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# STORIES, LIES & LEGENDS | VOL II

## Michael McDermott

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### DISC 1 | SONG LIST

Better Angels  
Sundays Always Make Me a Little Sad  
Let You Down  
Secret War  
Whole Lot Better  
Draggin' Me Down  
Who Among Us  
A Kind of Darkness  
Broken Hand and A Broken Heart  
Bedlam  
Heist  
Off The Streets  
The First Thing About Love  
Rocking Chair  
I'll Tell Her When I Land  
Thick Of Thin Things  
So Sad To See You Go  
Juliet's Balcony

### DISC 2 | SONG LIST

Drinkin' Songs  
The Illinois Central  
Take It as It Comes  
Now You Know  
Double Wide  
We're Gonna Get Married  
A Long Time  
The Night Before Last  
Roadside Cross  
Perfectly Imperfect  
5 Dollar Whore  
Wagon Wheel Town  
Lost Along the Way  
Reverse  
The Only Way Out Is Through  
Maybe Come Tomorrow  
Just Not Tonite  
Where Does the Time Go

### DISC 3 | SONG LIST

Kung Fu Videos  
Novena  
Hard To Break | Featuring Heather Lynne Horton  
Broken Wing  
Oscar  
If I Were a Painter  
Joe  
Taste Of Love  
The Wrong Side of The Head  
Therapy  
The Lazy Part of The Afternoon  
Over Before It Even Began  
Motel Bed  
The Invitation to The Hanging  
My Monkey Is Gone  
Tired  
Twice The Man  
Ashtrays, Bottles, Banter and Booze

### DISC 4 | SONG LIST

Six On The Out  
Bandana and a Cigarette  
Something To Believe  
Hell of a Run  
Ace In the Hole  
Orphan Song  
Meet Me Halfway  
I Believe a Better Day  
Just A Bridge Too Far  
Fears, Mirrors and Souvenirs  
Long Way Down  
Upside Down  
The Rain Always Makes Me  
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2010	Secret War	1	4
2005	Whole Lot Better	1	5
1997	Draggin' Me Down	1	6
2020	Who Among Us	1	7
2006	A Kind of Darkness	1	8
2007	Broken Hand and A Broken Heart	1	9
1997	Bedlam	1	10
2001	Heist	1	11
2007	Off The Streets	1	12
2006	The First Thing About Love	1	13
2005	Rocking Chair	1	14
2008	I'll Tell Her When I Land	1	15
1999	Thick Of Thin Things	1	16
2019	So Sad To See You Go	1	17
2019	Juliet's Balcony	1	18
2015	Drinkin' Songs	2	1
2019	The Illinois Central	2	2
2019	Take It as It Comes	2	3
2014	Now You Know	2	4
2019	Double Wide	2	5
2009	We're Gonna Get Married	2	6
2019	A Long Time	2	7
2017	The Night Before Last	2	8
2022	Roadside Cross	2	9
2005	Perfectly Imperfect	2	10
2010	5 Dollar Whore	2	11
2021	Wagon Wheel Town	2	12
2019	Lost Along the Way	2	13
2005	Reverse	2	14
2020	The Only Way Out Is Through	2	15
2019	Maybe Come Tomorrow	2	16
2013	Just Not Tonite	2	17
2019	Where Does the Time Go	2	18

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1997	Kung Fu Videos	3	1
2010	Novena	3	2
2018	Hard To Break	3	3
1995	Broken Wing	3	4
1997	Oscar	3	5
2008	If I Were a Painter	3	6
1990	Joe	3	7
2001	Taste Of Love	3	8
1997	The Wrong Side of The Head	3	9
2022	Therapy	3	10
2019	The Lazy Part of The Afternoon	3	11
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2007	Twice The Man	3	17
1998	Ashtrays, Bottles, Banter and Booze	3	18
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2021	Upside Down	4	12
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2001	The Saddest Girl	4	14
2020	Reverse 2	4	15
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2006	One Question	4	17
1991	Goodnight Sleep Tight	4	18

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2006	A Kind of Darkness	1	8
2019	A Long Time	2	7
2021	Ace In the Hole	4	5
1998	Ashtrays, Bottles, Banter and Booze	3	18
2019	Bandana and a Cigarette	4	2
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2019	Better Angels	1	1
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1990	Joe	3	7
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| 18 | Juliet's Balcony                    | 2019 |

## BETTER ANGELS

It started out down in Montgomery  
back in 1955  
16th street up in Birmingham  
Some were lucky to be alive  
You see many men will rise  
And many are sure to fall...but  
It might be right before your eyes  
When your backs up against the wall

You better trust your better angels  
If you know what's good for you  
Trust your better angels  
Before the floor falls through

Coming down from the mountain  
I was spinning like Ezekiel's wheel  
The servants haunted homily  
It beckoned me to feel  
The prayers I can't recall  
The times I reached for you  
There's a moment right before you fall  
When you wish that it weren't true

You better trust your better angels  
In the dark night of the soul  
Trust your better angels  
Before you lose control

Oh this city's skyline  
It longs for my embrace  
I'm a shadow in the nighttime  
With these steps I can't retrace  
Flickering like an ember  
Locked behind your gate  
You're all I ever wanted

I'd driven into a ditch somewhere in  
Taos New Mexico  
Two Native American men  
Appeared from the fallen snow  
It could have been a dream I guess  
But I knew that it was true  
I still think about it to this day  
When there's nothing you can do

You better trust your better angels  
When they come knocking at your door  
Trust your better angels when you can't take  
anymore  
How far is Kansas City  
He spoke, as I woke from a dream  
Between the sorrow and the pity  
We were on the road to Abilene  
I asked if we were bound for salvation  
He smiled and said, "Perhaps"  
Looks like we're in for some nasty weather and the  
Wind blew away the maps

You better trust your better angels  
You might just be surprised  
Trust your better angels  
It might keep you alive  
You better trust your better angels  
If you know what's good for you  
Trust your better angels  
Before the floor falls through  
You better  
You better  
You better

## SUNDAYS ALWAYS MAKE ME A LITTLE SAD

I'm not quite sure what it is  
That gets me feeling like this  
Can't seem to shake this emotional ache  
Always sets me adrift  
The highs and the lows  
They come and they go  
Like a blade to your back  
When you're under attack  
Always sinking below  
Saturday night, everything's alright  
Monday's a bit of a drag  
Sunday's always make me a little sad

You see I used to go to church  
For me, it just didn't work  
Tried to be near it  
I was chasing a spirit  
With a heart full of hurt  
What I found instead  
A part of me that was dead  
So I cut it loose from this hangman's noose  
Hangin' here in my head  
Church bells are all ringing out  
For all we never had  
Sundays always make me a little sad  
The tears of this clown are falling down  
I ain't no Boomtown Rat  
Sundays always make me a little sad

I've been down here before  
They got my name at the door  
I was chasing a cloud  
Trying to figure it out  
Why I'm here on the floor  
I know it will pass  
How long will it last  
I was under the gun at 100 to 1  
Breaking free from the pack  
It's a long road always wondering  
Just who it is I am  
Sundays always make me a little sad  
Now the tears of this clown are around me now  
I ain't no Boomtown Rat  
Sundays always  
make me a little sad  
Why do Sundays always make me a little sad?

## LET YOU DOWN

I tried to get it right  
But it always comes out wrong  
I'd deliver you the night  
You said you wanted the dawn  
You wanted a rainbow  
I only had a box of rain  
I brought you a spark  
You wanted the flame  
All I ever wanted  
was to be a hero for your love  
To pull you straight to safety  
When the night was falling from above  
I'd keep and I'd protect you  
When danger was all around  
I don't know why it feels like I  
Just always let you down

You wanted the sun  
I brought you the moon  
You wanted to run  
I rented us a room  
I wanted to be your hero  
Now I feel just like a fool  
Feeling a little less than zero  
When I get that look from you  
I wish that there was something that we could  
somehow remedy  
I'm getting pretty tired of these accusations aimed  
at me  
I know I don't deserve it  
Whenever you're around  
I don't know why, it seems like I  
Just always let you down

There's only so much I can take  
Only so much I can do...but  
I remember the way you looked at me  
Sometimes it gets so hard to look at you

I just can't explain it  
How this came to be  
It seems that there's a million miles  
Between you and me

I don't know how it happened  
How we got so far off track  
I hear the sound of laughing  
When you stab me in the back

I'm not much of a villain babe  
And these hero clothes don't suit me well  
I'm sorry for the mess I made  
I'm sure you'll make me pay in hell  
I'm a fool for your love its true  
If you'd bequeath my crown  
I don't know why it feels like I  
Just always let you down

I don't know why it seems like I just always let you  
down



## SECRET WAR

So damned tired, so damned weak  
Can't seem to hold on to what I wish to keep  
My heart is restless and I'm feeling used  
Hate to say helpless, but it feels I'm bound to lose  
My soul has got a sickness that I can't overcome  
There's a secret war I'm fighting and it's got me on the run

I got a problem, that I don't talk about  
"My flag is burning" I heard my soldier shout  
I speak in tongue, I slip on rhyme  
Was I a fool to think that your love was mine  
I'm filled with fear and poison  
Just beneath my skin  
It's a secret war I'm fighting  
One that feels I'll never win

My enemies are seeking my surrender

Stuck in my memory of how things used to be  
One man's mutiny has cast me out to sea  
There's a darkness in my eyes I've never seen before  
I can't even recognize who I am anymore  
There's a hard rain a falling and it's only just begun  
There's a secret war I'm fighting and it's got me on the run  
There's a secret war I'm fighting, and it's got me on the run

## WHOLE LOT BETTER

I painted a sunset skyline with all the colors  
I'd see in your hair  
I take whiskey over fine wine, love the way  
that your scent it lingers in the air  
and I'm slipping and sliding babe,  
and I stumble all along the way  
But I'm a whole lot better than I was yesterday

This tired town is haunting like the ghosts  
I swear I see in every bar  
One-way roads are daunting  
I got a little faith in the backseat of my car  
and I'm not the man I once knew,  
But I'm not quite yet the man I seek  
But I'm a whole lot better than I was last week

Yeah, I'm wicked and I'm willing,  
so many things babe we've been killing  
And I'm hungry and I'm haggard,  
but all I want is to have you near  
And I'm looking for a reason  
through this treachery and treason  
but I'm a whole lot better than I was last year

In the wind I hear wishes whisper,  
in these rooms I sense a longing for the past  
In the morning the desperate linger,  
wishing that the night would forever last  
The gates around us are falling now,  
I see a lion laying down by a lamb  
But I'm a whole lot better, at least I say I am

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## **DRAGGIN' ME DOWN**

I got my dream girl  
Do I want it?  
I got a house girl  
Come on and haunt it  
It's in a kingdom  
Yeah, It's all vacant  
I got a heart girl  
Come on, take it  
Rumors spreading all over the town  
This girl's just draggin' me down

Let me tell ya  
I've been waiting  
Lord, I don't know  
I've been waiting so long for  
God knows what to show  
I've been around  
Coast to coast  
I've destroyed some things  
I think I needed most  
Distressed Jesters is what I've been crowned  
Cuz these things keep draggin' me down

Maybe it's time  
I pick up and move  
Maybe I'll go and write a song  
With a funky groove  
Maybe I'll write a novel  
Or star in a tv show  
Maybe I'll run for Senate  
Make up everything I don't know  
Maybe I'll just be a wayward clown  
Man, these scenes keep draggin' me down

## WHO AMONG US

William told me his story  
Of war and peace  
He said, "There's very little glory  
When you're taming the beast"  
From the hills of West Virginia  
He made it here  
He said, "If you got it in you,  
You'd best beware"  
Now I'm just trying to make it through the day

Who among us hasn't felt this way?  
Sing Hallelujah  
Who among us, hasn't felt this way?

She said, "You can't tell me how to feel  
You might think it's crazy, but to me it's real"  
I felt a little guilty, I knew she was right  
I didn't think it hit me until she was out of sight  
She said, "I'll be fine on my own"

Who among us, hasn't felt alone  
But I'm saying  
Who among us, hasn't felt alone

Riding in the country,  
Beneath the purple sky  
For the last several miles  
I've been wondering why  
Why it always feels like this  
Why it won't let me be  
For here I feel a darkness  
Inside of me  
Man, this whole life seems so absurd

Who among us, hasn't hurt  
Sing Hallelujah  
Who among us, hasn't hurt  
That's what I'm saying  
Who among us, doesn't feel alone  
Who among us, hasn't felt this way  
Sing Hallelujah

## A KIND OF DARKNESS

The streetlights line like soldiers, can't show you anything  
There's a weight here on your shoulders  
There's a song you just can't sing  
There's a hunger in your heart  
There's a prayer you just can't seem to pray  
Hell, winds whisper wistfully at midnight  
Do you feel like you're sinking like a stone  
Cuz this is a kind of darkness that you've never known

The form of the city implores you  
The damp and the turf are cruel  
You light a fire to illuminate the nighttime skies  
But your soul's run out of fuel  
Why does your faith abandon you  
Why do your hopes and dreams fade away  
Cuz your hunger has a hunger that's insatiable  
Now you know that you're on your own  
For this is a kind of darkness that you've never known

I kicked around this town my whole life  
Building bridges to watch them burn  
You can't get to where you wanna go  
I suppose I'll never learn  
Cuz I find myself a stumblin'  
Stumbling on the very stones that I've laid  
Cuz my weakness has a hunger that's insatiable  
But I know it's never too late to atone  
For this is a kind of darkness  
Yeah, this is a kind of darkness  
Yeah, this is a kind of darkness, and it feels like home

## **BROKEN HAND AND A BROKEN HEART**

I'm not sure where to begin my friend  
Not sure where to start  
Woke up one day in a haze  
With a broken hand and a broken heart  
Was five sheets to the wind that night  
And a head full of nothing to lose  
Not sure why I like to fight  
With a belly full of booze  
'Twas the night I thought I might propose  
If the moment struck me right  
She was in a pissy mood I suppose  
And my barks worse than my bite

I'm so tired of talking about it  
Oh the night it all fell apart  
I fucked it up now I'm stuck with a broken hand a broken heart

I should've never been talking like that, especially to you  
Those guys came to our table I guess I kinda lost my cool  
Them boys whipped the tar out of me and I had it coming I guess  
I thought that love could set you free but to me it's just a mess

I'm so tired of talking about it  
Oh the night it all fell apart  
I'll confess this is an S.O.S with a broken hand and a broken heart  
With a broken hand and a broken heart

Its quarter to three and I ain't sleeping  
There's nothing in the fridge to drink  
I've only got two cigarettes left and too much time to think

I don't blame ya for walking away  
And not returning my calls  
Maybe it's for the best as they say  
But you got me climbing the walls

I'm so tired of talking about it  
Oh the night it all fell apart  
Shall we begin this tailspin with a broken hand and a broken heart  
With a broken hand and a broken heart  
With a broken hand and a broken heart

## BEDLAM

I made it down to Texas  
With just 100 dollars cash  
Things looked bright near the border  
I should have known they wouldn't last  
I climbed those walls like I said I would  
I swear I did  
Now I'm counting these empty promises  
That I won't soon forget

So I reread your letter  
The final one you sent  
You said, "Beware of thine own self"  
I should have known just what you meant  
Two black riders across the field  
Were approaching slow  
I was caught in a Delta night  
With nowhere to go

I found my way to Bedlam  
Things seemed somewhat intact  
I found my way to Belam  
I just can't seem to find my way back

Maybe I've forgotten  
How this whole thing began  
The evening fell like curtains  
A stranger took my hand  
I was on the trail of something  
I could have never known  
Each step it took me further still  
How directionless I've grown  
Then the lights went down  
On this border town near Durango  
Along the way  
I picked up every  
Seed I could strangle  
On the reservation there I dreamt of you  
Hardening your heart  
Was the only thing I knew

I found my way to Bedlam  
Things seemed somewhat intact  
I found my way to Bedlam  
But I just can't seem to find my way  
Through these fields of longing  
At the end of this dusty track

I found my way to Bedlam  
But I just can't seem to find my way back

From the desert to the river  
From the scripture to the street  
All the things I couldn't deliver  
Has left me in perpetual retreat  
These hallways seem like gangways  
These hotels seem like tombs  
I swear I can remember every dance you did  
Walking naked across your room  
While I laid in sweat still ripe with gloom  
Shadows in the curtains of your room  
Playing tricks with the moon, I'm lost here

I can't recall just how I got here  
How the whole thing has transpired  
Just a string of disappointments  
Then frustration caught on fire  
I wonder where this thing will lead  
Or if it will turn  
Or will this fire keep on raging  
Until there's nothing left to burn

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## HEIST

When nobody was looking you walked in and didn't leave a fingerprint  
And all the scumbags you call friends each one told me that they knew not where you went  
In between the drops of rain you walked into the great unknown  
To the ground that once was sacred and you turned it into stone  
But I swear I'm gonna tear your temple down

There were nights I'd have sworn I was hot on your trail  
Other nights when my frustration got my ass thrown in jail  
Lately my defenses have come under attack  
But you stole my heart and I want it back.

And your perfume it still lingered in the air of rooms you'd left minutes before  
And I'm going straight out of my mind with that relentless raven rapping on my door  
I wish that you'd have left me a clue or some kind of trace  
Cuz that photo booth snapshot of the side of your face  
Is all that I have left to pull me through

I been waiting on the thunder I been waiting on the rain  
Waiting for the whistle of your lonesome train  
Lately my defenses have come under attack  
But you stole my heart and I want it back.

From Calabasas 'cross to Charlotte I worked everywhere for no more than a week  
And I've been alone for so long now I still get startled every time I start to speak.  
And one of these days in one of these nameless towns  
I see you sitting at the bar with one of your nameless clowns,  
And I'll tell 'em the same things I'm telling you

There were nights when I'd have sworn I was hot on your trail  
Other nights when my frustration got my ass thrown in jail  
Lately my defenses have come under attack  
But you stole my heart and I want it back.

Yes, you stole my heart and I want it back



## OFF THE STREETS

Strike the sands  
All the world's a cage  
And the players come  
On wings of rage  
If you never lost  
Then you never gain  
And the silent will soon be singing once again

And it's off the mark  
And it's on the page  
And it's off the streets  
And it's on the stage

Yeah the curtain falls  
And the lights go down  
The winds applause  
In this horseless town

Yeah, the jester comes  
Like a moonbeam dance  
Yeah we're on the run,  
This might be our last chance

When you're off the mark  
Yeah you're on the page  
And you're off the streets  
And you're on the stage

## THE FIRST THING ABOUT LOVE

Climbing off this crooked carousel  
Outside a dried up wishing well  
Casting pennies to where the angels dwell  
With a head full of hurt, I couldn't quell  
Time just crawls when your heart feels low  
In this garden nothing seems to grow  
I don't know the first thing about love

I always laugh whenever I start crying  
I swear I want to live, But it feels like I'm dying  
I'm just a lamb acting like a lion  
I keep falling down, but I'll keep on trying  
I've been down this way before  
Fighting against this undertow  
I don't know the first thing about love

I'm not much of a brother or a son  
I'm not much of a friend to anyone

I think I'll go down to Louisville  
To see if she, if she loves me still  
If she does, then maybe I will  
Finally overcome, what I couldn't kill  
I'm watching the mighty river flow  
Babe I know now I need you so  
I don't know the first thing about love

## ROCKING CHAIR

Sammy ain't no orphan  
She tells everybody that she is  
She's from somewhere in Idaho  
Her best friend is a one-armed girl named Liz  
Little Oral Annie, sat in the back booth with Billy the Kid  
Her head kept disappearing, but everybody knew just what she did  
Billy swore to me that he loved her  
He said, "No woman could compare"  
We knew what his smile was for  
When she went down at the Rocking Chair

He said, "Cast your troubles away boy  
Cast your troubles away"  
People come from far and near  
To be at the Rocking Chair

Gracie was a barmaid  
Her husband Freddie picks her up at two  
He said he had a tattoo from Vietnam  
Gracie's war paint seemed to stick like glue  
There's not a single barstool  
Rocking chairs lined up at the bar  
The bar is only two feet high  
Gracie's got a smile like broken bottle scar

She says "Cast your troubles away boy  
Cast your troubles away"  
Have a laugh or shed a tear  
Down at the Rocking Chair

My father is the owner  
He opened this place in 1974  
Even dear mother works here  
Me and my brother Ray we sweep the floor  
The cops are putting the squeeze on us  
Their trying to settle a score  
Me I'm moving to the west coast  
I can't stick around this little town no more

Cast your troubles away boy  
Cast your troubles away  
Things go from bad to worse to clear  
Down at the Rocking Chair  
Cast your troubles away boy  
Cast your troubles away  
With a laugh or drink or tear  
Down at the Rocking Chair

## I'LL TELL HER WHEN I LAND

'Twas a beautiful day here in 15A  
As we taxied out to the runway  
Yeah, westbound I was, I'd been strung out on love,  
I knew that it would come to this someday  
And I didn't sleep last night,  
I waited 'til you turned out the light,  
I grabbed a few things and I ran  
I been down on my luck, and every door seemed shut,  
I'll have to tell her when I land

The woman in 15B asked for honey with her tea,  
Somewhere out over Missouri  
And I took off my hat, and we started to chat,  
She asked why I seemed so worried  
And I told her of a tale of a love that had failed  
And how I wished I was a different man  
Lord what a mess that I've made  
With this hand that I've played,  
I'll have to tell her when I land

Rocky mountain way,  
I recall the day that we met down at Jilly's bar  
She moved like a dream and I tried not to scream  
When she closed my hand in the door of her car  
Descending over LA, I think of what I might say,  
Cuz I know she did nothing wrong  
She was patient and kind and she didn't seem to mind  
I tried to make a living with a song  
Should have made her breakfast in bed,  
Maybe stayed home instead, these things I don't understand

I don't think I even tried and I never should have lied,  
I swear I'll tell her when I land  
Swear I'll tell her when I land  
Swear I'll tell her when I land

## THICK OF THIN THINGS

Has everything you loved  
Turned into stone  
When your surrounded by friends  
Do you still feel alone  
Down a perfect path  
You can find a mistake  
All the things that you've built  
Are all the things that you break  
Is every cloud you see is it lined  
With silver or gray  
Is all you've longed to be  
Long slipped away  
Are the gifts that you've given  
All covered in rust  
The dreams that you had  
All covered in dust

St. Anthony please look around  
I've lost my love on this side of town  
Lately there's been a shortage of wings  
When you're down on your luck  
In the thick of thin things  
Yeah Yeah Yeah, it's gonna be alright

Is your soul just hungover  
Do you still feel the effects  
Of the turbulent and tattered souls  
Your heart still collects  
Can you comprehend what you once understood  
Do you do what you want  
Do you do what you should

St. Anthony please look around  
I've lost my love on this side of town  
Lately there's been a shortage of wings  
When you're down on your luck  
In the thick of thin things  
Yeah Yeah Yeah, it's gonna be alright  
Yeah, my mama said, "It's gonna be alright"

What is it that you wish for  
When you wish upon a star  
Is it the person that you wanted  
Or the one that you are  
Are the roads that you travel  
Familiar at all  
Do you feel like a loser  
Every time that you fall  
Are the faces that you see  
Friendly and wise  
Are the secrets that you hear  
Just telling you lies  
Is there anyone you know  
That really knows you  
Or is it just the disguises  
That you let them view

St. Anthony please look around  
I've lost my love on this side of town  
Lately there's been a shortage of wings  
When you're down on your luck  
In the thick of thin things  
Yeah, my mama said, "It's gonna be alright"  
Yeah, my mama said, "It's gonna be alright"

## SO SAD TO SEE YOU GO

Word came down the line  
They said that you were gone  
Memories they flood my mind  
Like the sweet damp of the dawn  
The dye it has been cast  
Now nothing will be the same  
How long will these feelings last  
How long will these wounds remain  
Maybe on the morrow  
I'll see your footprints in the snow  
I will carry this sorrow  
It's so sad to see you go

You lived life on the wire  
You wanted it that way  
You could set the night on fire  
Bring darkness to the day  
I knew there was some trouble  
I thought you had under control  
How I hated to see you struggle  
It's so sad to see you go

I guess I don't know why  
You couldn't stick around  
As much as I ask why  
There are no answers to be found  
I wish I could have told you  
Just how much I love you so  
Now this world has turned so cold  
It's so sad to see you go  
It's so sad to see you go

## JULIET'S BALCONY

I'd been carrying a heavy load  
I'm kinda like a one man show  
I've traveled a many darkened road  
Even when I couldn't see  
I've been chasing an elusive dream  
That never seems to notice me  
It's like I'm caught down in between  
Who I am and wanna be  
I ain't got a fancy car  
I ain't never seen a shooting star  
Babe I know who you are  
You're the one for me  
You're the one I'm dreaming of  
I'll be an outlaw for your love  
Come and meet me tonight  
Beneath Juliet's balcony

I got me a troubled heart  
It's been that way from the start  
Everything always falls apart  
When I need it the most  
The bars are all closing down  
I've been searching all over town  
You're the best thing that I've found  
Ain't nothing even come close  
Some people say I'm like my dad  
Most times I get to feeling sad  
You're the best thing I've had  
Baby can't you see  
This world can be a cold hard place  
How I long for to see your face  
Would you meet me tonight  
Beneath Juliet's Balcony

I ain't got a fancy car  
Hell, I ain't ever seen a shooting star  
But babe I know who you are  
You're the one for me  
We're living in troubled times  
Lots of people getting left behind  
Come find me tonight  
Beneath Juliet's Balcony



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## DRINKIN' SONGS

My Daddy was no simple man  
In 81' he even saw the Stones  
When mama left, the only song he seemed to play  
"The King Is Gone" by the great George Jones

Me I've been left here a time or two  
At times it seemed the end was near  
But the only thing that ever got me through  
Was "One Bourbon One Scotch and One Beer"

We were strangers now we're brothers  
Drain your glass and let's have another...

As long as there's guitars and hearts done wrong  
We'll be playing and singing drinking songs  
Late night bars, and feelings running strong  
We'll be playing and singing drinking' songs  
Come on Come on Come on, we need them drinking songs

People tell you what to do  
They love to tell you when you're down  
I see a light in you that's better than  
"Whiskey Bent and Hell Bound"  
Maybe you're all alone tonight  
The world is got you feeling low  
I promise you babe we got you covered  
How about a "Six Pack To Go"

We were strangers, now we're lovers  
Drain your glass and let's have another

As long as there's guitars and hearts done wrong  
We'll be playing and singing drinking songs  
Playing in the jukebox all night long  
We'll be laughing and singing drinking' songs  
Come on Come on Come on, we love them drinking songs

So raise your glass and sing along  
We'll be laughing and playing drinking songs  
Late night bars and feelings running strong  
We'll be laughing and singing drinking songs

Come on Come on Come on, pretty babe  
Come on Come on Come on, don't say maybe  
Come on Come on Come on, we need them drinking songs

## THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL

It started out in Old Monroe  
With Crescent City Dreams  
I was dressed up for destruction on the way  
To New Orleans  
She was working in a county bar  
Just off the Interstate  
She took me back to her place out by  
Black Bayou Lake

Oh The Illinois Central  
will be coming soon  
Riding through the wasteland  
Neath a Mississippi moon  
I can still smell the flowers  
She had hanging in her room  
Well The Illinois Central

Driving on those backroads  
When our hearts were still intact  
I had one hand on the wheel  
She had one hand on my lap  
I was just too restless  
On the night I tore her dress  
I wish I could remember what I said  
The night I left

Oh The Illinois Central  
will be coming soon  
Driving through the Heartland  
Neath the Old Kentucky Moon  
It started like a fire and it burst like a balloon  
Oh The Illinois Central

Yeah The Illinois Central  
It's coming right on time  
There are the things that we all carry  
There are things that we should leave behind  
But all the while and all the miles  
Yeah she was always on my mind

I loved my time in Mobile  
Until I wound up in the slam  
Memphis nearly killed me  
I dried out in Effingham  
She found me in Chicago  
Said she's coming for to see  
If there's any spark or love left  
Between her and me

Oh The Illinois Central  
What's taking you so long...  
I'll be standing at the station  
Like in some old country song  
All I ever wanted  
Always seems to turn out wrong  
For The Illinois Central

She said that she was coming  
10 o'clock on platform 2  
I'm standing here wondering  
If it's the right thing to do  
So I turned around and walked away and  
Grabbed a cab back home  
Chalk it up to fate and say,  
"I guess we'll never know"

The Illinois Central  
I think it's for the best  
I remember that soft moonlight  
Just watching you undress  
Let's remember the good times  
And forget about the rest  
The Illinois Central

The Illinois Central

## TAKE IT AS IT COMES

Don't worry baby  
There's no need to run  
I'll be with you every step of the way  
Let's take it as it comes

When the night gets heavy  
And you're coming undone  
I'll be waiting in this beat up Chevy  
Let's take it as it comes

Let's go for a ride  
Things seem a little crazy  
Everything is gonna be alright  
When I say, "I love you babe"

Mama always told me  
She said, "Listen here son  
When you get to feel a little lonely  
Just take it as it comes  
Just step to the side  
When the trouble is headed your way  
Cause I'll be right by your side  
Baby come what may"

When you're fraught with frustration  
When your heart's feeling numb  
Take some time for contemplation  
And take it as it comes

When you need some surrender  
When the day is done  
Babe, I want you to remember  
To take it as it comes

Let's go for a ride  
Things seem a little crazy  
Everything is gonna be alright  
When you say, "I love you babe"

So don't worry baby  
There's no need to run  
I'll be with you every step of the way  
Let's take it as it comes

## NOW YOU KNOW

There's something I've been meaning to tell you  
There's something I've been meaning to say...hey hey  
It seems I get into trouble  
Every time, my heart gets in the way...hey hey

You came in looking like sunshine  
I rambled round right as rain  
Feels like a head full of moonshine  
At the mere mention of your name...hey hey

Hell I think you've always known it  
I think it's time that I told you so

Hey baby, I love you girl, and now you know  
Hey baby, I love you girl, and now you know

Mama never got to meet you  
Babe she would have loved you to death, oh yes  
Honey I know she'd beseech you  
"Around his heart," she'd say, "You better watch your step  
You might think it's made of armor  
It's just a rose beneath the snow"

Hey baby, be careful girl, and now you know  
Hey baby, be careful girl, and now you know

I'm sorry for the nights I was playing the fool  
I'm sorry for the days I was callous and cruel  
I'm sorry for all of the times that, that I hurt you so  
And babe and now you know

Best things in life don't come easy  
The best things are so hard to find...oh yeah  
But honey I want you to believe me  
When I say I'll be a big deal girl, in just a matter of time  
I'm tired of dancing around it  
Tonight I wanna take you home and say

Hey baby I love you girl, and now you know  
Hey baby I love you girl, and now you know  
And you'll say, "Hey baby, I love you boy and now you know"

## DOUBLE WIDE

Sally said, "There's no use in talkin'  
There's nothing left to say anyway"  
I said, "I guess you know I've been calling"  
And then she turned and walked the other way  
I didn't know just how to tell her  
That I knew the blame was all on me  
I caught up to her at the corner  
I said, "Sally, what you're failing to see..."

You've been on my mind  
Baby, what you doing tonight?  
I think it's time  
Time for me, to make it right  
Leave it all behind  
Stay up until the break of light  
Side by side  
Hand in hand, in my double wide"

She said, "I don't know if I can believe you  
You always seem to know just what to say"  
I said, "Sally I'd never deceive you,  
I'm sorry about what happened that day"  
She said, "I'm wary of a man, who can't  
understand  
and doesn't know what to believe"  
She said, "I gotta go"  
I said, "Sally, you should know  
That you're the color in my dreams...  
You've been on my mind  
Baby, what you doing tonight?"

I think it's time  
Time for me, to make it right  
Leave it all behind  
Stay up until the break of light  
Side by side  
Hand in hand, in my double wide  
Now is there enough magic in the moonlight  
Enough to light your way back to me?"

She stood there and she started laughin'  
I asked, "Did I say something wrong?"  
She shook her head and said,  
"Babe, talking to you, it's like I'm livin' in a  
song"  
I said, "Yeah, I got a penchant for mayhem, and  
I got a predilection for love...  
It don't matter none, cuz I know you're the one  
The one that I've been dreaming of"

"You've been on my mind  
Baby, what you doing tonight?  
I think it's time  
Time for me, to make it right  
Leave it all behind  
Stay up until the break of light  
Side by side  
Hand in hand, in my double wide  
You and me, in my double wide  
Fallin' in love, in my double wide"

## WE'RE GONNA GET MARRIED

Hey ho' and away we go  
I got you gal and I love you so  
Inside and out, above, below  
Hey babe, we're gonna get married

I ain't got a house or car  
But I swear someday I'm gonna be a star  
I'll buy you a planet or maybe this bar  
Hey babe, we're gonna get married

Maybe come this very spring  
I'll finally get you a diamond ring  
But all I got right now are the words I sing  
Hey la, hey la, hey la we're gonna get married  
Hey la, hey la, hey la we're gonna get married

Now I could be wrong, I don't think I am  
We're gonna walk down the aisle baby hand in  
hand  
I'll pick you up when you can't stand  
Hey babe, we're gonna get married

Check it out I wanna shout  
I have not now a single doubt  
I now know what love is all about  
Hey babe, we're gonna get married

Maybe come this very spring  
I'll finally get you a diamond ring  
But all I got right now are the words I sing  
Hey la, hey la, hey la we're gonna get married  
Hey la, hey la, hey la we're gonna get married

Love is patient, love is kind  
You're kinda love just blows my mind  
You're the greatest thing anyone could find  
Hey babe, we're gonna get married

Maybe someday in Italy  
We'll be standing there  
Baby you and me  
I'll show you things that you'd never see  
Hey babe, we're gonna get married

Maybe come this very spring  
I'll finally get you a diamond ring  
But all I got right now are the words I sing  
Hey la, hey la, hey la we're gonna get married  
Hey la, hey la, hey la we're gonna get married

## A LONG TIME

It's taken such a long long time  
To find my way  
I drew me some hard hard lines  
Along the way  
No I didn't know what it was I was after  
Looking back now it's hard to say  
It's taken such a long long time  
To find my way

It's taken such a long long time  
and I'm not there yet  
I've was goin' outta my mind  
With fear and regret

It's taken such a long long time  
To find a home  
Must have gone a million miles  
On my own  
I was haunted by the ghosts  
That loved me the most  
In the darkest places ever known  
It's taken such a long long time  
To find my home

It's taken such a long long time  
To know what's true  
I was dead inside  
Until I found you

It's taken such a long long time  
To be free at last  
To let go of this worried mind  
And what has passed  
And so I stand at the edge of the water  
To this nighttime these prayers I'll cast  
It's taken such a long long time  
To be free at last

It's taken such a long long time  
To be free at last

It's taken such a long long time

## THE NIGHT BEFORE LAST

She came in holding a pistol  
When I looked back, I saw it was just her phone  
She told me that she was going out with Crystal  
and didn't know what time she'd be gettin' home  
I knew that it was over  
I knew I should leave it well enough alone  
Maybe I went too far  
Tellin' you who you are  
What's prologue is past  
'Twas the night before last

Moses he went walking  
By the harbor where the pirate ships came in  
He said "I'm not sure which is harder  
Where you're going or knowing where you've been"  
We began to barter...he looked at me and said,  
"Behold I Am Sin"  
He had booze on his breath  
There was a scent of death  
His eyes were like stained glass  
'Twas the night before last

You can get to feeling numb  
Having to overcome these struggles everyday  
It's hard not to succumb  
Completely come undone  
Turn and walk away

You see Roscoe he was restless  
Always had an unlit grit behind his ear  
Yeah you may have guessed it  
The way he dressed it always seemed the end was near  
He said, "Don't you know depression, is really just another word for fear"  
I spent a lifetime getting used  
To all of the abuse  
But the dye was cast  
The night before last



## ROADSIDE CROSS

You were wearing your summer dress  
I knew right then and I must confess  
I was gonna tell you that I love you

On our way back home, I took a wrong turn  
I should have known  
When I rolled it, I went flying above you

When the ambulance arrived  
They told me that you didn't survive  
There was really nothing more they could do

It was a beautiful night  
The stars were shining bright  
How I lost control I can't understand  
We got a little lost  
Now there's a roadside cross  
The family says it's all part of his plan  
I can't let go  
I can't make it right  
I can't let go  
Neath this lonely oak streetlight  
I can't let go  
I don't know what to do  
I can't let go  
Everything is you

I drive by it everyday  
At first I refused to pray  
Almost swallowed by my anger at him  
I know you'd want me to try  
So I drop to my knees and begin to cry  
Cause these days my faith's wearing so thin

It was a beautiful night  
The stars were shining bright  
How I lost control I can't understand  
We got a little lost  
Now all that's left is a roadside cross  
The family says it's all part of his plan  
I can't let go  
It feels I'm sinking down  
I can't let go  
On every corner of this town  
I can't let go  
And I'm tangled in blue  
I can't let go  
Everything is you

Some nights I still dream that we were wed  
Sunday mornings with our kids jumping in our bed

It was a beautiful night  
The stars were shining bright  
How I lost control I can't understand  
We got a little lost  
Now there's a roadside cross  
The family says it's all part of his plan  
I can't let go  
It feels I'm sinking down  
I can't let go  
On every corner of this town  
I can't let go  
I don't know what to do  
I can't let go  
Everything is you  
Don't Let Go

## PERFECTLY IMPERFECT

You're perfectly imperfect, you're beautifully such a star  
But when I listen to you talk, I swear I don't know who you are  
Yeah, you try to act normal, everybody knows you're so bizarre  
You're perfectly imperfect, you're beautifully such a star

You're perfectly imperfect, you're beautifully like a dream  
I hear the words you say but most times I still don't know what you mean  
There's a storm that's inside and you're more trouble than you ever seem  
You're perfectly imperfect, you're beautifully my dream

You're perfectly imperfect you're beautifully such a mess  
On the day we met I laughed cuz you had blood and whiskey on your dress  
But what runs through your mind it seems is really anybody's guess  
You're perfectly imperfect, you're beautifully such a mess

So many thoughts I'm thinking but what I'd like to know  
Is why that every day my feelings only seem to grow  
You say right now you don't want to talk about it  
You swear to me someday we're gonna laugh about it

You're perfectly imperfect, you're beautifully all mine,  
I wouldn't have gone near you, had I been right of mind  
Yeah we're always running, babe we're running out of time  
You're perfectly imperfect, you're beautifully all mine

You're perfectly imperfect, you're beautifully all mine  
You're perfectly imperfect, babe  
You're perfectly imperfect, babe  
You're perfectly imperfect, babe  
You're perfectly imperfect, babe

Hey, hey

## 5 DOLLAR WHORE

Yesterday treated me like a 5 dollar whore  
Today revenge will be mine  
I was down on my luck  
Crawlin' cross the floor  
Seeking some sort of sign  
I was living the good life, being kind to everyone  
Not like I was living before  
Some days come in and they kick you in the shin  
Treat you like a 5 dollar whore

Yesterday treated me like a 5 dollar whore  
Didn't think it was something I deserved  
The clouds moved in and the rain began to pour  
I thought, "This day's got a lot of nerve"  
The day before that I was on top of the world  
Til yesterday came rapping at my door  
Good went to bad and bad went to worse  
I was treated like a 5-dollar whore

I hate to say it like that but that's how I felt  
Can't say I've ever been one before  
When you've had it up to here...with bad luck and fear  
You're treated like a 5 dollar whore

My job really stinks for the last couple weeks  
Been working at the Biograph  
At the concession stand I'm the Candy Man  
The thought of it makes me laugh  
And I see that chair where John Dillinger  
Sat in the night the bullets tore  
Into his chest and cause that ladies red dress  
Betrayed him like a 5 dollar whore

Yesterday treated me like a 5 dollar whore  
Today I will plot my revenge  
I think that its time, we settled the score  
I don't plan to let this happen again  
I'm tired of the days and the doggonit ways  
Like when the wind blows off your Fedora  
Some days will pass and some will smack you in the ass  
And treat you like a 5 dollar whore

Do you know what I mean when you're feeling in between  
The raven whispers Nevermore  
What the hell can you do...when a day turns on you  
And treats you like a 5 dollar whore

## WAGON WHEEL TOWN

Bonnie said to Clyde, "I see you've never met  
someone like me,  
Have you boy... well, I think it's a crime  
What say, maybe you and I  
Grab our things and say goodbye  
To this place and leave it all behind  
I think we should ask the dust  
Before these wings begin to rust  
I'm so sick of everything around  
I think there will come a day  
Where maybe we can fly away  
From this place, wagon wheel town"

Roscoe's on the firing line  
He said, "I'm living on borrowed time"  
Spoken with a matchstick in his mouth  
He said, "I ain't worried about it none  
I know damn well the things I've done  
And I know now...that time is running out"  
Billy Shakes was looking weak  
you rarely ever heard him speak  
But when you did, it always seemed profound  
He said, "The things your heart will make you do  
The things that aren't even you...down here in  
Wagon Wheel Town"

I ran into to Lyndon yesterday  
Walking out of Mo's Cafe  
He was the first singer in my band  
He quit school and he joined the force  
Got two kids, and now he's divorced  
I noticed a slight trembling in his hand  
He said, "The bottle got the best of me  
She swore that she would never leave  
But man, it's such a long way down  
She packed the car with the kids one day  
Now they're living outside of Sturgeon Bay  
And I'm still in Wagon Wheel Town"

I watch you staring into space  
Shadow lines across your face  
I worry that sometimes it ain't enough  
You wonder if this is all there is  
Babe I gave you all I've got to give  
I swear to you, I'll be an outlaw for your love  
I think we should go ask the dust  
Before these wings begin to rust  
Come on babe, lets' go and drive around  
All I ever wanted to  
Was to spend all my days with you  
Down here in Wagon Wheel Town

## LOST ALONG THE WAY

It was a West Coast kinda cold  
"How in the world did we get so old"  
I looked at her and told her  
"You'll always be beautiful"

She said, "Try as I might,  
Nothing I do is going right  
I've been working day and night  
for something meaningful"

I said, "Don't worry babe  
If you get a little lost along the way  
I wish I had something more profound to say  
Don't give up on me now  
We'll find a way to make it out  
Babe I swear that it's ok  
If you get a little lost along the way"

When you're feelin' outta place  
And all your days seem such a waste  
Remember there is Grace that shines within you

When you feel far from home  
and you're feeling all alone  
Wherever you roam  
I'm always with you

I said, "Don't worry babe  
If you get a little lost along the way  
I wish I had something more profound to say  
So don't give up on me now

We'll find a way to make it out  
Babe, I swear that its ok  
If we get a little lost along the way"

All we've longed to be  
Is like a ship lost out to sea  
Babe, won't you let me be  
Be your shelter

When your heart's filled with hurt  
and this whole world feels absurd  
Remember you're worth it  
Babe you're beautiful

And when they try and put you down  
Have you wear a thorny crown  
Each beat your heart sounds  
is still my miracle

I said, "Don't worry babe  
if you get a little lost along the way"  
I wish I had something more profound to say  
Don't give up on me now  
We'll find a way to make it out  
Babe I swear, that its ok  
If we get a little lost along the way  
Babe I swear that its ok  
If we get a little lost along the way  
Darlin' come what may  
If we get a little lost along the way

## REVERSE

Now you're back and it seems such a long, long time  
Since you looked that way into these eyes of mine  
Like the dust that collects on forgotten books  
Creep around like kings and queens and crooks

With a smile that I'd almost forgotten of  
So returns that burning taste of love  
How we got here I guess God only knows  
In the darkest days so cruel arose

'Twas a time you were invincible  
You should know that I always put you first  
That your life seems so tragically beautiful  
You only move when you're going in reverse

When we were younger things were so black and white  
To each other we always held so tight  
With each passing day things just get less clear  
Never thought that your faith could turn to fear

'Twas a time when I was invincible  
Now I stumble around with such a thirst  
Does this life seem so tragically beautiful  
I only move when I'm going in reverse  
I only move when I'm going in reverse

You sure are guilty of doing the same old things  
Now I doubt that we'll ever get those rings  
It's getting late and I'm talking way too much  
Is it too late for repairs and prayers and such

'Twas a time that we were invincible  
Is there a potion perhaps that can lift this curse  
In this life so tragically beautiful  
We only move when we're going in reverse  
We only move when we're going in reverse  
We only move when we're going in reverse  
So tragically beautiful  
In this life so tragically beautiful  
In this life so tragically beautiful  
In this life so tragically beautiful

## THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THROUGH

Fallen like a leaf  
Fallen so far down beneath  
Standing next to me is somebody I once knew  
It was only in my head  
Until I looked at me and said,  
“The only way out is through”

Yeah these days things seem so uncertain  
When the night turns its back on you  
I know you’re down and I know that you’ve been hurting  
But the only way out is through

Yeah I’ve been around  
A time or two I’ve been knocked down  
St Peter said, “Your bill is way past due”  
I said, “Take it easy man, I’ll be with you when I can  
But the only way out is through”

Yeah these days things seem so uncertain  
When you don’t know what to do  
I know you’re down and I know everybody’s hurtin’  
The only way out is through

Be like a prayer  
That’s drifting on the ocean  
There you find the strength to carry on  
Through the fields of despair  
Lead to roads of salvation  
Even when your weakness is so strong

Be like the wind  
Be like the water  
Be guided by the light inside of you  
I know that these days things are getting harder  
As the only way out is through

Yeah these days things seem so uncertain  
When you don’t know what to do  
I know you’re down and I know that you’ve been hurting  
But the only way out is through  
Hey La Hey  
What you gonna do  
The only way out is through

## MAYBE COME TOMORROW

Sun Tzu spoke, he said "Burn your boat  
When your burden gets too heavy  
You gotta lighten your load"  
I'd read Buddha said, "What you think you become"  
But did he ever spend a single night on the run  
A hand stretched for love  
Can turn to a fist  
But above all else  
Please remember this

Maybe Come Tomorrow  
Things will seem different then  
Cast away your sorrow  
You will be free once again

Jesus arose, started itching his nose, said,  
"Which one of you jokers...ran off with my clothes?"  
He looked around and said, "It's a hell of a place for a bed  
Man my head it is pounding, like I've been three days dead  
I had the strangest dream" he whispered to Pete  
"I had this crown on my head, I had these holes in my feet"

Maybe come tomorrow  
Things will seem different then  
Cast away your sorrow  
You will rise up again

All of these angels around here are the same  
Yeah, they're all looking for something or someone to blame  
The Lady of The Lake...she asked me to kneel  
I asked for forgiveness  
She had a heart like a wheel

Aquinas explained, he said, "Fear not the pain  
But beware of those bitches down memory lane  
All that you love, is all that you are  
Remember that there is beauty beneath every scar  
Find the strength to endure when you're falling apart  
Fear drives compassion, straight out of the heart

Maybe come tomorrow  
Things will seem different then  
Cast away your sorrow,  
Listen to the wind  
Maybe, come tomorrow



## JUST NOT TONITE

You could tell me everything I do is wrong  
Say that I'm a liar with a song  
Go ahead and cry my love  
All that I would ask you of  
Babe, just not tonite

You could tell about your nails and your hair  
I'll do my best to act like I kind of care  
Talk about the bills we owe  
or how Jackie's still strung out on blow  
Babe, just not tonite

Let's raise a glass  
We'll forget about the past  
Tell me everything will be alright  
If I get overserved, could tell me I got what I deserved  
Babe, just not tonite

Look at me and try not to look away  
Cuz sometimes even my words struggle to say  
Let's not go back again,  
If you wanna tell me that we'll still be friends  
Baby, just not tonite

Let's raise a glass  
We'll have ourselves some laughs  
Tell each other everything will be alright  
Come tomorrow if you wanna go  
Hell I'll open up the door  
Baby, just not tonite

Tomorrow I'll quit drinking babe  
I'll be good and I'll behave  
But baby, just not tonite

## WHERE DOES THE TIME GO

Where does the time go?  
Like miles under the wheel  
Been living like a shadow  
In a far barren field

Been burning like a candle  
Light through the window  
Shot out of the saddle  
I can't seem to heal

It's slipping away  
Like water rushing through my hands  
Day after day  
It's gone and it's not coming back  
I know

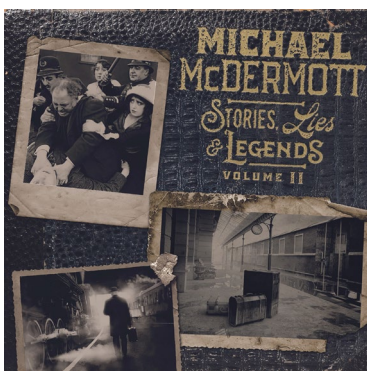
My mind is a ghetto  
A fortress of steel  
Like beauty unraveled  
It all seems so real

I've been wounded in battle  
Now I can't seem to feel  
The wind whispers "Settle"  
My soul whispers "Kneel"

It's running away  
Like a river running to the sea  
Day after day  
I feel like I'll never be free

Where does the time go  
Got my sword and my shield  
At the end of the rainbow  
Will I find you there?

Where does the time go?



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## KUNG FU VIDEOS

Ashtrays, Bottles, Banter and Booze  
I got dust in my eyes  
Blood on my shoes  
We both know we've got little left to lose babe

We've been all over town  
We've been up and back  
From the cafes to the carnival  
To the laundromat  
I got us a plan  
That will get us back on track babe

Let's go home babe and we'll get stoned  
Pick up some Chinese food to go  
Stay up all night  
Watching Kung Fu videos

Have you ever been to Graceland  
To the jumpsuit room  
You know Elvis dug Karate  
Was good at it too  
The night's still young  
Babe, so are you

And everybody whispers  
And everybody looks  
We'll stagger around

Like cripples and crooks  
This ain't the kind of love  
You read about in books babe

Let's go home babe and we'll get stoned  
Pick up some Chinese food to go  
Stay up all night  
Watching Kung Fu videos

"So go on, make your phone call,"  
I said with a grin  
Is your heart made of steel  
Or is it only tin  
Tell your mama you'll be staying  
At the Palace of Sin

I'll rub your back babe  
I'll rub your feet  
Run my hands through your hair  
Kiss your cheek  
No babe you were the only thing I see

Let's go home babe and we'll get stoned  
Pick up some Chinese food to go  
Stay up all night  
Watching Kung Fu videos

## NOVENA

Matilda whispered, "Only the good die young"  
I smiled and shook my head and said, "How can  
3 be 1?"

We were both feeling a little under the gun  
But there's nothing like a moment when you  
realize you can't begin again

She said, "You ever seen something from the  
corner of your eye?  
You turn to see there's no one there and still  
you wonder why  
Ever think maybe it's an angel watching you?  
No matter how down you get, you somehow  
still think that you'll make it through"

I wish you knew you were a hero in disguise  
Your nights are filled with promises  
Your days with compromise  
You've painted your novenas across the skies  
Remember beneath the hurting is where the  
wonder lies

Yeah lately you say you've been turning things  
around  
But still you feel tethered to some leather rope,  
leading you down  
You've been scavenging salvation across the land  
You can't understand, as if on command  
Some days you're a lion, other days you're a lamb

I wish you knew you were a hero in disguise  
Your nights are filled with promises  
Your days with compromise  
You've painted your novenas across the skies  
Remember beneath the hurting is where the  
wonder lies

Day break longing you can feel it begin  
There's no belonging in the shape you're in  
So far we've traveled, while our lives unravel  
On the same road that we've always been

I've been a half alive, hypnotized stumbling fool  
I've been a straight as a corkscrew, looking to  
get one over on you  
I was mischievous, devious, and depraved  
Way down in the pit as far as you get  
Tonight I will rise and the dragon will be slain

I wish you knew you were a hero in disguise  
Your nights are filled with promises  
Your days with compromise  
You've painted your novenas across the skies  
Remember beneath the hurting is where the  
wonder lies

Don't you know that you're a hero in disguise  
Yeah your nights are filled with promises  
And your days with alibis  
Yeah you've painted your novenas across the skies  
I think I know where the wounded lies

## **HARD TO BREAK | FEATURING HEATHER LYNNE HORTON**

Breathe deep my love  
Take it nice and slow  
Take me to the water  
and the bedrock below  
Higher than we once were  
with nowhere to go  
Everything seems beautiful right now

Beware my love  
Darling you should know  
That I will never leave you  
Even when it's time to go  
Sink your teeth into me  
And we will watch it grow  
Harboring the things you'll never keep  
Born of a thousand nights without sleep  
It creeps up on you without a sound  
And we just keep on fallin' down  
I can't believe I fell for it again  
I wish that we could leave this place  
Cuz all these nights are such a waste  
Now there's so much more at stake  
Some habits are so hard to break

Be free my love  
Won't you let me be  
We can't go on forever  
My love can't you see?  
Spiraling down, hangin' tight to thee  
I have burned my final bridge tonight  
I'll destroy this village just to make it right

I ain't proud of things I've done  
I ain't proud of what I've become  
But I'm getting a little stronger still  
I can't say that I'll ever be free  
I can't say what this has done to me  
But I know I'll fight it all the way

Some habits are so hard to break  
Some habits are so hard to break

## BROKEN WING

Reticence and grace fell freely from her face of light  
Moving in place, overcome with disgrace tonight  
The nighttime she can make you do some strange things alright  
Sometimes to sleep it takes every last bit of might

The night's failed me again  
Tell me babe, just one thing  
When I hit the ground will you mend my broken wing

Looking out for you  
I can see you coming through the storm  
You've had that cross to bear  
But now you say you swear you're born  
Candles of the city, melt the night without a sound  
You look so dirty and so pretty  
Coming back from the underground

Would you paint me a song girl  
One that only I could sing  
When I hit the ground  
Will you mend my broken wing

I'm sure you surely know  
The healing seems to grow so slow  
While I'm waiting deep in stone  
For the ghost of Michael Angelo  
What is it you believe  
When you masterfully deceive yourself  
Do you ever think of me  
When you're stepping out with (goin' down on) someone else

Chorus

## OSCAR

Some say I am an outlaw if only underground  
My reputation precedes me from town to town  
I'll fix all of your troubles, talk to anyone you need  
I'll be there on the double and you're loving I'll feed

I never do the things I should, I never seize the day  
But I should win an Oscar for the roles I play

Yeah yeah, someday

And I can take anybody down with just one punch  
I'll reinvent the wheel and still have time for lunch  
I'll understand your problems babe you know I been there too  
I get you into thinkin' every lie I tell is true

I know my fame and fortune must still be on its way  
Yeah I should win an Oscar for the roles I play  
Yeah I should in an Oscar for the roles I play

Yeah, yeah, someday

Who'd have thought that a kid from a suburban town  
That the Academy of me would come and drag him down  
That there are so many people that I would like to thank  
I wrote the names down last night while I was drunk in the tank

I'll be anything to anyone as if I'm made of clay  
Yeah I should win an Oscar for the roles I play  
Yeah I should win an Oscar for the roles I play

The way things are going we should rewrite this scene  
If you get me backlit, I can look like a dream  
Everybody tells me they've not seen anyone this good  
That's why I packing up my bags for Hollywood

I'm heading for the big-time babe, my mama always said  
That I'm gonna win an Oscar for the roles I play  
That I'm gonna win an Oscar for the roles I play

Yeah, Yeah, someday



## IF I WERE A PAINTER

If I were a painter, I'd paint you in gold  
And you'd hang out in my room and you'd never grow old  
And when Dorian was dreaming about the stories we told  
If I were a painter, babe

And if I were a writer, I'd write you a book  
That would speak of your love and the way that you look  
And of how you were as a lover and of how you couldn't cook  
If I were a writer, babe

And if I were a banker and dealt in currency  
Teah I'd make a vow between you and me  
And if i sold insurance, you'd have a lifetime policy  
And if I were a robber, babe, yeah I'd steal it all for thee

If I were a bartender I'd listen just to you  
When you came in after work or when you were feelin blue  
and you'd tell me all your problems, we'd figure out just what to do  
If I were a bartender

And If I were an actor and did Shakespeare in the Park  
After the play I'd walk you home in the dark  
And I'd kiss you on your front step and we'd both feel a spark  
If I did Shakespeare in the Park

And if I were a doctor, I'd heal you in a sec  
And I'd put you back together if you were in a wreck  
And I'd heal you with my heart if the meds had no effect  
And I wouldn't change a thing if I were and architect

If I worked in construction, I'd build you a kingdom in a day  
With stained glass ceilings, original paintings by Monet  
And Michelangelo would sculpt you with his hands out of clay  
If I was a builder, babe

And if I were a singer I'd sing you a tune  
With a melody so sweet that it'd almost seem to bloom  
nd I'd sing a refrain to you all through the afternoon  
If I was a singer, babe

## JOE

He thinks that a long time ago  
He was a better man  
Now he thinks he's just wasting time  
And can't remember anything  
He said, "Michael, it makes me so Goddamn mad  
When your mind gets old, your mind goes bad  
Anyway, this kinda thing ain't supposed to happen  
To us little kings"

He told me about his wife who died  
His nephew that looked like me  
He told me he wished he had a dog like mine  
To keep him company  
He said, "In the morning I feel like a boy  
When I hear those church bells ring  
Boy you should have seen me then  
Before I became a broken king"

Sometimes he speaks with a stutter  
He says he never used to have  
You can see all the years of life in his eyes  
That shines when he starts to laugh  
He said, "I've seen all kinds of people  
All the angels without wings  
There's a thousand others like me  
Just lost, lonesome, little kings"

He said, "I'm just a storyteller  
And my story has never been told  
Nobody young wants to listen  
To a man who's growing old  
There's so much I want to tell you Michael  
It might not mean a goddamn thing  
Anyway it just seems crazy  
Coming from a lost lonesome little king"

## TASTE OF LOVE

The city seemed to bathe in light  
Something wasn't feeling right  
I didn't seem to have a clue  
Which road would lead me back to you

Where it leads no one knows  
A peaceful stream a winter's rose  
I'm tired of feeling just like this  
So baby give me just one kiss

Cuz I just want a taste of love  
It's all that I've been thinking of  
I just want to feel alive  
To know that my heart will survive  
I just want a taste of love  
Yeah, I just want a taste of love

The family that divides in half  
Blunders in its aftermath  
The words I've spoken fallen mute  
It rings like a six-gun salute

The blue light shelters hands that reach  
Generosity can teach  
A sermon silenced everyone  
How can three turn into one

And I just want a taste of love  
Here and there and up above  
I just wanna think someday  
That we all will find our wings  
I just want a taste of love

Yeah, I just want a taste of love

Focus and my lack thereof  
Fits me like a holy glove  
Ugliness I know it well  
I paint it from this carousel  
I let my instincts guide the way  
It brought me back to yesterday  
Standing stifled at the start  
With pieces of this broken heart

Love comes and sometimes it fades  
You climb over its barricades  
The pain I caused I can't forget  
The rivers are filled with regret  
I wished so hard I broke a star  
While I wondered where you are  
The feelings I cannot explain  
It's almost driven me insane

And I just want a taste of love  
Here and there and up above  
I just want you to know  
That I will always love you so  
And I just want a taste of love  
Here and there and up above  
Tomorrow who knows what will be  
It's time to shape our destiny

And I just want a taste of love  
(repeat)

## THE WRONG SIDE OF THE HEAD

Grey day greets me and it looks like rain  
My head's pounding like some subway train  
My heart is heavy and my thoughts are weak  
I can't seem to find, the things I seek

Bills are stacking up on this kitchen table  
Her note is still hanging on the refrigerator door  
Used to be I was so young and able  
I don't feel much like that anymore

Well look whose head is hanging  
Look who's down on the floor  
Look who's raven's rapping on his chamber door  
Last night I was feeling alright when I went to bed  
I woke up this morning on the wrong side of the head

Earlier while I was talking to my stupid therapist  
He said, "It's peaks and valleys and days like this"  
He was looking at his watch and he began to yawn  
I said, "Thanks alot Doc, I'll be moving along"

He said, "All that I can tell you is that I don't really know  
It's in these moments of uncertainty is when we really grow  
Listen to your heart boy or your wings will fill with lead  
And you'll wake up every day on the wrong side of your head"

My friends they all tell me that I'm just in a funk  
While I picture their bodies lying lifeless in my trunk

The things that I was certain of have been cast out in the wind  
I've been waiting on the wrong dock for my ship to come in

My energy is lacking yeah maybe I'm depressed  
I think I'd be happier with some fame and success  
They say it's never too late and don't you ever give up  
You ever feel like your legs are perpetually stuck

Lord, tell me what to do  
Tell me where you want me to go  
I got a sinking feeling and I'm already low  
Maybe come tomorrow, maybe next week  
Everything around here won't seem so fucking bleak

I wouldn't say I'm disillusioned  
I wouldn't say I'm let down  
I always know good days and bad days always  
Come back around  
Maybe my expectations have just filled me with dread  
I woke up this morning on the wrong side of my head

There's a crack in the ceiling of the skies like a rip  
Every time I try to run, I always seem to trip  
I'm haunted by these feelings and things I never said  
I woke up this morning on the wrong side of the head  
The wrong side of my head  
The wrong side of the head

## THERAPY

Standin' on the gallows, hiding in the shadows  
Falling through the ceiling, I can't fight the  
feeling  
I'm a long way, from ever finding someday

You wake up in the morning, it's already  
storming  
I can feel it coming, all day I'll be running just to  
find you  
To tell you that I need you

I've been told I sometimes seem depressed  
I've been told I got issues indeed  
I know there's things that I've repressed  
I think Freud would finally agree  
I need some therapy

Man I get so tired, feelin' uninspired  
I've got anxiety and a case of OCD  
I'm just a trainwreck, playing with a half deck

I'm prone to delusions,  
States of great confusion  
Sometimes I get so bored  
I'm like Lincoln at the Ford Theatre balcony  
Thinking I should probably leave

I've been known for howling at the moon  
I get so lost sometimes in reverie  
I've been known to feel lonely in a crowded  
room  
I think Skinner would surely agree  
I need some therapy

What's that in the closet  
What's that sound under the bed  
I've got Edgar Allen Poe rapping on my door  
and Stephen King in my head

Doctor please...

I get so depressed,  
Even at my best  
I always come up short  
Always a day late to the port  
When my ship comes in  
That's the way it's always been

I've been torn by the winds  
In a crossfire night  
I've sown so many seeds of deceit  
I know in my heart something just ain't right  
I know time is the enemy  
I need some therapy

## THE LAZY PART OF THE AFTERNOON

Come here darlin'  
Won't you stay with me a while  
I should have known better  
That the last year's been a long, lonely mile  
I got a fire here within me  
I'm sure you got one too  
So come see me my love  
In the lazy part of the afternoon

I'll be in the parlor  
Waiting there impatiently  
Let me be your harbor  
For the shelter I know you need  
I wanna feel your desire  
I wanna taste your flower in bloom  
So come see me my love  
In the lazy part of the afternoon

I will love you like it's the end of the world  
There ain't nothing I wouldn't do for you girl...  
For now my love, let it ride  
rise and fall you got me going crazy inside

I know you got your demons  
Baby, I got mine  
I know you think you got your reasons  
For leaving me behind  
Last night I saw you casting shadows  
Out neath the drunkard's moon  
So come see me my love  
In the lazy part of the afternoon

I see you stumbling on the city side streets in the rain  
I call from my window  
You never look back again  
My love, you're so close  
But you're a world away

## OVER BEFORE IT EVEN BEGAN

We come from different places, from a cannon we were shot  
Melt into each other when the flames got too hot  
Though I'm trying hard to be a stronger man  
It feels like it's over, before it even began

It's a highwire act in the minefields above  
There is no turning back when you're strung out on love  
It's a slippery slope, it's a castle made of sand  
That's why it feels like it's over before it even began

Excitement like wildfire is a dangerous seed  
When two people collide, two people in need  
Like the magic that had fallen but what I don't understand  
Is why it's over before it even began

So when you come to your senses when you wake from this dream  
When your heart stops racing, you'll see what I mean  
We were floating high, but we had no place to land  
And it feels like it's over before it even began

Be careful of your footing because your heart might be wrong  
You might make some mistakes when you need to belong  
Cuz I know we don't even have the strength to stand  
That's why it's over before it even began  
That's why it's over before it even began

## MOTEL BED

Ain't gotta dime babe  
But what I got I'll gladly give to you  
Just lay it on the line babe  
It's the only way we'll ever make it through

Could'a sworn you were mine babe  
But I been known to be wrong a time or two  
Tennessee wasn't kind babe  
Nor was I, but neither were you

The candlelight it flickered and the room it  
reeked of liquor  
The poetry danced inside my head  
With your pretty hand in mine  
In that cheap motel bed

You tried to jump out of the car that night  
But we were still moving pretty fast  
I knew in your heart something wasn't right  
I didn't know how long it was gonna last

Oh boy, you hit me pretty hard alright  
I had a bump on my head there for days  
Swinging those pretty little fists of spite  
While I was in a pretty drunken haze

Words of love rolled off my tongue and as our  
bodies moved as one  
Was it me or the man you thought I was instead  
It was you that I fell for that night  
In that cheap motel bed

What do you say, Molly Mockingbird  
What do you say, Molly Molly Mockingbird  
What do you say, Molly Mockingbird  
What do you say, Molly Molly Mockingbird

So come here Miss Molly Mockingbird  
I swear that this time that I won't turn and run  
I know that it may sound absurd,  
But I'll redo all the things that I've undone

Mornings come with explanations,  
excuses, apologies, and such  
Evenings come with revelations  
Maybe they don't love you all that much

First night we were together I never felt no  
better  
And I swear I knew that night that we'd be wed  
We'll have a honeymoon in heaven  
on a cheap motel bed

So what do you say, Molly Mockingbird  
What do you say, my Molly Molly Mockingbird  
What do you say, Molly Mockingbird  
What do you say, Molly Molly Mockingbird



## THE INVITATION TO THE HANGING

Lately I've been seeing shadows  
I heard across town that they were building gallows  
Eloise told me, "They might be for me"  
I've known for quite some time  
The demons do adore me  
I've been wicked and I'd been wild  
Had the heart of a pirate who'd been lost at sea  
For a while

Everybody knew it was bound to happen  
Everybody has been waiting  
For the invitation to the hanging

A knock awoke me  
My fear had choked me  
They said, "Your time has come my son"  
And right there nearly broke me  
Then they took me, downtown to book me  
I heard the cell door slam and man  
The echo really shook me  
Mind bending days of frustration  
It's never ending all these pangs of desperation  
The town crier spread like, like a wildfire  
He was so excited he was shaking  
With his invitation to the hanging

And if tomorrow, makes its arrival  
I know that sorrow is just a part of our survival  
When the church bells, toll to seven  
I'm gonna know that I'm one fall closer to heaven  
When the hour has befallen  
They'll lead me out and I'll hear Eloise calling  
The crowd is roaring, the vulture is soaring  
Sisters in the chapel praying  
With the invitation to the hanging

The pontiff was waiting  
The sheriff to greet him  
As I stood there I looked and I saw  
Twelve steps to freedom  
Farewell the haunted soul inside me  
I am undaunted with the hangman there beside me  
Pass the basket, Call in the casket  
The predawn darkness is now fading  
Do you got your invitation to the hanging

## MY MONKEY IS GONE

Boxcar graveyard howling dog  
underneath the night, sitting on a log  
See two drifters runnin' through the midnight fog  
boy I wonder what they're after

My friend bobby's a great a bunch of guys  
One's just like a saint, while another one lies  
there was a darkness hiding behind is eyes  
he was a natural disaster

I was feeling defeated, I was feelin' disgust  
I was feeling cheated, feeling like a clown  
My monkey is gone but the circus is still in town

Hamlet and the harlot... "six on the out"  
Nobody knew what he was talking about  
I was losing my mind, ready to shout,  
"Death to all who enter here"

Handsome Jackie he was out on the make  
Wolfie had a pipe and a habit to break  
Fitzzy said, "It feels like I'm ready to break"  
as he smoked his hand trembled in fear

I had to get the fuck out, I couldn't take anymore  
I haven't a clue as to where it is I'm gonna go or where I'm bound  
My monkey is gone but the circus is still in town

Jester dances moonbeams, who needs a drink  
when your rottin' from the inside boy you're startin' to stink  
All this hollow laughter, it got me to think  
Something had to change in my life

I heard little Richie was a traitor by trade  
Writing some opus like switchblade type serenade  
He knew where salvation had laid  
I could tell by his lips that he lied

"All Hail Ceasar," I heard somebody roar  
There was a sickness in this room I couldn't ignore  
Shuly and Zims they were looking for more  
Stoney would surely provide

There was nothing to do, nothing to say  
and even less here to ever be found  
My monkey is gone but the circus is still in town

## TIRED

Hey there, who turned the lights on  
Got a graveyard mind and a tombstone cop  
I been turned upside down, confused and  
misled  
There's a shadow of a gunman, here in my head

And I whispered the prayer St. Theresa would  
say  
Saw my unborn children in a field at play  
Been lookin' all over for what I don't know  
Been walking thru gardens where nothing will  
grow  
I'm so tired

I'm hungry and I'm haggard, in need of a  
shower  
My legs they just stagger in the pre-morning  
hours  
Both sides on the middle, something's gotta  
give  
One thing's for sure, this ain't no way to live  
I'm so tired of losing  
I'm tired of abusing

And everybody needs some kind of crutch  
Nobody knows nobody not all that much  
Does salvation exist, does forgiveness reign?  
The ghosts of my regrets keep calling my name

I'm so tired, tired of confessin'  
I'm so tired of second guessing  
I'm tired of these dark rooms,  
I'm so tired, tired of these saloons

My jeans they are dirty, my jacket is torn  
I know that a blossom can grow from a thorn  
I'm blown by the winds of futility  
I'm doin' everything for everybody but me  
I'm so tired, tired of being lonely  
I'm so tired, of feeling homely  
I'm so tired, tired of this longing  
I'm so tired, of not belonging

I'm tired, of isolation  
I'm tired, of my frustration  
I'm so tired, tired of never winning  
I'm so tired, my head is spinning  
I'm so tired, of hearing voices  
I'm so tired, tired of these choices  
I'm so tired, of not believing  
I'm so tired, of love deceiving  
I'm so tired, tired of running  
I'm so tired, of never never becoming  
I'm so tired, tired of confessing  
I'm so tired, of second guessing  
I'm so tired, tired tired tired  
TIRED

## TWICE THE MAN

Set em up and I'll knock em down, babe  
I'm just a king who done lost his crown  
The evening breeze would almost seem to howl  
It's just another night and I'm on the prow!

I think of you more than I should, babe  
Don't know why I do it does my heart no good  
Showed a picture of you on my camera phone, babe  
Not all but most nights I go home alone

If I were all the things I say I am  
then I swear I'd be twice the man

I never lie but I'll exaggerate  
About what I do and how much money I make  
They say that love is just a two-way street, babe  
I look for you there, but we never seem to meet

If I were all the things I say I am  
then I swear I'd be twice the man

In this silent room in this lonely tower  
Baby, I'm just a clown with a wilted flower  
Or some superhero who done lost his power

I tossed a penny into a wishing well, babe  
The heavens haven't heard me as far as I can tell  
Been too long running on this carousel, babe  
But before we go, I wanna wish you well

If I were all the things I say I am  
then I swear I'd be twice the man  
If I were all the things I say I am  
then I swear I'd be twice the man

## **ASHTRAYS, BOTTLES, BANTER AND BOOZE**

Just the sound of the tires in the lavender rain  
Disappearing far down the street  
The cabbies' parade past midnight in vain  
Sucker to stave off the heat  
Teenage lovers in lust by the lake  
Making promises they'll never keep  
Me I was looking, for the feeling to shake  
With miles before I could sleep  
Ritual, or habitual, or just a third-degree case of the blues  
The only thing, I've been looking for  
Ashtrays, Bottles, Banter and Booze

Cigarette smoke, in the kitchen at dawn  
Is heavy with unspoken words  
"The door behind you," I whispered from the bed  
The choir of sweet morning birds  
The sound of that bell it rang like a yell  
I knew it was over, for sure  
I felt like a fool how could something so weak  
Be born out of something so pure  
I wandered around but my heart wouldn't sound  
I didn't know what I was to do  
The next I know, this hurting that grows  
Is ashtrays bottles, banter and booze

What drew me in, to this colorful din  
Of laughter and things to be said  
It helped me believe in this life is worth  
The minute I wasn't quite dead  
The hurt was apparent camaraderie still reigned  
The pugilist fights for his life  
Hope by the pint, shots for the pain  
Until you were feeling alright  
I know it's only one life that you get  
How you live it it's for you to choose  
I stare in the mirror, ugly face tonight  
Ashtrays, Bottles, Banter and Booze

Me I'm looking the feeling to shake  
With miles before I can sleep



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## SIX ON THE OUT

The side streets slam of sordid tales  
And drunken jackass betrayers  
Through the everlasting maze  
Your anger borne of your malaise

Matilda said if I saw you here I should  
Whisper, "The coast is clear" and say,  
"Six on the out" and that you'd know what I'm saying,  
Six on the out, it's a game that everybody's playing around here

I've been burned and I've been bored  
Even turned my back unto the Lord  
I've carried my weight in shame and guilt  
Destroyed the house my Father built

I killed the forces I've created  
Loved what I had hated,  
Six on the out, yeah you're pushing and you're pulling  
Six on the out, yeah you dare know who you're fooling,  
Six on the out, Lord, pull me up, pull me up

Through your pride and humility  
Cast my dreams unto the sea  
In hopes that they'd someday return  
Instead they left me here to burn  
Six on the out, pull me up  
Six on the out, pull me up

Light the listless lamps tonight  
And call the desperate for to fight  
The sounds of hooves on Front Street blare  
Until you're just too tired to care

I dreamt this battle years ago  
The colors bleed in my mind like a carnival  
Six on the out, the time is still unwinding  
Six on the out, the frustration can be blinding

Six on the out, pull me up, pull me up  
Six on the out, won't you pull me up, pull me up  
(repeat)

## **BANDANA AND A CIGARETTE**

Kansas City, oh you're like some misbegotten fantasy  
I'm left picking up the pieces of how it all came to be  
I feel cold and sick like Dostoevsky underground  
I feel draped in madness like a madman goin' down  
By the time I hit Atlanta I hope this is a memory  
I got blood in my eyes from the night we met  
I can still remember your strawberry breath  
Somebody give me a bandana and a cigarette

I'm bound for the gallows I don't think anyone questions that  
There are certain lines that once you cross you know you can't go back  
Barking with a beckon, battered beyond belief  
You took all that you could and you left me like a thief  
Now I'm strung out on the wire like some sleep deprived maniac  
Line me up against the wall and take a step back  
Before you yell, "AIM" may I have one last request  
Somebody get me a bandana and a cigarette

I love you like a rabbit loves a rattlesnake  
So many nights you left me burning at the stake  
I swear that I will find you someday  
Cause there's a fire that never seems to go away

I guess you could say I've done some things against God and man  
I move like a scavenger, a stranger in a stranger land  
I don't know how I let myself fall this far  
It was the night that you kissed me on the hood of that car  
I'll follow you down darlin' I don't really give a damn  
Three days of thinking about what I can't forget  
I see your ghost in doorways cast in silhouette  
Somebody get me a bandana and a cigarette

My faith here and now is being put to the test  
How long will this last well it's anybody's guess  
Somebody get me a bandana and a cigarette



## **SOMETHING TO BELIEVE**

I'm the kind of fella  
Likes to raise a little hell  
Maybe even howl at the moon  
I'm the kinda man  
Who never seems to understand  
Maybe tell a tale or two  
For so long on the run  
Waiting for my time to come  
Trying to shake this desperate feeling  
I need something to believe in now  
I need something to believe in now

"No," I said, "I must confess  
I've been feeling so depressed"  
Feels like it's been raining for days  
So I went and built a boat  
I doubt that it'll even float  
Nothing's been going my way  
I think it's safe to say  
At the end of everyday  
Everybody's looking for meaning  
I need something to believe in now  
We all need something to believe in now

Man, when I was younger  
I had a fire made of hunger  
Nothing is gonna get in my way  
My faith is still intact  
But now that train ain't coming back  
Everything is fading away

My daddy always told me  
Every time that he would scold me  
Be prepared to take a few on the chin  
Some might think that I'm lazy  
Just across the street from crazy  
Positioning myself for to win  
These uncertain times, there's a blurring of the lines  
Your love is all I've been needing  
I need something to believe in now  
I need something to believe in now  
We all need something to believe in

## HELL OF A RUN

There was Fitzy and Ritchie and TJ too  
There was Angie the Guinea and Jackie the Jew  
There was a bond like no other  
That we ever knew  
That we would never know again

There was the night  
When Fiona came in  
She was screaming like a Banshee  
About Jazzman Jim  
Who was in the bathroom stall  
With Kathleen and Kim  
Who turned out to be Fiona's best friend

So raise a glass for the wounded  
Raise a glass for the lame  
Raise a glass for the ones  
That are living in shame  
We stood side by side  
In the days of the gun  
Boy we had a hell of a run

Tony was the owner  
Who still poured them pretty strong  
At close he'd lock us in  
Serve us until dawn  
We leaned on each other  
Cuz we felt we belonged  
While Fitzy sang them old Irish songs  
We hatched a plan  
The Dalmatian Lounge  
What the hell were we thinking  
We were gonna take it down  
Then Richie McFarlane said,  
"Boys don't mess around"  
Sometimes you just gotta move on

So raise a glass on the morrow  
Raise a glass for the fight  
Raise a glass for the ones  
Who ain't thinking right  
We were reckless and feckless  
And coming undone  
Boy we had a hell of a run

Jinxy was a bookie and Kenny a cook  
Angie ran a con with his old man's book  
TJ wasn't cut out to be much of a crook  
Now they're just leaves in the wind

Little oral Annie had a booth in the back  
One night I was tempted but just kept walking past  
When Joe did too much blow he'd have a panic attack  
We'd sit around, watch him and laugh  
Stanky took his life on the 4th of July  
No one saw it coming  
He seemed a pretty happy guy  
He didn't leave a note  
He didn't even say goodbye  
There were a few times that boy saved my ass

So raise a glass for the broken  
Raise a glass for the lost  
Raise a glass for the freedom at whatever the cost  
Many battles were fought and many battles were won  
Boy we had a hell of a run

I drove by the bar  
Coming home late last night  
It seemed pretty quiet  
They were turning on the lights  
I pulled over and parked  
It didn't feel right  
I should go in and say hello at least  
Tony looks a little older  
His hair has gone gray  
He said he's no longer angry  
I stole Suzie away  
He told me he stopped drinking  
He's got a kid on the way  
He told me Annie married a former parish priest

So raise a glass for the noble  
For the outcast  
Raise a glass for the dreams  
That fell apart so fast  
He said, "It's great to see you  
It's good of you to come  
Boy, we had a hell of run, didn't we?"  
Yeah, we had a hell of a run

## ACE IN THE HOLE

My daddy was a dealer  
Who hated the game  
Said the faces keep changing  
The action stays the same  
Steer clear of them hustlers  
Leave the marks alone  
For tonight the ghosts out on the highway  
Just won't leave me alone

When life is a busted straight  
You're tempted to fold  
When the grinding and losing  
Starts to feel real old  
I remember you're waiting  
Hope stars to take hold  
No matter how bad the odds  
You're my ace in the hole

Look on over yonder  
There's smoke on the rise  
There are things that you squander  
Things you can't leave behind  
Working these corners  
Is like chasing the wind  
With you by my side  
Tonight it's our time to win

When life is a busted straight  
You're tempted to fold  
When the grinding and losing  
Starts to feel real old  
I remember you're waiting  
Hope stars to take hold  
No matter how bad the odds  
You're my ace in the hole

I want you to have the finest things  
Gonna lose these shackles tonight  
And grow us some wings

## ORPHAN SONG

Daddy's gone and he's not coming back  
It feels so wrong, my heart feels like it's under attack  
It makes you wonder, makes you wonder about this mortal coil  
The ways we plunder and the ways we toil  
Sick and tired, I'm sick of death  
I can't sleep or catch my breath  
Mama tell me where you've gone  
Daddy said now his time has come  
All that's left for me  
Is all that's left to see  
All that's left here now is this orphans song  
All I got is this orphans song

My mind's a ghetto  
My souls a bird of prey  
I move between the shadows  
Try not to fade away  
My heart there is a battle  
That rages nearly everyday  
There's an emptiness I feel  
That never seems to go away  
Sick and tired, I'm sick of death  
I can't sleep or catch my breath  
Mama tell me where you've gone  
Daddy said now it won't be long  
All that's left is  
Is all that's left for me  
All that's left here now is this orphans song  
All I got is this orphans song

## MEET ME HALFWAY

Sorry calling this late, I just couldn't wait  
I had to know  
Is there something going on  
Is there something wrong  
Don't tell me, no  
Would you meet me halfway  
For it feels like I'm sinking down  
Would you meet me halfway  
Tell me, is it over now?

Tonight this room has done me in  
There's a darkness and a din  
Hangs over me  
There's a madman in the mirror  
Who likes to whisper in my ear  
All that will never be  
Would you meet me halfway  
For it feels like I'm sinking down  
Would you meet me halfway  
Or is it over now?

Burning bridges, falling down  
Burning bridges

In this bed I toss and turn  
I can see that bridge burn  
Between me and you  
We're a million miles from Memphis  
With everything against us  
Cuz we don't know what to do  
Would you meet me halfway  
For it feels like I'm sinking down  
Would you meet me halfway  
Or is it over now  
Give me just a little  
Meet me in the middle  
I swear It will be alright  
Come on, meet me in the middle  
Love is just a riddle  
I need to know you're mine  
Shared myths and faded glories  
Old maps and made-up stories  
Are all we have now  
Tonight I'll lay it on the line  
Maybe for the last time

Burning bridges, falling down  
Burning bridges, falling down  
Burning bridges, falling down

## **I BELIEVE A BETTER DAY**

Some mornings I am startled by the world in which we live in  
Everybody needs a helping hand and something to believe in  
In the fields of isolation on the other side of Eden  
All I ever wanted was to be let inside your kingdom  
I'm pouring out these words from poisoned pens still running dry  
I will rise again, beneath the dark and troubled sky

I believe a better day is on its way  
I believe a better day is on its way

It seems I have been at odds with the way that I've been feeling  
I've been taking punches all week long and it's kind of got me reeling  
Some days I feel so blessed and so grateful with abundance  
By nightfall I am stumbling startled by my own redundance  
There was a man outside the church who knelt beside I saw was haunted  
He looked at me and said, "God's love is all I ever wanted  
Because I believe a better day is on its way  
I believe a better day is on its wayba"

I've been banished from this world  
The betrayer and the liar  
Somehow through this darkness  
I would set your heart on fire  
To be beside you

The flowers they were fading, freckled fields of desperation  
So long I've been here waiting just seeking some salvation  
I've heard it said that's God's delays are not God's denials  
Part of me still laughs about it every time she smiles  
My love I come before you with a hand full of dying flowers  
You know that I adore you and even in my darkest hours  
I believe a better day is on its way  
I believe a better day, is on its way

## JUST A BRIDGE TOO FAR

The lights go out  
On another night  
It doesn't take a genius  
To know what's between us  
Just ain't right  
Are we too far gone  
Are we far too late  
You say that you're tired  
Nothing ever seems to change  
But if you gotta go  
Do what you gotta do  
You should know  
I only want what's best for you

You gave me love  
When I couldn't see  
In those days healed me in ways  
I couldn't quite believe  
Is it too late now  
Is it who we are  
Babe, maybe as they say  
It's just a bridge too far  
But if you gotta go, then baby you should go  
Do what you gotta do  
You should know I only want what's best for you

So here we are  
It's hard letting go  
You stood by me  
When I was too blind to see  
I was chasing a ghost  
Life is short  
This road so dark  
I can't see for the life of me  
Why it's falling apart  
So if you gotta go,  
Baby you should go  
Do what you gotta do  
You should know I only want what's best for you

## **FEARS, MIRRORS AND SOUVENIRS**

Do you ever say things that you don't really mean  
Ever feel so dirty when your hands are clean  
Then you don't speak the things that you wanna say  
Run and hide when you know you should kneel and pray  
Are you driven by the things you don't wanna face  
While you're waiting for Godot are you running in place

Fears, Mirrors and Souvenirs  
The ghost of your past scream like auctioneers  
There's rocking horse dreams  
Through the looking glass years  
Fears, Mirrors and Souvenirs

Bottles of suds and ticket stubs  
Glitter whore lovers in dance hall clubs  
Vultures circling in a vampire cloak  
Come the daybreak they go up in smoke  
Draw the curtain, double lock your door  
Come back tonight they'll be there for more

Fears, Mirrors and Souvenirs  
The ghost of your past scream like auctioneers  
There's rocking horse dreams  
Through the looking glass years  
Fears, Mirrors and Souvenirs

I loved a woman not long ago  
I held on tight until she let me go  
I found a friend in an icy glass  
Swore they'd stick around until the pain had passed  
Forgive me Father for I have sinned  
On the wrong dock when my ship came in

Cigarettes and my regrets  
Spinning around like marionettes  
Can you believe that ace up my sleeve  
Most will decide to get up and leave  
Well I'm looking out the laughter I see  
I feel a hellhound chasing after me

Fears, Mirrors and Souvenirs  
The ghost of your past scream like auctioneers  
Kaleidoscope dreams when the pale light appears  
Fears, Mirrors and Souvenirs



## LONG WAY DOWN

Sun comes up on my street again  
Everything looks the same  
Feeling a little further down  
Then I did yesterday  
I've been doing some traveling  
But I always wind up here  
It's such a slow unraveling  
When you just can't seem to steer  
They say you're in a rut  
I can feel it in my gut  
It's something I found  
It's a long way down

It all started when she left  
I know you've heard this all before  
Can't say how or why that I turned deaf  
To that silent roar  
I first started and hit the scene  
I was gonna be the next big thing  
When you stumble you wind up in between  
There's no comfort anyone can bring  
I curse the mirror  
It seems so much clearer  
When you fail, no one wants you around  
They know, it's a long way down

I watch the billowy tide  
Come in and leave again  
On a distant wave  
How I long to ride  
In the comfort of my only friend  
All the wolves dressed in sheep's disguise  
Where they keep coming back for more  
Sitting stone faced beneath the charcoal skies  
Because I just can't find the door  
They say things can't get much worse  
Let me explain a curse  
One not that profound  
It's a long way down  
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## UPSIDE DOWN

Everything is a little upside down  
Everything is a little upside down  
When it feels somebody stole your crown  
There's a darkness all around us now

When down is up and white is black  
When you're moving forward but looking back  
When everyone's under attack  
When down is up and white is black

When everything's misunderstood  
They're burning down the neighborhood  
It's hard to even know what's true  
The sky is green and the grass is blue

Everything is a little wrong way right  
When you're not feeling quite right tonight  
We won't go down without a fight  
When hope hides in doorways out of sight

When you feel you got no place to go  
With all we thought we used to know  
Just breathe in deep and let it go  
I swear I'll be there if you fall below

When everything is sideways bent  
Your wings are weighted with cement  
So fool me once yeah fool me twice  
When I stole the keys to paradise

Everything is a little upside down  
Everything is a little upside down  
When it feels somebody stole your crown  
I'd fix it all if I knew how  
Everything is a little upside down

## THE RAIN ALWAYS MAKES ME

The rain always makes me think about you  
And about that night down in Texas when the bottom fell through  
And about the way that we ran, the way people do  
The rain always makes me think about you

The rain always makes me think about us  
About the way we said goodbye near the greyhound bus  
I didn't want it to end but i knew that it must  
The rain always makes me think about us

The rain always makes me think about Him  
When the lightning was flashing you let Him in  
I wonder if you regret the way you let it begin  
The rain always makes me think about Him

Yeah the rain it makes me think about love  
And all of the things we're still frightened of  
Take my hand and we'll rise above  
The rain it makes me think about love

Does the rain ever make you think about me?  
Did I feed off the chaos I thought had to be?  
But I only wanted love, wanted to be free  
Does the rain ever make you think about me?

The rain it makes me think about time  
And of all of the things we couldn't leave behind  
What were we thinking? Were we just that blind?  
The rain it makes me think about time

The rain it makes me think about her  
She could have been the one, I just wasn't sure  
But I stayed with you though I didn't know who you were  
The rain it makes me think about her

## THE SADDEST GIRL

She says she wants a boyfriend but she doesn't want the boy  
She's long since closed the door on her room full of joy  
She could have been a contender and swept me off my feet  
She's the saddest girl you ever will meet

She doesn't think that she's pretty, doesn't think she can dance  
Got a long list of reasons of whys butts and cant's  
She's got many lovers but none she can keep  
She's the saddest girl you ever will meet  
She's the saddest girl you ever will meet

Seasons of discontent last all year long  
She's spins in circles looking back to see what went wrong  
Her tear-stained pillows in a bed of defeat  
She's the saddest girl that you're ever gonna meet

Tears, they flow and she doesn't know why  
She's long since ceased believing she had wings to fly  
She could have been a contender, could have swept me off my feet  
She's the saddest girl you ever will meet  
She's the saddest girl you're ever gonna meet

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## REVERSE 2

Sometimes I feel like I'm a lucky man  
Sometimes I have no sense at all  
Sometimes I'm doing everything I can  
Sometimes all I seem to do is fall

But I can't go on, like this another single day  
You fight so long not to fade away  
But I'll carry on  
God knows how much it hurts  
When you've been so long  
Always going in reverse

Mathilda came to see me yesterday  
She said, "I swear these prayers don't work  
I guess by now I'd thought I'd find my way  
But all I seem to find is hurt

But I can't go on  
Like this another single day  
It's a lonesome song  
That always seems to play  
But I'll carry on  
When will the last be first  
Cause it's been so long  
Only going in reverse"

Sometimes it feels I gotta lot of love to give  
Sometimes it feels I got nothing left  
Sometimes I find it hard to forgive  
Sometimes I could use a little help

But I can't go on  
Like this another single day  
When the good things always seem to fade away  
The lonesome song  
Speaks of that fatal curse  
When you've been so long  
Always going in reverse

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## WHO BREAKS A BUTTERFLY

Faded like a sunset, my faith is failing indeed  
Stuck inside these sonnets on the outskirts of your need  
Through these dark nights of fear, I see the broken moon  
And you see the healing scars and I still see only the wounds  
Lord, tell me please will these wounds ever heal  
And who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel

I tried everything I could to be heard through the noise  
When I look in the mirror, I only see one who destroys  
I never needed much help but now it feels like I do  
I'm trying to rebuild myself without destroying you  
Lord, tell it to me straight, will this heart ever heal?  
And who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel

Yeah, there's so much left to learn  
And there's so much to figure out  
There's so many bridges we burned  
When our fear collided with doubt

I'm feeling foolish as hell for letting it get this bad  
It's an endless carousel and it makes me oh so sad  
I tried everything I could, but nothing here seems to work  
And maybe baby I'm no good in this world filled with hurt  
I got a tell-tale heart that's struggling to feel  
And who breaks a butterfly  
Who breaks a butterfly  
Who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel  
And who breaks a butterfly  
Who breaks a butterfly  
Who breaks a butterfly upon a wheel

## ONE QUESTION

Hey there Mama, hey there Daddy dear  
How'd I let things get so unclear  
I been looking for some good advice  
Cuz things get tricky here in paradise

The hours I lie awake in bed  
Slaying monsters in my head  
The minutes mock myself to sleep  
And I know I'm drifting way too deep

The cool night Michigan wind still blows  
How I'll get through this God only knows  
Jesus Jesus Jesus please, the weight has brought me to my knees  
One question I ask of thee, is there room there in thy heart for me

I'm not even sure if I still can love, I'm not sure what I was dreaming of  
I'm not sure what it is I should do, I'm not sure why I'm telling this to you  
I'm running out of places I can turn, I'll just sit here and watch my bridges burn  
Jesus Jesus Jesus please, the weight has brought me to my knees  
One question I ask of thee, is there room there in thy heart for me

On the outskirts and on the plains, I boarded myself for a wrong way train  
I heard the sounds of boards and nails, cause I lost myself in this world of fairy tales

Sometimes your faith will flee and your heart will race  
When you been stuck too long in one place  
Father Father I'll be coming soon, I feel you lurking in this room  
Holy hymns and haunted hills, the thought of you still gives me chills  
Jesus Jesus Jesus please, the weight has brought me to my knees  
One question I ask of thee, is there room there in thy heart for me

Mary Mary Mary please, your cries sound like soliloquies  
One question I ask of thee, is there room there in thy heart for me  
Jesus Jesus, hear the children sing, hear the children sing,  
Is there room there in thy heart for me

## GOODNIGHT SLEEP TIGHT

Shhhh  
Friday evening's rumbling sound  
I watched you getting off the El  
I followed you down the stairs into the station  
And we danced through the iron carousel

I followed you out into the street  
Like a shadow left behind  
And I can't even describe all the things that I see  
in my mind  
He was there looking stupid waiting for you  
You were a walkin' smiling at him  
I followed you both around the corner  
In the wild suicidal wind  
You both looked so very happy  
It just about made me sick  
For I am a face of the night  
And the night is my trick

I'm no crazy madman  
In fact I'm probably smarter than you  
It's really nothing personal baby  
It's just something that I wanna do  
Oh Ye beautiful maiden  
Your secrets aren't all for free

And the sun was up before dawn  
Are the hours that belong to me  
He's your lover he is handsome  
I've never known men like him  
I see the way they look at me  
I see the way they grin  
I know they pity me  
And feel so superior  
For along to watch him beg me for his life  
When I know that the end is near

Tonight is another night  
I will stalk you once again  
But tonight it might be different  
Cause tonight might be the end

And when your bedroom light goes off tonight  
It just might be my cue  
Remember it's nothing personal baby  
It's just something I gotta do  
So goodnight, sleep tight  
Pray I don't crawl through your window tonight  
Goodnight, sleep tight  
Pray I don't crawl through your window tonight