routine
I've got myself a new routine

If I keep smilin' it'll turn to laughin'
And day by day get better and better
Got a lady in this eye of mine
Gonna quit my dreaming
Go on out and get her

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Sometimes people change their names
But stay the same inside
To me it's such a pointless exercise
Wouldn't it be better
If they changed their ways
And made a little sacrifice
They might become so much wiser
You never know, no you never know

Appreciation and dedication
Coming from my dim and distant past
But with patience we might stay together
And find a love that just might last

ADDITIONAL SONG:

INSPIRATION

(Hensley) 3.17
B-side of 'The System' single.

You used to be my inspiration
You showed me which way to go
Yeah, we've been into this complication
And I'm back out in the cold

It isn't only the hurt I feel
You see I just don't understand
And like a storm in the midst of summer
You messed up all my plans

And if you can't give me a reason
Won't you spare me a word
Tell me not to believe in
The things I've heard

You can't tell me goodbye
Without telling me why
You can't expect me to
Believe a single word, no no no no

You used to be my inspiration
Oh, but where did you do
You used to be my inspiration
When I needed you so
You used to be my inspiration
Oh, but where did you do
You used to be my inspiration
You know I needed you so
You used to be my inspiration ...

FROM TIME TO TIME

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I DON'T WANNA WAIT

I don't wanna wait until tomorrow
I don't wanna wait another day
I don't wanna live with all this sorrow
I'll just have to find another way

Seeing as how you've kept me
Hanging around for all this time
Playing with my mind and leaving
All our love behind
But it's time for a decision
Should I stay or should I go
I need our love to grow
But there's so much I wanna know

'Cause in my heart and in my head
Are thoughts of how it just to be
But a world of memories
Is only emptiness to me

And it's not a false illusion
I can see what's going on
If the magic's really gone
Then this is not where I belong
And I ask myself the questions
That confusion seems to bring
While the answers stay so thin
Upon the ground where I begin

THERE COMES A TIME

There comes a time in every man's life
He just forgets where he's going
There comes a time
And he'll know just when
'Cause he'll simply stop growing

Without a deep imagination
Fear and doubt will quickly spread
And it's a hopeless situation
But that's how it looks inside his head
There comes a time

There comes a time
To make up your mind
Time to face up to the problem
Every single day is a part of your life
And nothing can be forgotten

Time and time and time again
Who knows where and who knows when
It could happen any time
But it's too late to change your mind
There comes a time

And it's too late to change your mind
There comes a time ...

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

You came to me
With your eyes wide open
And you offered me your heart
You chose a time
When my soul was in trouble
You let your love play its part

Love at first sight
I felt Cupid's arrow bite
Love at first sight
Won't you carry me away

I swear that you must have
Come to me from heaven
Exactly in time of need
I can't imagine all the things
That might have happened
If my heart had not been freed

We'll share our secrets
And dwell on the subjects
That please us and make us feel good
Safe in our love world
Our secret above world
That no one else ever understood

YOU

If only you were a healer
You could cure me of all my ills
And if you were the kind
To take care of my mind
You'd be sure that my cup was filled

But you're only the greatest lady
And you only fulfill all my dreams
And I doubt if I could love you
Any more than I do
You're my everything

If you took my hand
And we danced on a star
Or predicted some event from afar
Offered me gold at the end of a rainbow
I'd still love you just the way you are
I'd still love you just the way you are

So there's something I'm looking for
Though I don't know what or where
And it seems when
I hold out my hand in need
There's no one and nothing to share

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It doesn't matter what you try to be
You'll only ever be you to me
I've gotta stay blind to your sad charade
'Cause I know it's only a game you play
Yes, I know it's only a game you play
And I'd still love you
Just the way you are

I'd still love you just the way you are ...

THE NAME OF THE GAME

Here comes trouble
In the shape of the lady
She started cool but now
She's coming 'round daily
She's got some big ideas
About being my baby
It's her game with the name of love

Now she's sure pretty
That I have to confess
But no five-star fox
Is getting me in a mess
Let's buy a ring, she says
Go out and get blessed
It's her game and she calls it love

Rock 'n' roll rules my soul
Pushing everything
And everyone to one side
But when it all grows old
The chill's still cold
When I sing with my sweet guitar ...

GUILTY

She's guilty of deceiving me
She said she was in love with me
Worse, still, how long it took to see
How cruel love can be

She twisted my words
Though I gave her love
In the face of her lies
She is the devil in a fancy dress
She wears her passion as a thin disguise

And now that we have parted
And gone our separate ways
We can look back on
All those wasted days
For there's a lesson inside our story
It haunts my memory
It taught me how hard the learning can be

WHO WILL SING FOR YOU

Who will sing for you
When you need a song
Who will stay with you
When it all goes wrong
Who will be there when you
Feel the weight of a tear
And say a prayer that is real
Just to lighten your fears when I'm gone

I have lived with you
Through the good and bad
And I've given you everything I had
But I need to be needed, not just used
So many times I have pleaded
But I have been abused
So now I'm gone

How long should a man
Be expected to live
Without a heart and nothing to give

MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME

It's not that I no longer love you
For I loved you once so much
And it can't be that I've grown to hate
you
For it's just not in my heart
To bear a grudge

So why when someone
Mentions your name
Do I naturally assume
It's the same, maybe

Maybe you can tell me
Do you know something I don't know
Maybe you can tell me
Is there really no place left for us to go

And if you speak
Will I believe what you say
Or will I dwell on the day
You nearly broke my heart
If you only knew how
I wanted all to be true
I really need to know what keeps us apart

I can't put it all down to emotion
Lord that's just a worn-out excuse
You're offering me your love
And that is something I just can't refuse

So I promise I'll try to
Welcome your name
And I'll tell myself you wanna
Do the same, 'cause maybe

FREE SPIRIT

When I was young
And my spirit was free to ride
No one I knew had anything to hide
But all of this is changing with the days
I walked into a disillusioned maze

Those crazy, crazy, mellow, yellow days
Are lost in a so-called sophisticated haze
But I can still remember being care-free
And no one knows it better than me

'Cause I'm a free spirit
And I'm looking for a place to run
A free spirit of the wind
And a free spirit needs to be complete
I've got to have the world at my feet

Now my time has come and
I'm dealing with here and now
And I'm gonna have to
Take care of it somehow
And I don't intend to wait
For the cover of night
The only way I know
Is to get up and fight

I'm a free spirit
And I'm looking for a place to run
A free spirit of the wind
And a free spirit needs to be complete
I've got to have the world at my feet

COLD AUTUMN SUNDAY

When the leaving birds
Fill the stone grey sky
And the green, green leaves
Turn away and die
And the once warm sun
Has to run and hide
And the Winter clouds
Begin their stormy ride
Cold black shadows cross my eyes
And help to make me realize
You've gone, oh, Cold Autumn Sunday

Still I'll walk along the paths we shared
And I'll try to recreate the love we had
For you were my life and my heart is sad
And it's strange how Autumn
Used to make me glad
Only now an empty sky is there
To let me know how much I care
You're gone, oh, Cold Autumn Sunday

I'm near to dying
No use denying that it's true
Spent my whole time crying
And finding ways of trying not to be blue
Oh, over you

LONGER SHADOWS

Winter came today
And took the sun away
Leaving me with nothing
But the stars to play
But I'm sure that I won't
Let it bring me down
The rough comes with the smooth
But that's what life is about

Working on the principle
That you'll be here
I can stand alone for quite a while
I know I can learn to live
The changes of the year
Mellow in the river of your smile

I know that the season's queen
Can hear me
She's bringing longer shadows
To the trees
Perhaps she knows I'd love to
Have you near me
So she tries her very best to please
Her best to please

I suppose I'll always have
These memories
When we are together once again
Of the days which were
So long and lonely
'Till the longer shadows
And all the golden meadows
Told me that the time had come
For us to love again

BLACK-HEARTED LADY

Reading between the lines I find
You don't mean what you say
You cheated and you lied
And how you made me hurt inside

You turned my days into darkest nights
And rearranged my dreams
You're just not what you seem
Black-hearted lady

I'm from the land
So you won't understand my grief
I've lived in vain belief
In a world of poisoned words
And everywhere I look
I find no answer to my prayer
You're just not there
Black-hearted lady

TAKE CARE

(demo of Footprints In The Snow)

Just like footsteps in the snow
Who knows where my heart will go
Will it lead me to you
Or will I see another empty day

Seasons come and quickly go
Kinda makes me wonder if they know
Why my heart keeps running near and far
If only they would tell me where you are

If you've ever been in love
Then you'll know the rocky road
I'm speaking of
You'll remember when
The times were good
And the times you had to do without

Think carefully my friend
It may look like the start
But it could be the end

I'm not trying to bring you down
I'm so tired of running around
I won't make the same mistakes again

Think carefully my friend
Think carefully my friend
You've got to think carefully my friend
I should've thought carefully my friend

DOES ANYTHING MATTER

(demo of Woman Of The World)

*Once was a boy from Dubrovnik
Who insisted on pissing in public
When asked for his reason
He said it's the season
For farting and changing the subject*

Did you ever meet the kind of a lady
She lives her whole life saying maybe
Running here and there as she pleases
Not a thought for the people she teases

Though she never thinks of settling down
She'll spend time
Turning your head around
But don't let your heart start dancing
The lady don't waste no time romancing

Are you mine or are you
A woman of the world
Are you really so different
From all the other girls
Do you care that I care
About the things that you do
Does anything matter to you
Does anything matter to you

Once in a garden of glory
Someone sowed the seeds of this story
And the whole thing began
With a woman and a man
And still it's something
No one understands
What I wanna know is
Does anything matter to you ...

Does anything at all matter to you

IF I HAD THE TIME

If I had the time to re-live my life
I don't think I'd care to change a thing
As long as I find
Just a little peace of mind
I can dream and laugh, I can sing

I can have my fun with the silver stars
I can watch the sun fall in the sea
If I want to
And if it rains, I will smile just the same
For the rain will make the flowers sing

I know how it is to feel sad
I know how it is when things go bad
But I'm sure that I have found the way
I'm happy here and here I'll stay

A GLIMPSE OF GLORY

IT'S UP TO YOU

Twisted images and broken promises
One long crisis day after day
Hidden secrets and empty words
Without any truth to light the way

Is that what love is ...

You won't stop trying
But you can't stop crying
You say you're looking
But you still can't see
You throw the cards
And you read the stars
But only love can make it
What you want it to be because

You know what love is ...

It's up to you
Only you can make it grow
It's up to you
Hold on tight, don't let it go, oh no!

You think you're somewhere
But you're going nowhere
It's all an illusion or that's what you say
There's always a risk
In an affair of the heart
If depends on the price
You're prepared to pay

I know what love is ...

MOVING IN

I've been standing on the edge
For a little too long
Waiting for the door to be opened
I've been hanging on the brink
Biding my time
Wondering if the spell would be broken
I've 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 calling my name to
See if I was ready for the game

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

I'm moving in
And I won't make no mistake
For the kill
I'm gonna see what I can take
I'm moving in
Now that my time's come around
For the kill
I'm going up and
I'm never coming down

Got the songs in my pocket
The ideas in my head
I'm looking for a little inspiration
It isn't just the money
That gets me out of bed
I've got to have a little motivation
I ain't got no grand illusion
I'm better than the rest
But there's a fire in my heart
That makes me wanna be the best
I've got my finger on the trigger
I know where I wanna be
And everything is ready
As far as I can see

Moving in ... For the kill ...

ONE TENDER MOMENT

Well you can do what you wanna do
And you can say what you wanna say
And you can be what you wanna be
On any given day

You can see what you choose to see
And you can be who you wanna be
But I'm gonna be the first in line
When you give your heart away

Suddenly - that's how you came to me
Out of the blue into my hurting heart

For one tender moment
You came into my life
And showed me how good it feels
To be alive when love is in my heart

For one tender moment
I knew that you loved me
But now I'm alone
With just the emptiness
I feel when we're apart
For one tender moment

I never spent any time alone
Though I had felt like I was on my own
I never wanted to let go
I had too much to loose
I never felt like my life was mine
I was so tired out of killing time
I felt so lost, so totally lost
So completely confused

GUARD YOUR HEART

I can look in your eyes
And tell that there's pain deep inside
It's something that you
Can't disguise from me
You see, I've had my share
Of pain and sorrow to bear
We always believed we're the only one

But there's a voice deep inside
That says don't give up
Keep on tryin', you gotta...

Guard your heart
It is a treasure so treat it that way
You've gotta guard your heart
No need to hurry
Before you give it away

I know the way that you feel
You're thinking that this love is real
And without her life just can't go on
I know this feeling is strong
But you'll find that Life still goes on
True love is a treasure worth waiting for

So don't give up faith
You must remember to
Always pray and it will ...

SHAKEY GROUND

Another victim lying in the street
Just another statistic on the news
Tonight another mother
Cries herself to sleep
How many more must she lose?

You know he was her first born baby boy
Yes, he was her pride and joy
But now all that's left is a memory
Of the pain and sorrow

Where's the value of the human life?
Lord, no one knows now
What is wrong or right

And now you're standing
Standing on shakey ground
That's why we're standing
Standing on shakey ground

Politicians say they've got a plan
They know exactly what we need
But no amount of money can buy love
We need a reason to believe

How many children
Must die on the street?
Lord, before they start to understand?
What we need is some help from above
We must seek a higher plan

Heavenly father, I know you hear our cry
And I know you are listening
And it comes as no surprise

Now we're standing
Standing on shakey ground ...

THINK TWICE (Is It The Music Or The Man)

He could have had most anything
He could have had it all
Put his hands on life and love
Let'em go and watched'em fall
But the spotlight never
Shone upon his heart
You got to know him on the stage
Where you watched him play his part

Soon, like him
The world was at your feet
Seemed it never had to end
You claim you gave him everything
But you forgot to be his friend
When you get so trapped inside it all
I wonder if you can
Find a way to separate
The music and the man

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When the trouble comes
And you have to know it will
He'll be looking for
Much more than consolation
When the tide turns
And there's no place left to run
Something or someone
Is gonna have to take the blame

You'd better think twice
There's gonna have to be a sacrifice
What will be the first to go
Not the music, that I know
You'd better think twice
Or you'll have to pay a high price
Time to open up your eyes
Are you in love or are you hypnotized
Is it the music or the man?

GET A LINE

Get a line, on the Lord
On his way and on his word
Get a line, 'cause when you do
You know his love and peace
Will fall upon you

Take a little time every morning
Such a perfect way to start your day
Hold him in your prayers
And say you love him
Then take him with you on your way

Some days are hard, some days are easy
Sometimes we're bad
Sometimes we're good
But by calling on the name of Jesus
A Christian heart can rest assured

There'll be times of doubt
Times of trouble
'Cause the sin of man disturbs the peace
But, once you taste
The Lord's forgiveness
You'll know his love fills all your needs

Get a Line, on the Lord
On his way and on his word
Get a line, hold on tight
And may the peace of God
Be your delight
And may the love of God
Be yours tonight

BELIEVE IN ME

Carry me on your wings, Lord
Carry me on your wings of love
Carry me on your wings, Lord
Carry me from here to there

Carry me on your wings, Lord
Carry me on your wings of peace
Carry me on your wings, Lord
Carry me from here to there

Carry me on your wings, Lord
Carry me on your wings of freedom
Carry me on your wings, Lord
Carry me from here to there

I opened up my heart today
And Jesus was inside
I thanked him for his presence there
And this was His reply

I am here, each and everyday
As you sleep and as you pray
I'll protect you and I'll love you
Just believe in me

I opened up my life today
And saw the highs and lows
And I prayed, my God
Forgive me for the wrong roads
That I chose

He said that's all behind you now
Through your faith in my own son
So believe in all that you will do
Don't repeat what you have done

For I'm with you each and every day
As you work and as you play
I'll protect you and I'll love you
Just believe in me

I opened up my eyes today
And Christ was all around
And I prayed, Oh Lord
Give me your song
And his voice came in a sound

I will give you words and melody
If you will give your life to me
And I heard this sweet reminder
Of his promise to me

I'll protect you and I love you
Just believe in me

WIN OR LOSE

You heard some people say
Love will find a way
But then they stab your back
The very next day
What's this all about?
You begin to have your doubts
But when they do you wrong
That's when you become strong

Everybody's got a part to play
I know
Everybody's got something to say
For sure
But when it comes to what part you play
You choose do you win or lose?

You say you've given up
You won't drink from that cup
Statistics say you're right
You've chosen not to fight
You're on a ship of fools
You're sailing out tonight
But deep in your heart
You know that I'm right

Sometimes I don't think we appreciate
What we've got until it is much too late

THE COST OF LOVING

In the heat of the night
When my heart is burnin'
And I'm thinking out loud
Without too much to say
Gotta soul full of need
Passion and yearnin'
But there's always a high price to pay

Why, when I need a little understanding
Do I feel like I'm asking too much
To make you reach for your heart
I gotta reach in my pocket
When all that I need is your touch

It's the high - the high cost of lovin' you
It's the high - the high cost of lovin' you
High cost of lovin' you

I want a permanent place
In somebody's life
Not a high priced affair
That's all yours
I'm a man above all
I need someone to turn to
Got feelings that won't be ignored

Now there's no turning back
No running away
Don't they say that once bitten, twice shy
And there's no point in talking
You've got nothing to say
You've got nothing that I want to buy

It's the high - the high cost of lovin' you
The price is too high
The high cost of lovin' you

The high cost of lovin' you ...

THE RETURN

How low will you go
To be part of the show
Are you willing to leave God behind
Do you think you can ride
On your ego and pride
With your faith out of sight
And out of mind

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I want you to know
I don't want you to wait
I want you to know before it's too late

Do you know who to trust
As you life turns to dust
Will it be the beginning or the end?
With eternity to loose
Be careful as you choose
Whether God is your enemy
Or your friend

He's going to return
The tide is gonna turn
You can choose to live and learn
Or you can crash and burn
But he's going to return

Will you be ready when he comes
To feel the thunder of his drums
Will you be ready for the call
You can stand or you can fall
He's gonna take it all

Sure, you can hold
All your silver and gold
If you think it will do you any good
But on your judgement day
There is no price you can pay
For it was paid
Not in gold but in blood

THE JOY OF KNOWING JESUS

There is nothing like
The joy of knowing Jesus
Believe in him
There's nothing he can't do
No, there's nothing like
The joy of knowing Jesus
So walk with him and
Let him walk with you

Once upon a time I thought I had it all
Everything a man's heart could desire
I didn't see the truth 'til I began to fall
And I prayed Lord save me from the fire
Now I know that there's no other way
Gotta turn from sin and
Give my heart to him
Oh, joy I'm saved by his sacrifice
And by the grace of God I can only win

Don't be concerned
You'll have to change your life
Believe in him, he'll do it for you
And don't wait for troubled times
To call on him
Through thick and thin
He won't ignore you

I only wonder why I waited so long
Precious time has come and gone
But I'm here now
'Cause he was watching me
He's holding me and I can't go wrong

OVERTURE: "LA TRISTEZA SECRETATA DE UN CORAZON GITANO" (Pt. 2)

(instrumental)

Included only on 2002 revised version.

JESUS (Again & Again)

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Jesus - I'm not fit to say your name
Jesus - All I do is cause you pain
Jesus - On the cross you bore my blame
Jesus - And all I can do is turn to you
Again and again and again
And again and again

Your hand in my life
My life in your hands
My every breath within your plan
I give you control
Of my heart and my soul
And all that I am is at your command

No more secrets, no more lies
No turning back and no compromise
No more empty promises
No more of my plans
I've laid it all on my father's hands
Jesus ...

You gave me my life
Brought me into your light
The joy that was bought at such a price
In my every breath I know you are there
My freedom is in the blood of Christ

(Because Of) WHO I KNOW

Included only on 2002 revised version.

I was living on a tightest rope around
I really didn't know where to go
Now I'm living in
The brightest hope I found
And it's all because of who I know

Many days when I couldn't tell
Right from wrong
And I couldn't even find a song
There was a sadness in my heart
But I knew just where to stop
And where to go
Because of who I know

I can dance at the speed of light
Because of who I know
And I can sing to the beat of my heart
Because of who I know
And I will love you every day of my life
Because of who I know
Who I know

There was a time when
I really had lost my way
When I didn't know the time or place
Looked around without
An answer anywhere
And I never thought to try a prayer

Came a day when I found out
Who to trust
And he's waiting there for all of us
Put my faith in the blood of Jesus Christ
And in his sacrifice, he paid the price
And he's who I know

RUNNING BLIND

OVERTURE: "LA TRISTEZA SECRETATA DE UN CORAZON GITANO" (Pt. 1)

(instrumental)

PRELUDE: A MINOR LIFE

(instrumental)

OUT OF MY CONTROL

The empty conversation
The coldness of your touch
The moments of frustration
That always hurt so much
The look in your eyes that seems to say
Nothing's ever enough
Well it seems like I've tried every way
To give you all my love

But it's out of my control
It's all up to you
Yes, it's out of my control
What you gonna do
Everything I say, everything I do
Never seems to satisfy you
So I'll say it again, I'm gonna let you go
It's up to you
'Cause it's out of my control

I've felt this strange resistance
To the things I've said and done
And I've tried to keep my distance
I knew there was something wrong
But without communication
Without a message from your heart
There's only empty expectation
And a love that's torn apart

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YOU'VE GOT IT (The American Dream)

One by one, two by two
We all step out into the human zoo
Three by three and four by four
We've all got ours but we still want more
Six by six and five by five
It's success we want, dead or alive
Seven by seven, eight by eight
I'm alright jack and I ain't gonna wait

It's real fright, it's real white
It's in your neighbourhood tonight
It ain't cheap, it's no escape
It's here and now, the devil's rape

You want it, you've got it
It's all yours, the American dream

It's in the air, it's in the street
Just one hit, your image complete
I know 'cause I've already been there
An empty pocket and an empty head
No-one listens to a word you've said
Just give it up and dish it out
They'll make you think
That they really care

THE FINAL SOLUTION

So the game goes on and on
Still no way of telling right from wrong
Who will deal the killing blow
And who will be the first to go

Your life, my life
So full of love, so short of sight
Awaiting execution - the final solution

See the players and the game
Win or lose it's still the same
Pain and death are up for sale
And no-one lives to tell the tale

I know you don't know me
So what are you trying to show me
You're dealing so much sorrow
Who said you could have my tomorrow

FINNEY'S TALE

Finney was a fighter
He had both feet on the ground
He was a regular guy
Just like you and me
But Finney's change of fortune
Waited just around the corner
He was just about to meet his destiny

Well, they picked him off the streets
And put him straight into the light
Said we're gonna name
The series after you
We're gonna show them
How a loser turned into a winner
Go on Finney, show 'em what you can do

Well it all went as planned
He was an overnight success
And year after year
Was filled with promise
He had all that he required
But it wasn't all his heart desired
And he sometimes found it hard
Just being honest

Fame is fortune's prison
It's so easy getting in
But it's a different story
Trying to change direction
So Finney turned to drinking
And he started his downhill slide
Just another lost to add to life's collection

And of course they all put Finney down
Said he'd lost all his ambition
But to me he was a giant among men
For out of all his heartache
And his see-through reputation
Finney just wanted to be Finney again

La la la ...

I CLOSE MY EYES

When I think about
The distance between us
And how hard it is at times
Here on my own
Then I think about your smile
About our love and, in a while
I close my eyes and I'm not alone

Though my footsteps fall
My love won't ever stumble
Through a thousand miles a day
My love won't tire
For with each passing day
I pray that our love is here to stay
And then I close my eyes
And kiss you goodnight

Sometimes I whisper your name
Or dream awhile, a lonely lovers' game
All I'm trying to say is
That I love you in my way
And though the days seem long
I'll soon be coming home

As I leave my song
My heart remains with you, my love
There really are no more words
That I can find
For my love, you are my life
You are the colour in my sight
And when I close my eyes
You fill my mind

A LITTLE PIECE OF ME (Julia's Song)

It makes me laugh to see you smile
And I'm so sad when you cry
And it's easy to see, this came to be
'Cause you're a little piece of me

Once upon a time, I really wondered
If you were gonna happen at all
But in the back of my mind
There you were all the time
And now you're on my knee

Well, your momma and me
We wondered and we prayed
And your little heart grew stronger
As we waited for your day
You were a little late arriving
So we took some time
Deciding on your name - Julia ...

FREE SPIRIT

When I was young
And my spirit was free to ride
No-one I knew had anything to hide
But all of this is changing with the days
I walked into a disillusioned maze

Those lazy, crazy, mellow, yellow days
Are lost in a so-called sophisticated haze
And I can still remember being care-free
And no one knows it better than me

'Cause I'm a free spirit
And I'm looking for a place to run
A free spirit on the wind
And a free spirit needs to be complete
I've got to have the world at my feet

Now my time has come and
I'm dealing with here and now
And I'm gonna have to
Take care of it somehow
And I don't intend to wait
For the cover of night
The only way I know is
To stand up and fight

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And I'm looking for a place to run
A free spirit on the wind
And a free spirit needs to be complete
I've got to have the world at my feet

LET ME BE ME

Well, I tried to do it your way
And I tried to do it right
But no matter what I do
It seems it's different every night
And I tried to do it their way
Tried to play by all their rules
But nine times out of ten
I'd find I'm meddling with fools

There's a whole lotta people out there
Telling me what's wrong
But when it comes right down to it
I'll do what must be done

Let me be me, like black is black
And you are you
Let me be me, stop trying to
Change my point of view
Let me be free to live my life
The way I choose

Well, you don't even talk to me
All you do is dictate
You never learned to give
'Cause it's much easier to take
You wake up in the morning
And you bow to the machine
But I won't worship anything
Just because it's green

You can take your
Narrow-minded theories and run
'Cause when it comes right down to it
I'll do what must be done

Let me be me ...

I DON'T WANNA WAIT

I don't wanna wait until tomorrow
I don't wanna wait another day
I don't wanna live with all this sorrow
I'll just have to find another way

Seeing as how you've kept me
Hanging around for all this time
Playing with my mind and leaving
All our love behind

Well it's time for a decision
Should I stay or should I go
I need our love to grow
But there's so much I need to know

'Cause in my heart and in my head
Are thoughts of how it used to be
But a world of memories
Is only emptiness to me

And it's not a false illusion
I can see what's going on
If the magic's really gone
Then this is not where I belong

And I ask myself the questions
That confusion seems to bring
While the answers stay so thin
Upon the ground where I begin

TELL ME

Tell me, tell me, tell me
Am I the one you love
Tell me, tell me, tell me
Is it me you're thinking of

Tell me, tell me, tell me, tell me
Tell me, tell me, tell me true

Please don't keep me waiting
Don't keep me hanging on
I'm through with mild persuading
I've been standing still too long

Tell me, tell me, tell me, tell me, tell me
All I'm trying to do is find the truth
All I'm asking you to do is help me
Just one time so I can make my move

I WON'T CHANGE

Included only on special limited edition.

Don't keep me running around
I'm trying to keep my feet on the ground
Stop filling my heart with empty dreams
'Cause, deep down, I'm a regular guy
I laugh a lot but I know how to cry
I don't wanna be anyone else but me

And I won't change
I'll just try to stay the same
And if you feel a difference
It's in what you choose to see
Some of those changes
Are a little too hard for me
So I pray my love will see me through

The next step isn't easy to find
'Cause with all this love on my mind
All that I can think about is you
If all you're asking is a little more time
If all you need is to make up your mind
I can only remind you that I love you

THE LAST DANCE

CRYING

I'm crying
From deep in my soul
To the core of my heart
I'm crying

And I'm crying
For the door to close so
I can make a new start
I'm crying

I'm trying
To understand it all
How I missed the call
I'm trying

And I'm dying
From the pain inside
And all the tears I've cried
I'm dying

I wanna hold you again
'Till the nightmare ends
Let our love wash away the lost years
I wanna kiss you again
I wanna kill the pain
And swim in the flood of our tears
But I can't do that now
Because you're far away from me
I let you go somehow and now
It's much too late to see the light

One mistake, is that all it takes
To erase the love of my life
Seems insane that one moment's shame
Can wipe out all that I've done right
And I tried, how I tried
Still our love found a place to hide
And I've tried, God knows I've tried
Still our love left and died

LETTING GO

Images of Nikki Lynn came drifting
Through my head this morning
Long forgotten memories
From oh, so long ago
And it made me start to wonder
Why it is this often happens
And why we have a problem
Sometimes simply letting go

What value lies within the past
What use is waiting there?
Why spend so much time wondering
When perhaps I shouldn't care?
Do the lessons of our past mistakes
Really make the future brighter?
Is it something I should dwell upon
Is it something I should share?

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Why can't I let go
Why can't I let go

I will let go
I will let go
I will let go
I will let go... ooh

We all have things that we're convinced
We can't live without
Joined at the hip to a sinking ship
Surrounded by a sea of doubt
Our reach should be bigger
Than our grip on temporary satisfaction
Make the finite infinite
The past behind us
Lessons learned, a course of action

Now I must let go
Now I must let go

GIVE ME A REASON

I was downtown drinking with the boys
All of a sudden coming out of the noise
One of my so-called friends
About ruined the night

He told me you've been seen around
Told me you've been playing the town
Seemingly without respect
For the fact that you're mine

If you think you're coming back to me
You're adding insult to injury
You better try your luck some other day

When you can give me a reason
Give me a reason
Give me a reason - a reason to stay
Give me a reason to stay

The more I realise the more it hurts
You're out there acting
Like some smalltown flirt
Telling me you're spending your nights
Dreaming of me

You're asking me to overlook
Asking me to let you off the hook
Well obviously that's not
The way it's gonna be

You're so busy making up my mind
I'm gonna do it in my own sweet time
Come back baby when you've got
Something better to say

SECOND CHANCE (A New Beginning)

There's a hole in our love
Don't know where it came from
Or how it got there
There's a hole in my heart
And there's no way to live
With the pain there

Can we go back in time
Can we go back and find
All the bridges we crossed
All the love we lost

We knew something was wrong
And we both should have seen it coming
We kept cruising along
Until nothing turned into something

Can we have it again
Can we even be friends
Do we have enough time
Or is this how it ends

I believe in love forever
I believe in us together
We can't waste another minute
Forget all this, there's nothing in it

Think about the love we've tasted
Forget about the time we've wasted
No more losing, only winning
A second chance, a new beginning

We leave it all in the past
Behind us at last
Keep on holding my hand
The original plan

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE

Don't try to control me
Don't try to console me
Don't bother to write or call
'Cause I've heard it all before

You had me fooled for a short time
With your empty words and
Your fine lines
But it ain't happening anymore
'Cause I know who you are

You said you'd help me
To turn my life around
All you did was to turn it upside down
I can't believe that I gave you
So much trust
Now you're trying to
Turn my rock to dust

People saying I should've seen the sign
You think that playing with lives
Is not a crime
No matter how hard you try
I will survive
'Cause the moment of truth
Has just arrived

THE VOICE OF LOVE

No matter where you are
You'll hear my voice calling out to you
What else can I do
When my heart is beating
Slightly out of tune
You will know the sound
The voice of love
So pure and crystal clear
Trying to let you know that
I've seen enough of living
Without you here

Somewhere in my heart a fire is burning
And the flame will never die
While I watch the wheel of
Fortune turning
And the long nights passing by
Ain't it funny how the time
Seems to go so slow
When you're looking
Through a crystal ball
And I have to rely on the voice of love
And hope you hear my call

So long ago, so far away
So strong was the love that we shared
And now I find myself standing here
Seeing just how much I cared
'Cause your love is the only love
I'll ever want or need
So listen to the voice of love
Listen to my plea

The voice of love

GIVE 'EM WHAT THEY WANT

Don't ask them what they're looking for
Don't ask them why
'Cause they can't really tell you
Right from wrong
An educated guess will be
The best you'll get
'Cause without a soul they'll never find
The heart of a song

Don't waste your time imagining
You're getting through
Don't kid yourself that anybody cares
It doesn't make a difference
What you try to do
Just don't waste your time
Get it straight in your mind

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Give 'em what they want
Give 'em what they're looking for
Just give 'em what they want
And send them away

WHO KNOWS

Who knows who's to blame for it
Who knows who will pay for it
And who knows how it came to be
In whose name and by what decree

Is there something out there
Bigger than you and me
Is there someone somewhere
That we can't see who knows

Do you know what you're doing here
What did you see in your father's tears
Anything to show for all these years
Can you really hear a thing
Through the endless cheer

There is something out there
Bigger than you and me
There is someone quite near
That we can see

Maybe I shouldn't think so much
Maybe I shouldn't care
Maybe I'm a little out of touch
Who knows, who cares

Who knows what's in store for us
Who decides peace or war for us
When god wants so much more for us
You decide who you're gonna trust

You wanna know who this hombre is
You wanna live in the light
You wanna feel the spirit's kiss
Even though you tried to take his life

Who knows... God knows...

DANCING

You are my life, you are my love
You're the heart that beats within me
You're the one I'll never leave
You're what makes my life worth living

And if the worst should come
And we must move to a different drum
We'll take it anyway
'Cause no matter what they say

We'll be dancing with the wind
Dancing with the rain
Dancin' to the beat of my heart
Dancin' to the melody
Ringin' in my head
Nothing's gonna keep us apart

You are the sun, you are the moon
You are my imagination
We're gonna win, we just can't lose
Not with all this inspiration

They can try and take our stuff
But they can't touch this special love
We're together come what may
And no matter what they say

DID YOU KNOW

On Christmas Day we celebrate
That Jesus Christ was born
Our lives are filled with special things
We dance from dusk to dawn

But did you know he also died for you
Did you know he paid a price for you
Do you know him as
The greatest gift of all

We remind ourselves of fairy tales
A reindeer on a ride
And we wrap the toys with love and care
Preparing for that special night

But did you know that Jesus died for you
Did you know he paid a price for you
Do you know him as
The greatest gift of all

And did you know that everyone
Will meet him in the end
Did you know he really loves you
And he wants to be your friend
Did you know that a simple prayer
Will bring you all his love
Did you know... Did you know...

So Christmas comes and Christmas goes
But Christ himself will stay
If you let him live inside your heart
It's Christmas every day

For he came to earth to die for you
He came to pay a price for you
Do you know him as
The greatest gift of all

THE LAST DANCE (El Gitano Viejo)

I met a sad old gypsy
On the road to Berlin
By chance I got to spend
A little time with him
We shared a few life stories
On that dusty old train
So I thought I'd take a minute
Just to share them again with you

He talked of all the twists and turns
He'd taken in life
And how his spirit clung to God
To do what was right
Sure he got the prize but
He never counted the cost
I felt his pain as he shared with me
All that he had lost

If you could only see what was
There in his eyes
An eternity of wandering
In search of the prize
He'd had it all, the money
All the fame and romance
And now he shed a tear as
He faced the last dance

The blessing comes but once he said
But it's not for you, it must be shared
And if you keep it to yourself
You'll be no use to anyone else
And he who gives will take away
And you will face the same dark day
That even now is all my pain
I'll never have this dance again

Chances, dances
How quickly this life passes
All our hopes and all our dreams
Get lost in all our selfish schemes
You see, it's not about you
It's not about me
It's about loving something we can't see
It's all about what we are willing to share
It's about our hearts and who lives there

As the train rolled into the city
He shook his head as if to say
It's your turn now, just know the game
That you're about to play
And it seemed as if right there and then
A light came to his eyes
As he exchanged the dance of life
For a far better prize

And so the tired old gypsy
Drifted slowly away
Beaten by the game
He'd taught so many to play
He said "I'd do it all again
If I had the chance"
But I'm ready now for one more bow
I'll take the last dance

COLD AUTUMN SUNDAY

ROMANCE

In the early morning just at daybreak
I am faced with the steps
That I must make
And I know, we can't be together
Not today, tomorrow or forever

And in a dream, I turn for a moment
I feel the joy, all that our love meant
It hurts to know (that)
We can't be together
Not today, tomorrow or forever

I can only dream now of
New York and Paris
And of the days in that
Grand Moscow palace
I won't forget, I will always remember
Though you are gone
Not just for now but forever

We will never forget
Hallelujah, Hallelujah ...

We'll say goodbye my love
Our hearts sadly yearning
Can it be true, you won't be returning
The way is set, we cannot be together
No, not today, tomorrow or forever

And I will look for you
In Every lonely place
In every moment's sleep
I will see your face
But as I reach out and
Try to touch your hand
You're not there, oh God
How can I understand?

And so farewell to a love so forsaken
A sad hello to the steps fate has taken
The cards are down and
We cannot be together
But I will treasure your memory forever

The book is closed now
We cannot be together
But in our hearts we'll have
Each other forever
We'll live apart with love together forever
We'll live apart but love together forever

**BLOOD ON THE
HIGHWAY**

**(This Is) JUST THE
BEGINNING**

I don't know where to start
I wanna follow my heart
But the voices in my head
Keep saying don't do it
A burning passion in my soul
A fear that leaves me cold
I see the open door but
I'm afraid to go through it
I don't know what's on the other side
But I do know I have to decide

Is this the dream I had in the beginning
Do I dare to lose with
Such a faint hope of winning
Can I run the race without losing face
Can I take the strain, can I stand the pain
Can I play the game and stay the same
This is just the beginning

So give me five guys who can rock
Who don't know how to stop
Send them ten times round the block
To add a little mystery
Give me radio with balls
They gotta help us fill the halls
And we can grab ourselves
A piece of rock and roll history
Fate and destiny have been guided
We're going in, it's all been decided

This is the dream I had
From the beginning
I'll bet it all and only think of winning
I can run this race
I'm not afraid of losing face
I can take the strain
I'll live through the pain
I'm gonna play the game
Even if I'm not the same

This is just the beginning...

WE'RE ON OUR WAY

It started out in London
In the back of Benny's pub
We hit the road and ran the miles
We must have played a thousand clubs

From Liverpool to Soho
From Hamburg to Berlin
The people were there waiting
For the big show to begin

And it looked like we were headed
For a really crazy ride
But we had rock and roll on our side

We're on our way, no turning back
To rule the world, we can't go wrong
We're on our way to fame & fortune
One million miles, ten million hearts
One simple song

By the time we got to Boston
We were learning how to fly
And we got to write our story
All across the endless sky

Everybody made us feel good
They gave us platinum and gold
This reckless band of rebels
With a legend to be told

The ladies and the limos
Were there ready for the ride
With rock and roll to
Take us through the night

BLOOD ON THE HIGHWAY

So you wanna be a big-time rock star
Without my help you know
You won't get too far
Just give me everything
You might get something
But be prepared to walk away
With nothing

I'm out here waiting
If you wanna join me
Bring me your life
And don't disappoint me
I know you want it so
Don't keep me waiting
I'm rock and roll, I only want your soul

You can get there but I won't say how
You'll never get there
On your own anyhow
I think it's only fair that
I should tell you now

There's blood on the highway
So many lies between the lines
There's blood on the highway
And a lot of it is mine

Don't look for reasons and
Don't ask me questions
I have the plan and
I don't need suggestions
I've been doing this a real long time
Jimmy and Janis were both
Friends of mine
You think you're ready
For the grand adventure
You say there's nothing out there
To prevent ya
I'm here to tell you that it won't last long
I'll still be here after you're long gone

I know the secret of your wildest dreams
I've got the keys to your limousine
Just give me everything and
Leave it all to me

YOU'VE GOT IT (The American Dream)

One by one, two by two
We all step out into the human zoo
Three by three and four by four
We've all got ours but we still want more
Six by six and five by five
It's success we want, dead or alive
Seven by seven, eight by eight
I'm alright jack and I ain't gonna wait

It's real fright, it's real white
It's in your neighbourhood tonight
It ain't cheap, it's no escape
It's here and now, the devil's rape

You want it, you've got it
It's all yours, the American dream

It's in the air, it's in the street
Just one hit, your image complete
I know 'cause I've already been there
An empty pocket and an empty head
No-one listens to a word you've said
Just give it up and dish it out
They'll make you think
That they really care

DOOM SCENE 1

You know honey....
You really are the band!

IT WON'T LAST

You can run away
You can choose to stay
Deny the fact, put on a lousy act
You can hide your face
In some new favourite place
Maybe you'll stay a while
Maybe you'll even smile
But it won't last

No need to take the blame
No need to change your name
It wasn't your mistake
You were trapped and you had to escape
Go on and ride the crest
Thinking it's you that's blessed
Wear a new coat of paint
Act like the purest saint
But it won't last

But you can't hide it from your eyes
Deep in your heart you hate the lies
Somehow the fear will
Always be too near
And, just like your last mistake
The road you take
Will lead you here, to me
It's clear that it won't last

Now that you've heard the voice
Could be your final choice
You're looking one last chance
Straight in the face
Stand up and fight the fight
Against all that's wrong inside
Just turn and walk away
Into a brighter day
Then it might last

You did it time and time again
It always ended up the same
How did you hide from all the pain
You left behind
One day you'll turn around
Totally alone with no way out
I have no doubt 'cause

THINK TWICE (Is It The Music Or The Man?)

He could have had most anything
He could have had it all
Put his hands on life and love
Let'em go and watched'em fall
But the spotlight never
Shone upon his heart
You got to know him on the stage
Where you watched him play his part

Soon, like him
The world was at your feet
Seemed it never had to end
You claim you gave him everything
But you forgot to be his friend
When you get so trapped inside it all
I wonder if you can
Find a way to separate
The music and the man

When the trouble comes
And you have to know it will
He'll be looking for
Much more than consolation
When the tide turns
And there's no place left to run
Something or someone
Is gonna have to take the blame

You'd better think twice
There's gonna have to be a sacrifice
What will be the first to go
Not the music, that I know
You'd better think twice
Or you'll have to pay a high price
Time to open up your eyes
Are you in love or are you hypnotized
Is it the music or the man?

DOOM SCENE 2

Honey, I really think
It's time for you to go solo!

THERE COMES A TIME

There comes a time in every man's life
He just forgets where he's going
There comes a time
And he'll know just when
'Cause he'll simply stop growing

Without a deep imagination
Fear and doubt will quickly spread
And it's a hopeless situation
But that's how it looks inside his head
There comes a time

There comes a time
To make up your mind
Time to face up to the problem
Every single day is a part of your life
And nothing can be forgotten

Time and time and time again
Who knows where and who knows when
It could happen any time
But it's too late to change your mind
There comes a time

And it's too late to change your mind
There comes a time ...

OKAY (This House Is Down)

Okay... okay...
We're glad you're still around
We've got to go, it's sad to say
But that's okay because
This house is down

Take it to another town, get down
Turn the whole thing right around
And head back into the night
Gonna have the big fun, job done
Riding on a number one
Tonight... tonight... tonight!

Thank you all for being here
From the bottom of my Heart
It's been a night to remember
And you really did your part
We came to town to rock and roll
You came and gave your heart and soul
But all good things must end
So I say to you my friends

Running on a fine line, big time
Tryna make another dime
This game's just getting started
Now it's time to love you, leave you
But I know we'll see you
On the other side of this fantasy

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WHAT YOU GONNA DO

What you gonna do
When the phone stops ringing
What you gonna do
When the world stops singing your song

What you gonna say
When the party's over
Where you gonna turn
When it all starts going wrong

How you gonna feel
When your heart starts breaking
When the world you thought you knew
Leaves you cold and shaking
When there's nothing left to give
'Cause it's all been taken, it's gone

Can you take your hurting heart
Into a brand new start
And celebrate what you do have
Or are you gonna hang your head
Each time the light turns red
And blame the world cause you feel bad
What you gonna do...

Brother don't you understand
There's a bigger plan
And you've just finished the first part
You can take a little faith
Into a better place
And face the truth with a new heart

POSTSCRIPT

It started out in London
Such a long, long time ago
Some guys didn't make it back
Where they are now, I don't know....

I DID IT ALL

There's a new face
Up on the stage tonight
A new star on the door
A new name on the billboard now
Where mine had been before

There's a new song in their hearts tonight
A new light in their eyes
A new and haunting melody
That's got them hypnotised

I know time and tide keep marching on
Here today and then you're gone

I did it all from The Honky Tonk
To Carnegie Hall
From Tokyo to Texas came the call
And every mile's a memory
That's burned into my soul
So, no matter what tomorrow brings
No matter what song the new star sings
I never will forget I did it all

I got to ride a million dreams
The star of oh, so many scenes
I played the game and made my name
I thought it couldn't end

I gave my life for my success
Gave a little too much I guess
Cause all that's left is emptiness
What happened to my "friends"

I did it all from north to south
And all points in between
But from Hollywood to heartbreak
Takes no time
But that was way back when
And I must face tomorrow now
And if you ask me how I am today
I can turn to you in truth and say
I did it all and now at last I'm doing fine

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All that he had lost

If you could only see what was
There in his eyes

An eternity of wandering
In search of the prize
He'd had it all, the money
All the fame and romance
And now he shed a tear as
He faced the last dance

The blessing comes but once he said
But it's not for you, it must be shared
And if you keep it to yourself
You'll be no use to anyone else
And he who gives will take away
And you will face the same dark day
That even now is all my pain
I'll never have this dance again

Chances, dances
How quickly this life passes
All our hopes and all our dreams
Get lost in all our selfish schemes
You see, it's not about you
It's not about me
It's about loving something we can't see
It's all about what we are willing to share
It's about our hearts and who lives there

As the train rolled into the city
He shook his head as if to say
It's your turn now, just know the game
That you're about to play
And it seemed as if right there and then
A light came to his eyes
As he exchanged the dance of life
For a far better prize

And so the tired old gypsy
Drifted slowly away
Beaten by the game
He'd taught so many to play
He said "I'd do it all again
If I had the chance"
But I'm ready now for one more bow
I'll take the last dance

ASTER

SET ME FREE (From Yesterday)

Your eyes don't lie
They try to tell me why
Your eyes can't hide
The way you feel inside
Your words are kind
Meant to ease my mind
But your eyes don't lie
And baby I'm not blind

Your heart's grown cold
And your story's getting old
But I'm the fool for listening
To the lies you told
It's the same sad song
Where it all goes wrong
I guess that's when we find out
Where we all belong

So let me go... Now... Right away
Baby, set me free... From yesterday

I don't wanna wait
It's already too late
I'll never understand
What turned our love to hate
No turning back time
On love so blind
I just gotta run and
Leave it all behind

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It's time for me to go
I'll find another road
Don't matter anymore
That you choose to lose
I gave it all I had
And it wasn't all bad
I'll find better place
For all the dreams I have

THE CURSE

In the foothills of the mountains
Beneath a dark and clearing sky
There's a face carved in the hillside
That I seemed to recognize

Some say it's a warrior king
Who died there long ago
(But) I haven't seen it written
So I can't tell how they know

Between the blessing and the curse
The situation's worse
There's no place called in between
In any holy word I've seen
And I will take my leading
From each and every morning verse
My mind's made up, I gave it all up
The blessing beats the curse

The heathen gather on the hill
Their rituals to perform
Blinded by their hatred
They miss the coming storm

Holy spirit of perception
Keep me safe in your protection
The victory is ours this night
Through your mighty resurrection

I CRY ALONE

What can I do when I'm so far from you
Do I try to pretend it's not real
Out here alone, so far from home
Should I try to deny how I feel

Lovers and others
Holding hands in the park
Missing your kiss
Now my world is so dark
No one to run to
No one can take your place

I cry alone and that's how it has to be
I find myself here
With nothing but memories
I cry alone, the sound of an angels sigh
I cry alone, every time we say good-bye

I really don't like being here on my own
I'm tired of spending
So much time on my own
Hoping and dreaming, awaiting the day
I'm finally coming home

Just as life has no sequel
For the atheist heart
Our love has no equal
Even when we're apart
There's no need to run
No one can take your place

I know you hear my cry
From such a distance
You feel my tears fall on your heart
Sweet memories, the slender difference
Between together and apart

KATRINE

Ground zero, eleventh hour
Out of ideas, out of power
I heard a voice inside cry out "why me"?

Stone cold, wanna run away
Can't face another day
Fighting something I can't even see

In the end I'm a simple man
Trying hard to understand
Why you would take
Sweet innocence away

The dark, plain and simple fact
I don't know how to act
The only thing I know to do is pray

Katrine...
I don't wanna have to let you go
Katrine...
I just wanna sit and watch you grow
All these tears and all these fears
Will they ever disappear
Katrine... I need you here

Then to my restless sleep
Came a new voice strong & deep
Saying, "son, I'm gonna
Take this pain away"

Into my endless night
The voice came in a flash of light
"Your love will live to see another day"

Katrine...
I didn't have to let you go
Katrine...
Now I get to sit and watch you grow
All these tears and all these fears
Have finally disappeared
Katrine... Thank god you here

FASTER

Faster than the speed of light
No fear of death
I've been working day and night
To be faster than the rest
Three steps to victory, ain't gonna stop
I got the power to take me
Straight to the top

And the ladies in waiting
Will just have to wait
I got a date with destiny
And I can't be late

Their hearts are beating
And their wheels are spinning
Forty-four eyes focussed
On the dream of winning
But when the lights go out
There's only one way home
And that's alone

SLIPPIN' AWAY (The Lover's Curse)

This time it hurts a little bit more
This time it seems much more real
This time the pain's
More intense than before
And I don't like how I feel

We had these bad days once in a while
(They) usually came with the rain
This time it's different
The emptiness here
Where only my dreams remain

(It's) slipping away...
Further and further every day
(It's) slipping away
But this heartache's not going away

(Now) I really miss you
That's certainly true
And I don't know what to do
If we live and we learn
Tell me which way to turn
'Cause all of my future was you

When something so great
Starts to stumble and break
It kinda shifts to reverse
Something so good at first
Takes a turn for the worse
Welcome to the lover's curse

Don't point your pointless
Existence at me
I like it here
It's where I wanna be
You took my life
And you threw it away
Let me be...

THE END OF NEVER

I don't believe anything
I don't believe anyone
I'm still trying to figure out
Where I belong
I don't believe a thing I've heard
I don't believe a single word
'Cause when you say that it's alright
It all goes wrong

(They say) you can't please everyone
But I don't need anyone
It doesn't matter what I do
It's never good enough for you... So

No, no, no, I won't go, go, go
Down that same old road forever
Njet, nein, no, I won't my sell my soul
Not before the end of never

It doesn't matter what you say
I don't hear you anymore
I'm listening to the music
That I get for free
I don't believe your stupid lies
I see the truth with my own eyes
But I don't think you realize
You're losing me

I don't need you to waste my time
I've had it with this pantomime
I've got a lotta shit to do
That don't include you... So

BEYOND THE STARZ

The fearful storm will break
And all the earth will shake
And evil hearts will pay
For their mistakes

You knew this day would come
Now there's nowhere left to run
And now you know
There's nothing left to say

And no one's gonna sleep tonight
There's terror in the wind
You cannot know just what it is
When it will end or where it begins

The gods of peace are angry now
You pushed their patience much too far
And you can never be prepared
For this is power from beyond the stars
Beyond the stars

He said he would return
But you refused to learn
You had your chance but
Now you're gonna burn

This final battle you can't win
Against the countless warriors of the king
The multitude is following your fall...

And mine will be whitest horse
Carrying his mighty sword
And if you try to take my life from me
You'll only speed my holy destiny

You had your time, you'll have no more
The king will rule this killing floor
Instead of choosing peace...
You chose your war!

The faithful and the king
Have stopped the suffering
And the conquerors will sing
In endless peace

The lion and the lamb
Fulfilled the master plan
And finally the world is on its knees

(At) THE LAST MINUTE

Walking around with my head held down
Like I'm looking for hope in my shoes
Expecting to see my obituary
At the top of the 5-o'clock news

I was mad, I was sad, I really felt bad
With no reason I could easily find
My wheels were off track
I could only look back
To see that I was wasting my time

Self-pity and sorrow
Today and tomorrow
I can't find a friend
So this must be the end

But at the last minute
My eyes were opened
At the last minute it all came right
I received more than
My heart had hoped for
At the last minute I saw... The light

In the city of light there are
Mountains of hope
With a valley of peace in between
There's a river of love
Running right through its heart
I felt like I was living a dream

Life without trouble
A day without end
Hope everlasting and a genuine friend

It may be hard to believe
But I know that it's right
It's all there... in the city of light

Self-pity and sorrow
Confusion and doubt
Beginning to wonder
If I'd ever break out

SOMEWHERE (In Paradise)

There has to be a rainbow somewhere
There has to be a bright light
Shining in this dark world somewhere

There has to be a new day coming
There has to be a white knight
On this sad horizon somewhere

And if you think I'm only dreaming
Climb up on my wings and fly
I'll take you to a secret journey
To a place I know above the sky

I'll take you to paradise
Where all of our dreams can fly
To paradise
Beyond the moon and the midnight sky
You and I, baby you and I
In paradise
Somewhere in paradise

The road behind us leads to nowhere
We gotta trust our love
To take us in a new direction

I think I know a way to do it
I think I know someone who can help us
Make the right connection

There's nothing you can lose by trying
So climb up on my wings and fly

FILL YOUR HEAD (With Rock)

Fill your head with rock
And roll it down into your soul
Feel the power and the passion
That's impossible to hold
A fantasy, a symphony
A party that won't stop
Can only happen when you
Fill your head with rock

Do you like it hard, do you like it hot
Come on and take a long hard
Look at what we've got
Coz we're live fire and
You're in our sights
Let the show begin
We were born to fight

Are you ready - yeah me too
Then this is what you've got to do

Can you feel the heat
Burning up the streets
We can't stop now there's no retreat
'Cause it's time to rock
And we're on a roll
Now we need your heart, your mind
Your body and your soul

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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

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Times were bad, had to be sad
Times were cruel till I met you

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 la la la la la la

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

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
La la ...

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 loose 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 ou'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 waist 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 loose
Grown up life can be so new
He's learning

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HE'S GROWING

When we 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

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

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An end, yet life begins
He loses 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

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

Lay around 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

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

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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

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)

HEAD MACHINE / ORGASM

CLIMAX

Babe - don't wanna wait itfor so long
Babe - don't wanna
Make me 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 shine your love for all
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 tend 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 past
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 party 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

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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 to play
We need to play

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

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

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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

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

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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

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

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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'
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 pur 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 bootheels 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

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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