♥ Reasons, Strings, and Past Wild Things♥

♥ Bathos ♥

♥ A Pony Mess ♥

Still Life

Spots in my mind Dusty eyes I'll wait for you to arrive It could be hours It could take days And I'll sleep it away in a lazy daze

And I really want to see Thoughts floating free inside my mind And I can almost catch it It's a beautiful waste of time

He is Wolfman, He is monster Always playing the part of a brute She pulls out the thorn She hands you the flower It's the color of your stone And it's taking root My soul is black and white My brother had a Chevy Nova that was zebra-striped And my head is kind of loaded from all this strife But there's chords in my front pocket And they're out of sight

And I see and I see, and it's all make-believe

And it's just a still life, and it's still time to leave It's a simple reduction, it's all next to nothing Take it to the limits and isn't that something?

You could say that I don't care, And I don't mind And I see the little ways you bring me down But I've been down and then I was back I've already been there, it's a waste of time

I can see what you mean, it's a big mystery I can see it in your eyes, It's there when you leave Did you think you're above it? You think that they'll love it? Look for infinity Because it's still impossible

The Spanish Sea

Hot, wild Monday child Has flown away, she's had enough of you (Just look at what you've put me through) That face Has been replaced And there's no trace

It's funny 'cause it's true

And I know you need to fly

Your heart is like a bird

There's no need for goodbyes or words

- It's gone It's out of sight And all that's left is all you took from me (I'd gladly give it all for free) And it's a ghost town All around It's easy to drown inside the Spanish Sea (wash away your memory)
- And I know you need to fly Your heart is like a bird You said this life's absurd And it's beautiful, you want it If they only knew what I would give for One more day One more day

Beautiful Hurtful World

There's a tear at the top of the sea And nothing is innocent like it used to be And chasing the clouds doesn't mean the same thing Like it used to, when we were young I know that it's easy to lock all your doors When you gave them your heart, And it fell on the floor I don't have to say it We don't need words, Because we know why, Yeah, that's why

It's so easy to get hurt in a hurtful world, Yeah, but it's a beautiful world

Full of cupcakes and brutes, Lions and flowers You tamed them with alchemy and Astral powers And scorpions and tigers should all trample lightly It's so delicate It's fragile And when you were young, and we opened our eyes To every possibility beneath these pale skies As you float down the strip See the pain in their eyes You shrug it off It's beautiful

It's easy to get hurt in a hurtful world But it's a beautiful world

Roam

Two star-crossed lovers One hell of a time That I wouldn't trade for the world But the world gone and left me It left me behind, And all I've got left Is this hill left to climb

And how many hours would I roam So far away from my home Just to be near you?

If everything's just failure, If it's over from the start Well, we can relish the tragedy And we can turn it into art

You've got your reasons And you've got your strings And we both got our pasts, Baby And all those wild things

And how many hours would I roam So far away from my home Just to be near you?

Ratcliff Junebug

See the Ratcliff june bug There's music in the wings I'm watching out for the wasps' nest And the way that they sting

And I could find this thing again If it comes back, it's not a sin To begin again

And it'll be coming on so strong When it comes back, well it's not wrong To be where you belong

It's the first day of Summer Can't you feel the cool breeze Bright days, deep slumber Hazy memories What a night for forgetting That you forgot everything What a night to remember I hope you have sweet dreams

A Little Strange

I stole your style

- Don't ask me why
- I stole the Earth
- I stole the sky
- I stowed away the time
- I kept it in the night
- Went back for it later
- But it didn't feel right

And if you're ok with time, If you've got some peace of mind If you're alright with change Well, I know it's a little strange A little strange

I took in some fresh air

I stole your mode

I took all your words

- And I put them on hold
- And I stole tomorrow
- Held onto your smile

Oh, not for forever

Just a little while

And if you're ok with time,

If you've got some peace of mind

If you're alright with change Well, I know it's a little strange A little strange Tonight

Ravishing Machine

You're so ravishing A ravishing machine Ravishing everything Anything you can glean Brothers, can you hear me Sisters, can you hear me The others, can you hear me Oh Mister, can you hear me too? I'm afraid I'm counting on you

Riding down the road, don't you dare let go With these American girls and their natural glow And I'm feeling alright, I'm feeling alright This land is your land, and she understands I'm taking in the night She's stretching out her hand And we're feeling alright Just let the music cry

How could you leave the Earth bleeding? Love is in the air, but love don't care Who it leaves in the dust, so lover beware And I feel so high and dry, and I feel so left behind Distant houses where the people stay In the warmth of the glow, but it just fades away I'm wishing you well

MystChrystina

Do you want to spend another day with MystChrystina I don't want to leave her, I don't want to stay too long (Do you want to look into those big, blue eyes And tell her that you're lying, I don't think you want to) The sheriff is strong but he's much keener In late afternoon somewhere Little summer dresses on the banks in late September singing Trying to remember everything that we forgot, the things that we left lying here (Your face is from a dream, your voice pulls me back home And I cannot turn away) And I can't turn around Even when I hear those sweet sounds In my ear

Wading with my cousins beneath the covered bridge Eating snow ice cream near the Scopus ridge Hanging on a rope swing high in your backyard I remember catching fireflies in a jar Cozy Point and the Summer rays Sitting on a camper in the afternoon haze An old firetruck down at Pioneer Park hearing ghost stories, Piney Woods after dark Bullfrogs and crickets by an old ballpark A Caravan campout, counting the stars

And every time you sing I remember everything And every time I see you smile I remember that it's happening now

Candy

She's my candy girl This can't be good for me Just like candy And she melts before my eyes She never says goodbye This can't be good for me All this candy

And she melts before my eyes She never says goodbye This can't be good for me All this candy

It tastes so sweet But there's always such a crash From all this candy And she melts my eyes She never says goodbye This can't be good for me All this candy

Justine

I know that you don't want to hear a word Justine, Justine And you think that it's absurd Justine, Justine I know your dad owns the dock Justine, Justine And you're the roughest diamond on the block Justine, Justine

Just in the nick of time You've grown so sick of all these Bells that ring Justine

And now you want to give me praise Serious voices should be raised Justine, Justine And you're the roughest diamond on the block

Being on Time

Icy pockets full of change are holding me Inside the fledgling mind, all the time Modern minstrels slowly boiling All the leaves and flowers that they can find In the corner of the room the workers boxed in After being on time At the end of days, recovering from these boxes That I need to align

After being on time It's true I'll follow you Over crowds, over there Disappearing in thin air Ghosts in the sky Fever haunts my mind But I can't find another fire to take the place of fires we left behind Just for being on time

And I'm filled with all this emptiness That you left when you left me behind Always being on time

And I can't find another fire to take the place of fires We left behind Always being on time

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The sun is shining		
The sky is blue		
Over the horizon		
The sun is setting		
The air is warm		
And everything is turning blue underneath the sky		
If I could see tomorrow		
If I could sculpt a heart	(and you're leaving it all behind)	

(you can't have it both ways)

If I could change the past

If I could lose my pride	(you can't see the future)
If I could conquer demons	(the music is calling)
If I could summon feelings	(and you're finally free from it)

Then I could find a way to make it up to you

If I could fix it up	(and you're glued to your chair)
If I could break it down	(and it's floating in the air)
If I could make it last	(I hope this doesn't offend you)
If I could make you smile	
If I could shrink the distance	(You've got roads to travel)
If I could crack the code	(and these boots were made for walking)

Then I could find a way to make it up to you

No Surprise

Well, you talk about a mile a minute You took my time, you took my space It's all misplaced Is it written on my face? You can run, you can hide Find yourself in the blackest night

And it's just another fall from grace Is it written on my face? You can see it in my eyes No surprise

Well, you talk about a mile a minute You took my time and all my space It's all misplaced, is it written on my face

You can run, you can hide Find yourself on this blackout ride

And it's just another fall from grace Is it written on my face? You can see it in my smile And I've been stranded here awhile Oh, it's just another fall from grace, Is it written on my face? You can see it in my eyes No surprise No Sir.

Anymore

You don't even know my name You ought a know by now We only know what we see And you only see what you want to believe But I'm running just as fast as I can And I've been searching high and low For you now And I won't let you down anymore No, we've already settled that score

Jesters painting mantras in a sea of blue And it doesn't really matter the things You say or do Because it won't bring her back anymore No, she's gone for forevermore

And I won't break it down anymore No, we already settled that score

A New Constellation

We ran aground against the sound We walked outside, and we laughed until we cried Light a candle now, forget your frustrations Send good tidings to the night Set your course on a new constellation

You're standing alone In the weight of the drone Telling us what this is worth But It's nobody's fault, where was John Galt? You said he was the salt of the Earth

Light a candle now, forget your frustrations Send good tidings to the night Set your course on a new constellation

We walked outside, and we laughed until we cried These blocks, these towns Turn frowns upside down This verse has no chorus, there's nothing here for us Everything's flown to the birds And the slow sands of time stop on a dime Waiting for you and your words

It's All Good

Such a strange night, you're out of sight And that's ok, yeah that's alright by me The air here is not so clear But it's all good as far as I can see The train keeps running around the bend We'll see the sun in time again

The night light obscured our sight And that's ok, yeah that's alright by me Your face looks lost in space But it's all good as far as I can see

Merge

The moon is casting shadows like a marionette Like a ring around your finger that you tattooed So you'd never forget

You were always telling me That all you want to do is just merge and submerge In the great white light of the liquid night With your liquid courage

Sophie's in the garden Making angels in the snow She was seeing things That no one else could know

You were always telling me That all you want to do is just merge and submerge Now you're singing the same old song It's like a funeral dirge to me now And you'd better not be late for the show Because you know that they'd only just start without you

Oh, sweet child We'll take a walk outside Into the great divide Before this all subsides

I don't want to disappear And all you want to do is just merge and submerge And you're singing the same old song You always binge before you purge You were always telling me That all you want to do is just merge and submerge In the great white light of the liquid night With your liquid courage

On those wild East Texas nights

When the rain pulled us asunder

I think about you in the lightning and the thunder

And I wonder

Where you are tonight

🛦 In Some April Dusk 🛦

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St. James

Here comes St. James

With that smile on his face

If you fall in love again

Will it just be the same?

And when she's gone

She's always gone too long

Will she string you along again

Giving you a taste

And when it rains

No one remembers your name

I hope you rise above again

St. James

In the cold morning air And the Devil may care And we don't know where we're going Maybe anywhere If some jilted love Steals the joy from your face Sweeps it under the rug again That's such a waste

In the cold morning air And the Devil may care We don't know where we're going Maybe anywhere

Old stars in the backyard Cover all that remains I hope peace comes like a dove again St. James

Avalanche

Sometimes you roll the dice and take a chance Sometimes it hits you like an avalanche

And you're here inside your shell Because you don't venture out so well Standing in the corner at the high school dance Sometimes it hits you like an avalanche

And the scene might not be quite your style

But it's here It might be here for a while Sometimes you roll the dice and take a chance Sometimes it hits you like an avalanche

Just like a reed in the wind Sometimes you just have to bend Sometimes you let the waves take you away

And you're here You might be here for a while

Something Tells Me

Lazy Sundays at the Summer Ridge We hung around like a habit I can remember when we crossed that bridge In your '82 Rabbit

Pine Curtain moonlight shining down on me It covers everything so ceaselessly Mississippi flowing to the sea And something tells me You've just got to believe

Went to the city just to find your way And now you're stuck in the traffic Sitting on the front porch trying to keep my day That's no reason to laugh This is serious!

Missouri moonlight shining down on me It covers everything so effortlessly Sweet Mississippi flowing to the sea And something tells me that you just have to breathe

If you shy away And tell me nothing's wrong We can hide today It's not wrong

Took her to the water in my pickup truck With love and freedom and all that good stuff She left me hanging saying what in the world Is wrong with all these people these days?

Pine Curtain moonlight shining down on me It covers everything so effortlessly Sweet Mississippi flowing to the sea Something tells me you've just got to believe You just got to breathe

Half Mile

And you lived And you breathed And you imagined yourself as The King An influx The times changed You're a loser at the game

It's half a mile away It's half a mile away It's half a mile away When you're so high up It seems so far away

All the models, fantasies Just a million shattered dreams Always ends why now, why me? Hasty lover of life leaves the scene

It's half a mile away It's half a mile away It's half a mile away When you're so high up It seems so far away

And it's only now I see This was all so dear to me

Out of My Head

A new day out of my head Thinking about the things you said Oh Baby, can't you see What this tangled web is doing to me? But I know it only slightly shows And I can't believe that you never know

Another day out of my head Shake off the stars, get out of bed Oh, you pretty thing, can't you see What all this empty space is doing to me? And I know it only slightly glows But I can't believe that you'll never know

And I'm here in this darkness I can't believe it took so long to recognize It's hidden in your eyes

Feline Friend

Well, it rained all day I slipped in the mud And the bullies, they just pushed me down But I'm so happy with my feline friend

Well, I failed the test

I tore my shirt And my latest crush just brings me down But I'm so happy with my feline friend

The clouds keep rolling by This big old world keeps spinning Just like it's done for all this time

And I'm just happy with my feline friend

Queen of Sheba

She sits on the windowsill and perches Stretching across the night She never tries to make up her mind Because she's got time to live all these 9 lives

She's a lover She's a fighter, Baby There's no one above her I hope she's not a biter, Baby She's a Buddha She's a teether, Baby She's the Queen of Sheeba Oh, you'd better believe her, Baby

She's a lover She's a fighter, Baby She thinks she's a panther You'd better not excite her, Baby She's a Buddha She's a teether, Baby She's the Queen of Sheeba Oh, you'd better believe her, Baby

Weight of the World

You said this place could never be like yesterday Like something's lost and it won't come back again

And as I see you walk away in the pouring rain I know you're never coming back here again But I could wait forever for my friend

And you've been carrying the weight of the world I know So afraid it's going to fall if you ever let go And if it takes you by surprise, look in her eyes And recognize

And now I carry this under my skin It's only over with until it begins

And as I see you walk away in the pouring rain I know you're never coming back here again But I could wait forever for my friend And you've been carrying the weight of the world I know So afraid it's going to fall if you ever let go And if it takes you by surprise, look in her eyes And recognize

If I Wasn't

If I wasn't in love with you It could all just fade away If I didn't know that this was true Everything I have dissolved into the gray It will all be all be fine In this heart of mine Impossible to find Impossible to hide Will my love ring true?

Big Magic

Night is all around you Sprinkling Fae dust on your skin People recognize you

But they don't know where or when

Beneath the fields of time Big Magic there to find Be sure to make amends We may never be here again

It's just like high school A spell like this Horns shed, grow through your head Chaos and nature and bliss

Beneath the fields of time Big Magic there to find Be sure and get with your friends We may never meet here again Beneath the fields of time Big Magic there to find Be sure and get with your friends We may never be here again Not like this The Dark Horse

► Yes Depression ◄

Winter Memory

Waiting on the buffering The hours just drone Even when you're here with me I feel so alone I felt something buzzing But it wasn't my phone The days are getting cold The chill hits close to your bone It's all in my head It's all in my mind People lose everything It happens all the time There's nothing outside you To prove this was true There never was us There never was you

Falling leaves let you know it's time to leave Because I've had enough Winter memories

One and one is two Two and two is four It all keeps piling up People keep knocking at your door There's nothing outside you To prove this was true You never had me

I never had you

Falling leaves let you know it's time to leave Because I've had enough Winter memories To last a lifetime

I never knew heartache It's all in my mind I never knew suffering It won't all be fine She says look at the stars now Forget about this place But there's too much here To care about what happens in space

Good Fun

We're going to take you for a ride You've got to take it all in stride We like to joke, we like to chide This isn't real, it's just implied

And when you're sitting in the sun You thought you were the only one We're gonna have a little fun No need to hide, no need to run And this one's called the bait-and-switch You always were a little bitch And when you fall into that ditch Just strap your trailer to my hitch

And then we'll take you for a ride You've got to take it all in stride This isn't real, it's just implied It's just a joke, we love to chide

It's only good fun It's all just good fun Come on and get some! Some of that good fun! Come on and get some! Some of that good fun! We love that good fun!

Born in Texas

I was born in Texas That's all I know And it never left us like those Unlucky so-and-so's With the stars above us And the valley below And the Andrews Sisters singing "Across the Alley from The Alamo"

I was born in Texas Land that I love With the Earth below our feet And the stars above I hope they don't arrest us We never push or shove It's from the solar plexus We've got nothing but love

The city lights perplex us Under the moonlight glow I don't care who's elected, Baby It just grows and grows And the warmth protects us And the breezes blow This land is yours and my land, Baby I think you already know

And the stars reflect us As they shine above I don't mean to be sexist, Baby But She's the land I love I was born in Texas Where the Angelina flows Kick up your heels and sit right next to us And just enjoy the show

Reign of Sadness

I haven't forgotten The way it was before How it all got rotten And what is all in store Everything is painted black now My fingers and my hair I put the chisel to the cracks now Until you are ensnared

You're the ruler in a reign of sadness Falling, falling down And I know you're just so terribly glad This is how this all went down Rain covers this town

Washed away in a river of black now My temples and my feet They won't be cutting any slack now Because relishing defeat just can't be beat You're the ruler in a reign of sadness Falling, falling down And I know you're just so terribly glad This is how this all went down Rain covers this town

Don't you want to feel the reign of sadness?

Just a Shout

Poor Mr. McNeil, he figured it out It's not the truth, it's just a shout

Ms. Silver Locks She gave it away This isn't life It's just a play (put on in the backyard)

Poor Mr. McNeil, he figured it out Let the right sinners in, keep the wrong sinners out

Ms. Silver Locks She gave it away It's not paradise It's just a play

Mr. McNeil figured it out

This once was the truth It's just a doubt Keep the workers at bay Watching the clocks You'll never get caught Behind silver locks

Ms. Silver Locks

Gave it away

Behind closed doors

Backstage at the play

Keep your nose to the grind Your heart in a box Fix your eyes on the course Until the next equinox Behind silver locks

Nothing's On Time

Words don't rhyme Nothing is on time Days don't shine Into your lifeless eyes And nobody wants to give anything More than they used to And it will always be night Until the end of time While you're stuck in this line And it never unwinds And if you show your face You will leave in disgrace every time And everyone talks of the dangers of love If you show your skin They will hurt you again and again You just wanted to feel All the weight lifted up But no one showed up Because it never stops raining on King St.

Dark Horse

The people on our block They talk on the sidewalk They write it out in chalk The Dark Horse comes just to stalk And in your bedroom You wait for the bridegroom A bowl full of mushrooms And satin sheets flail in the wind The people in our town Talk with the shades down The word is circling round The Dark Horse is gaining ground Here comes the Dark Horse

And in their discourse These things are divorced It comes from deep down You sense a faint sound Your will is illusion These thoughts just confusion Deep down you know But you try to play nice But you're already enticed These things are now divorced Here comes the Dark Horse

Here comes the Dark Horse These things are divorced Here comes the Dark Horse These things are now divorced

All Roads Lead

I hope that you don't think this all is quite atrocious Showing up on my porch with a sack of roaches Looking for some refuge as the day encroaches You just need a place to chill and all road lead to

Garrison, Henderson

Bobo, Blair

Reclaw, Sacul

Burke and Crockett

Sitting in your deer stand As the day approaches I guess that you think it's odd

But all road lead to

Palestine, Cleveland

Corrigan, Lufkin, Alto

Kilgore, Rusk

And Cushing, TX

Tenaha, Apple Springs

San Augustine

Moscow, Paris, and Damascus

You're at the Farmer's Market Buying soaps and goat cheese I know you must think this all Is so atrocious I hope you don't think that I've had Bragadoccio But I've been everywhere, Man

And all roads lead to

Garrison, Henderson Diboll, Woden Huntington, Redland Center, Whitehouse Carthage, Appleby Douglas, Ratcliff Lots of fun in Nacogdoches

Heaven Can Wait

Through the trees, cold winds blow There's so much left undone But the night is still young

Heaven can wait Heaven help me You're stuck at the gates But Heaven can wait Haven't you heard? Heavens to Betsy I know that it's late But Heaven can wait

And if we swim out over our heads Will you fall apart when it's too deep?

And when the mountain stretches over our heads Will you slip and fall when it's too steep? Heaven can wait

Blurring Lines

Aching child awakens into the cold From the comfort of a dream Crossing lines into the wild To the wonders that never cease

Pale of Winter

A stinging singer slips He can't feel the Earth beneath his feet Broke but not broken Broken but not broke It doesn't make you righteous It doesn't make you woke It's like a selfie you take It's such a deep fake Sifting through the out-takes Almost like you're wide awake

Blurring lines into the white

To the wonders that never cease

Fake Hippie Boomer

You want to take everything you see

It's all for you and your progeny Big fish in a little pond With your skills and pedigree You hate new music unless it's the same As when you changed the world In 1968 Push me down and tell me it's Kharma You gotta keep me in my place You beat me with pride Beat me with scorn Beat me with cash you had before you were born

Fake Hippie Boomer Ok, Boomer

You're gonna take it all

Yeah, I know you'd like to teach the world to sing In perfect harmony Don't want to be in your tribe How can I unsubscribe I was born here, you're gonna make me a pariah? What happened to peace and love Fire reigns from above They did it first And they were even worse! Fake Hippie Boomer

Ok, Boomer

You're going to give it back

Forbidden Sails

Undo the knots, the canvas unfurls It's in your eyes Set the course for the edge of the world You'll recognize it

Forbidden sails

I hope the Gods don't recognize Near the top of the world It's going on beneath these skies

Just believe what you see

And you don't see me

Forbidden sails

I hope the cops don't recognize

You're near the top of the world

It's going on beneath these skies

Just believe what you see And you never see me

Forbidden sails I hope the angry Gods don't recognize Near the top of the world It's going on beneath these skies

Wiped Away

Oh, you know I love you so But I don't even know Where we could go from here You've got your ducks all in a row But one day all of this Will disappear

And you've got to believe And there's still time to breathe Before the tears start to rise Before you open your eyes

Before you go, just one kiss You're that little part of me I'm going to miss I'm so eclipsed, eclipsed by this But Baby, don't you know You're so ubiquitous

And there's still time to leave Don't forget just to breathe Before the storms start to rise Wipe the tears from your eyes Oh, you know I love you so But I can't even start to know Where we can go from here Everything you do Everything you say One day all of these things Will be wiped away

And you've got to believe And there's still time to breathe Before the storms start to rise Wipe the tear from your eyes

There you go

Filter It

And when this is over It's said and done I know that we can get together Whatever day, whatever weather

And you've got to believe in me I'm the one who wrote this song, after all And I guess it's just a dream That never unfolds I don't have the strength to leave Surrounded by these memories The future's the same to me Just let me go And I feel so frightened And I feel so cold and left behind

Basking in the Winter sun He dreams that he's the chosen one It's all make-believe Another fox is on the run He's got his boots and badge and gun Your complacency Someday somebody will take the place of me

And when the war is over It's said and done I hope that we can get together Whatever day, whatever weather

Homespun Centaurs

Homespun Centaurs II +

■ The Back Porch E.P. ■

■ Threeve ■

Heart of Hearts

Drive down to the lake Standing in your wake The waves pull us apart The sky is blue, is it all true? In this heart of hearts

Stranded by the shore Here forevermore Oh, Baby Blue Is it all true?

As we walk out on the pier the clouds just disappear Go down to the beach, you're just out of reach And I'm right here Tell me something good, I've got to knock on wood Because it still haunts me Do you still want me?

As we walk back to your place, I think I lost my cool It's all turned to stone, and nobody is home I'm such a fool My heart tells me I'm wise, my brain tells me it's lies And it still haunts me Do you still want me? Oh, Baby Blue All you do

Own This Town

In this heart of hearts

- It's in the books, oh I know You've got friends everywhere Everywhere you go So many bridges you're building everywhere And if they ever burn one, well They'd better take care You put out the feelers You raised the flags You even let me hold one But I'm not one to brag Look at all the good you do If it stays the same One day you're going to own this town Stamped with your name I wish I was your name What a beautiful name
- I wish I was your name

Oh, that name of yours Really gets around I'm pretty sure one day you're going to Own this town Own this town Strike the chord, give 'em Hell Put it on the marquee and Ring the bell Oh, that name of yours Really gets around I'm pretty sure one day you're gonna Own this town

Own this town

Silver and Gold

Finding stars out of sight Counting headlights in the night It took two hours to unwind Driving through the silky pines I know it's a heavy load

As we head on down the road Just forget what you've been told The sky is silver, trees are gold Oh Nicole, on my soul No one told me it's all silver and gold

The sun it shines through the trees Memories just like a breeze pass by The radio is playing songs And I'm not sure what road we're on But it's clear that it's right here

As we head on down the road Just forget what you've been sold Clouds are silver, trees are gold Oh Nicole, on my soul I've forgotten it's all silver and gold

The towns we left are out of sight Counting headlights in the night It took two hours to unwind Driving through the silky pines It's here, don't disappear

Tiny Houses

In the tiny houses the meals are fed In the tiny houses the books are read In the tiny houses with the TV lights In the tiny houses under stars at night

And you'll find me there

In the tiny houses the children sleep In the tiny houses with their souls to keep In the tiny houses the widows weep In the tiny houses with the floors to sweep

And you'll find me there

See them glowing softly over distant hills Underneath the moonlight when the night is still

And you'll find me there

Wounded Soul in Love

On a rainy day like this How can you even think of bliss? When all the happiness you miss is gone And buried so close by And if you look at the abyss And all you ever see are fists And if you call, you'll just get dissed and distanced And you could just die

Mask control Play that role Of a dove, a wounded dove A wounded soul in love

Soul in love

On a rainy day like this How could you even think of bliss? When all we ever see are clouds and mist When we look up to the sky

Mask control Play that role Of a dove, a wounded dove A wounded soul in love

Soul in love

We've lived through everything One day you're going to spread these broken wings And we will fly, we will fly Away

Did You Leave, Did You Grieve?

Did you leave, did you grieve When they left you all alone Sad and blue When the shadows came for you

Did you leave disbelieving

They could leave you all alone In the cold and gray Ah, things they just happen that way

Oh, give me peace like a fountain Down from above Peace flowing down from the mountains I'm a stranger to love

You Will Be Loved

Whenever you're here

The stars shine above

The air is so clear

You will be loved

What are we saying?

What do you know?

These games we are playing

They leave us so cold

I'd give you a fortune I'd give you the moon I'd give you everything You need so soon I can't afford a lot of things Like Summer trips and diamond rings But if I could give you anything You would be loved

The Only Thing Left in This World

The only thing that's left in this world The only thing that's left in this world

When you're lost and alone And the wolves surround you And your friends are gone And the ones that are left Just hound you And you can't go home So you try to sing Like a bird on the wing The only thing that's left in this world We'll try to fly So far away Into the sunshine Another day

The only thing that's left in this world The only thing that's left in this world

Opener

Cold winds blow through the trees

Towards an old memory

You've made the show

But you're only just an opener No one's there and no one cares If you fall, if you freeze So take a chance 'cause it's the same old dance As yesterday As yesterday

When they say stay strong While they string you along It's just the same old song As yesterday As yesterday

When it all flies by In the blink of an eye Nothing can make you cry Like yesterday Like yesterday

In My Life

Well, I know that we've been trying

Like two ships that lost their way I had a dream that you were dying You tried to speak, but you could not say

I know all about you, I've read every book about you Life goes on without you anyway

And it seems like you've been sighing Near the closing of the day When it seems like they've been vying For all the spoils, but you could not say

To know all about you, I'd read every book about you You've got that look about you anyway

Is there a dream that I could borrow? I'm fresh out of dreams today Something to get me through tomorrow And what it brings, I just can't say

I know all about you, I've read every book about you Time marches on without you anyway In my life

Dancer Legs

Dancer Legs, Dancer Legs I love you Dancer Legs Dancer Legs, Dancer Legs You're lovely, Dancer Legs

Dancer Legs, the tears we shed When you cross my heart And then you go to my head When we're together Forget about the tears that we shed Dancer Legs

Dancer Legs, the stones we bled When you cross my heart And then you go to my head When we're together You know we've got 'em All seeing red Dancer Legs Dancer Legs

Dancer Legs

Dance like nobody's watching

And everybody's watching

On Our Way

As the light slowly slipped away We found ourselves stuck outside the gates And as the night slowly crept away We took shelter in the warmth of a cave

On our way back home again On our way back home And I wonder where you are tonight

As the clouds slowly drift away We wondered if we could ever stay safe And as the tides slowly slip away We pray to God for his mercy and his grace

On our way back home today Back where we come from And I wonder where you are tonight

As the time slowly slips away We found ourselves outside the gates And as the crowds slowly turn away We realized that we just couldn't stay

On our way back home today Back where we belong And I wonder where you are tonight

Ramble

When you grow old and your hair turns gray You'll forget days like today And when you walked away An hour was like a day The birds all went astray Inside this masquerade

As I ramble past the graves The parking lots and the Circle K's The light pollution and the urban decay Cold, dead moon shines through the haze

And when you walk away Tomorrow is yesterday The faithful lose their way Your face just turns to stone

There's a place I go you'll never see To ease my aching bones Every time you walk away Every time you walk away

They tell me life is one big gamble When it all goes South it's time to ramble

Rain Parade

I would say I love you But I know you never listen anyway I know you don't believe the things I say I can try to show you But I know you don't believe the things I do You know I only do them just for you Rain Parade I would say I love you But I know you'll never hear me anyway I know you don't believe the things I say Rain Parade

The Pirate Song

The mad seas raged as the rain came down Set course for the faint light of a harbor town Found our way to a tavern as we hunkered down Raised up a pint and bought another round

12 locals out in their finest clothes Looks like they dressed up for a rodeo As the honcho shouted across a sea of red "If you mess with us, you're as good as dead"

Ran down an alley as the clock struck ten Pushed off from the dock and headed out again I haven't slept a wink since the ship set sail From that harlot port near the Black Woods Trail Poseidon and his trident must have surely known As we snuck our way through The Devil's Backbone

The waves died down and the winds don't blow Mutiny on the deck and fire down below And my heart grew cold as the First Mate said "If the winds don't come, we'll be better off dead" But the main sails swelled as the North wind's blow Gave a big heave-ho and steady as she goes

We saw Captain Cook in a pirate's cove One glass eye and a ring around his nose A pistol and a parrot and a shrunken head "If he catches you here, you'll be better off dead" So we hid behind a cliff and the keel touched ground Sent a boat to the beach to take a look around

We found some buried treasure on a sunken bed Reefs down below, sharks circle overhead Davey Jones emerged, and the crew all fled "If you don't row fast, you're as good as dead" And when we get back to that harbor town We'll live like kings until we're buried underground Buried underground

Unconscious Uncoupling

Oh, I know, on those nights when there's nobody home Shadows whisper and the cold winds blow Gotta wonder, gotta roam I guess you could say we just don't care Are you deserting me?

We didn't mean it

All of this suffering

I should have seen it

Unconscious uncoupling

You give me everything with just a little bit of sting Baby, why are you hurting me? I could have given you everything Unconscious uncoupling

And I wonder why we just don't care It's always resurfacing When I see you vanish in thin air

Oceans and fountains And castles by the sea Molehills and mountains Unconscious uncoupling

And I wonder why we just don't care When I see you vanish in thin air

Two lovers flee the scene It always feels so strange to me

You're treating me like a ghost Baby, why are you ghosting me? Disappear when I need you the most Unconscious uncoupling

Concede

I can't get it out of my head (Gotta see to believe) All the tears and all the things that were said I can't get it out of my head

I can't get it out of my heart (gotta see to believe) Though I know that it was doomed from the start I can't get it out of my heart

All the light through the trees All I touch, all I see, all I breathe All I feel, all I say, as the past fades away Haunting me

I can't get it out of my soul (gotta see to believe) All I can tell you is I just don't know But I can't get it out of my soul

Like the light through the trees All I touch, all I see, memories All I feel, all I say As the past fades away As I concede

I can't get it out of my head

Warming World

Beautiful place across the ocean Oceans of fire, feel the devotion We were raised for this ecstasy I can see your face far across the sea On a search for love and beauty In a land or ore and oil We could get together, Baby On some foreign soil I could be your boy You could be my girl We'll make the perfect soldiers In a war for a warming world

Sunlight through the curtains Awake in your bed A brand-new silken pillow Underneath your precious head Wearing brand-new dresses Woven from the finest threads A cafe on the beach Give you roses of read

On a search for love and beauty In a land or oil and ore We could get together, Baby On some distant shore You could be my boy And I could be your girl We'll make the perfect soldiers In a war for a warming world

As your body starts to tingle

You know it's begun You're being overwhelmed By an army of fun! Don't tell me this is over, Babe One and done This could last forever We've only just begun

On a search for love and beauty In a land of ore and oil We could get together, Baby On some foreign soil I could be your boy And you could be my girl We'll make the perfect soldiers In a war for a warming world

Tonight

If you stay low Won't you say hello tonight And if you sail on Sing a sweet, sweet song Until the morning light

If you stay alone Won't you say hello tonight And as we sail on We're under the same bright stars And everything's alright

We can sleep with the animals We can dream with the animals Near the streams with the animals When it seems we're the animals

If you stay low Come up and say hello tonight And as you sail on We're under the same bright stars And everything's alright

I close my eyes A new sunrise It's no surprise I close my eyes

In the Light

Fueled by coins that rattle in my case In search of love and somewhere I can show my face

An empty road goes on and on Just trying to keep these worries off my back Just one sip to ease the pain As we try to remain in the light Mercurial night as the sky falls down today The stars decay As we try to stay In the light

Buy another round and break the bread The way you're talking you could wake the dead Take this roof and hold it over my head You're such a big man now They'll love you forever

As the road goes on and on Just trying to keep these worries off my back An empty room to house my disgrace Looking for a place In the light

Take these worries off my back Take these worries off my back

The Sweet Life

Down an old brick street Two day-trippers fight the heat Sampling the charms Life's companions arm in arm You can find

Beautiful things

In the sweet life

So starry-eyed

Find a place to spend the night Living modestly You book a hotel sight unseen

You will find

True respite

In the sweet life

And you can go everywhere I go You can see all there is to see And you can know everything I know You can be everything with me Wait and see

Outside the County Fair Last Saturday Night

I saw you at the fair last Saturday night It looked like you had seen one hell of a fight And if you step through these gates with me We can forget these troubled dreams Outside the county fair last Saturday night You looked like you had seen one hell of a fright And if you step through the gates with me We can forget these troubling things Cotton candy, jellybeans Tilt-a-Whirl rides And sights to see

Outside the County Fair last Saturday night I'd tell my friends now, but it wouldn't be right

Outside the County Fair last Saturday night You looked like you had seen one hell of a fright Through the gates the crowd's a sea You can hide inside with me

Out in the parking lot last Saturday night I'd tell my friends now, but it wouldn't be right If you step through the gates with me We can forget these troubled dreams Outside the County Fair last Saturday night

Folkways

Dipping in the water late at night With the preacher's daughter in my sight We almost forgot ourselves that night

Feet against the clay

You were filled with wonder I was just a poor boy The moon was a messenger The boats were all beacons Waves hit the docks and crash against the shore

The colors were all changing Everything's strange but if feels just like my own And you were just a blank slate But I was just a poor boy Threading the needle You were like a canvas

We tried to stay In these folkways

Those were some of my favorite days

We were filled with wonder

Our hearts on the radio

You were in the moonlight

A sight for sore eyes

Like some East Texas siren

The wind was a whisperer

The woods was an orchestra

We tried not to stray

From these folkways Those were some of my favorite days

Dipping in the moonlight

A sight for sore eyes

Falter

We will falter

At the alter

Some proud angel before the fall Gets you tangled and makes you stall Lady Kharma who judges all She disarms you and makes you fall You've got the wonder, the wherewithal We're pulled asunder As angels fall You've got the thunder You've got the gall You've got the wonder, the wherewithal

It's all so brittle I just need a little place to hide

Inside these lullabies

We will falter

Against the alter We will falter Against the alter

Afterthought

Yeah, we've been down on luck And we don't need that much But we don't need you Looking down on us

As we try to bleed

Anonymous

And it's a lonely road That I've been down before Just trying to make it through these days unscathed

And the rest is just afterthoughts And at best, it's only afterthoughts On your chest, like all these afterthoughts When it's gone, gone, gone

Yeah, it's a crooked mile I've seen that road before And it's all that I can do just to get to you

And these things, they're only afterthoughts

And these dreams, they're all just afterthoughts And the time is only afterthoughts As you unwind, it's all just afterthoughts

New Friends

There's a world of gold For you to have and hold But you left nothing here for me

There's no need to wait for me back home I'm going to find some place where I belong Just to feel this once again Somewhere I can find new friends That I know In my heart and in my soul I've got a feeling in my bones That you don't love me anymore But that's your choice Isn't it?

Another place to go Where pleasantries unfold Quiet days spent in reverie

No need to wait for me back home I'm gonna find some place where I belong Just to feel this once again Maybe I could find true friends That I know In my heart and in my soul I've got a feeling in my bones That you don't need me anymore And that's your choice Isn't it?

No need to wait for me back home I'm gonna find some place where I belong And to feel this once again Somewhere I can find true friends That I know In my heart and in my soul I've got a feeling in my bones That I don't need this anymore And that's my choice Isn't it?

Tiny Little Reasons

I'd be taking it slow Everywhere I go If it wasn't for 1,2,3,4,5,6 Tiny little reasons And it's taking its toll I could let you know If it wasn't for 1,2,3,4,5,6

Tiny little reasons

I look to the sky; it slowly passes us by Things unseen and unheard; memories just like birds If I could put into words These unspoken things

Taking it slow now Everywhere I go If it wasn't for 1,2,3,4,5,6 Tiny little reasons And it's taking control Oh, I could tell you so If it wasn't for 1,2,3,4,5,6 Tiny little reasons

And I look to the sky, it slowly passes us by Just thinking out loud, memories like a cloud And it's pulling me down All your reasons, strings, and past wild things

Lay My Body Down

Late in the day as the light slips away And the streets don't make a sound Give me a bed to lay my weary head Won't you lay this body down Lay this body down

Lost in disguise under these tired eyes And the day just wears you down Kiss me good night as you turn out the lights Won't you lay this body down Lay this body down

I still love you Past the miles and miles that we've pushed through As I drift past the tracks My thoughts echo back to you On that bright day As you stand by the graves And the dirt lies on the ground Troubles will cease, we'll be released Won't you lay this body down Lay these burdens down Just lay this body down

Finding a Bridge

Finding a bridge, building a path Leaving some crumbs so you can get back Finding a door, moving a latch Leaving some twine by the tracks

It comes and it goes It ebbs and it flows So, you're in control? Well, I don't think so And if you go Where nobody knows God only knows what you'll see

Finding a bridge, building a path Adventures are fun if you can get back Turning a stone, moving a latch Living a life off the tracks

And it comes and it goes It ebbs and it flows So, you're in control? Well, I don't think so And if you go where nobody knows Promise you'll find us a key

Finding a bridge, building a path Leaving some crumbs so you can get back Turning a stone, moving a latch Pulling some yarn from the sash

And it comes and it goes It ebbs and it flows So, you're in control? Well, I don't think so And if you go where nobody knows Promise you'll come back to me

Cruelty Free

On a night so uncertain Know eventually it'll catch up to me Dusk pulls down the curtain On everything that you see Oh Lord, take the day Take these chains away

And you come on in and just sit awhile Oh, I hope what you bring Is cruelty-free

A party in the garden Dinner on the grounds Oh, what have you found? It's okay to join in Or just drift into space That was just a tease, I wish you could see your face

As you settle in, just sit awhile Oh, I hope what you bring Is cruelty-free Just take off your coat and settle down Oh, I hope what you found Cruelty-free Even if all their smiles still hide some frowns Oh, I hope what abounds Is cruelty-free

Business call after hours The demands never cease What more do you need from me? I adjourn to the flowers

To find us some peace

All these prying eyes

All I ever find

As you settle in, and you settle down Oh, I hope what you bring Is cruelty-free And then you relax, and just sit awhile Oh, I hope what you bring Is cruelty-free Days full of rigor and runarounds Oh, I hope what you've found cruelty-free We're not pretty things to be kicked around Oh, I hope what you found Is cruelty-free

Sweet Bye and Bye

They say go out and live your life Try to have fun Sign says I got a lot to give Come get some It leads you to another place The joint is jumping Sad music seeping into your veins But your heart keeps thumping Is this the truth? Is it a lie? We may never know until the Sweet By and By Bye Baby, Bye Bye Bye Baby, Bye Bye

Somewhere, another time We'll meet on a beautiful day We'll laugh about how young we were And the mistakes we made You'll tell about the places you've been I'll tell you I've been alright I'll see that twinkle in your eye For just one second on just one night

Ain't that the truth You know it's a lie Babe, we may never know Until the Sweet By and By Bye Baby, Bye Bye Bye Baby, Bye Bye

Still The Days

Sunshine on the back roads

That same small town That they sang about in all those songs A shady cove provides us with some sweet relief Summer heat melts away the grasp of their conceits Oh, how I loved you The sunlight and everything The stars above you The moonlight and everything

And if it ever came down to it And if it was up to me I'd meet you back at Stillhouse Lake And we could say These are the days

Oh, how I loved you The sunlight and everything These stars above you The moon on the waves and everything

And if it ever came down to it And if it was up to me I'd meet you back again at Murvaul Lake And we could say These are the days Still the days

Oh, how I loved you and the stars above you Oh, how they absolve you The moonlight dissolves you Into everything

Worn Out Shoes

You said you loved me for the first time So scared that I might go away Gliding down the avenues Slipping in these worn-out shoes You've got the tools to take these blues away

You said you loved me from the first time You tried to spare me all your pain Sliding through the avenues Slipping in these worn-out shoes You brought good news to take these blues away

Down The Drain

You said this world just needs a frame And this place just needs a name And it wasn't for these past days Burning scars across my face All insane, all the same

You said this world just needs more highs To balance out all these goodbyes And if it wasn't for these past years Painting circles around my eyes All the same, all the same

And it's all over before we realize

Those Lovely Days

And when I think of those younger days Catching Summer rays under skies of blue Those lovely days I spent with you

And we used to run through the summer haze In those younger days when it all was brand-new Those lovely days

And things have changed in so many ways So many things we thought we outgrew Those lovely days I spent with you

• An Encore •

\circ Honorable Mentions \circ

Ready, Set

I'll tell you what you need They'll tell you what to get They'll tell you when to bleed They'll tell you Ready, Set

(in this foolish heart)
I hear your voice inside my head
(wounded from the start)
Saying "hey Baby, can I ask to be forgiven?
What's the use in crying
Over what hasn't happened yet?
Just prepare to jump when the tell you
Ready, Set

They'll tell you that it's here They'll tell you that you're late They'll tell you "Get in gear" They'll tell you "Hurry up and wait" I'll tell you what you need They'll tell you what you get They'll tell you when to breathe They'll tell you Ready, Set

(In this heart of mine) I hear your voice inside my head (Gleaming out of time) Saying "hey Baby, could I ask to be forgiven?" What's the use in crying Over what hasn't happened yet? Just prepare to jump when they tell you Ready, Set

They Don't Know

Is that your letter Your thoughts that were read? Dark, hidden lies On which you were fed Oh, sweet angel Don't be misled If he turns the key That goes to your bed And it's here in my heart Where these feelings start See pictures Converse with the dead But don't let it get To your pretty head "Ah, just let it go" That's what they'll say, But they don't know

Walk out in the snow"

"Walk out in the street,

That's what they'll say,

But they don't know

"It's all complete

It's all sweet and low" That's what they'll say, but they don't know

Then she cried,

"Nothing will ever be right" "Walk out in the street Step out in the snow" That's what they'll say, But they don't know

"It's all at your feet, You're in control" That's what they'll say, But they don't know "Step out in the sleet Out in the snow" That's what they'll say, But they don't know

"Get lost in the beat The ebb and the flow" That's what they'll say, But they don't know "Walk out in the street Walk out in the snow" That's what they'll say, But they don't know They don't know They don't know "Walk out in the sleet Walk out in the snow" That's what they'll say, But they don't know

Then she cried, "Nothing will ever be right" "Walk out in the street Walk out in the snow" That's what they'll say, But they don't know