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# **OUT FROM UNDER**

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**CAL-SAG ROAD**

I'd had a day from hell  
It wouldn't be my first  
I'd have crawled back in my shell  
But I was dying there of thirst  
Was in need of some music  
In need of a friend  
In need of gettin' drunk again

So I pulled over  
At the first place I saw  
The sun was goin' down  
I felt like breaking every law I  
laughed at myself  
Down the stairs I did descend  
I knew I'd be gettin' drunk again

The place was pretty empty  
But me, I didn't care  
There were two girls down the bar  
They were giving me a stare  
One said her name was Rita  
The other's name was Gwen  
They were gettin' drunk again

So I asked them what was up  
They started laughing some  
They asked me if I wanted  
Any Captain Morgan Rum  
So I ordered me a whiskey  
Pulled a stool up next to them  
We started gettin' drunk again

They were passing through  
On their way out west  
Gwen went to the jukebox  
Rita showed me her right breast  
I told her I was someone that  
She never could offend  
While we were gettin' drunk again

They both asked me  
To come back to their hotel

I said, "You're both just teases, I can always tell"  
They assured me that they weren't  
So I said, "Ok when?"  
While we were gettin' drunk again

Now, back at the hotel  
Things started out alright  
Things got pretty hazy  
I remember a fight  
Rita was dead in the bathtub  
I must have strangled Gwen  
While we were gettin' drunk again

I took their bodies to the reservoir  
At the Cal-Sag Road  
I punctured their lungs  
So the bodies wouldn't float  
I won't say which way I went  
But you won't see me again  
Unless I'm gettin' drunk again  
Unless I'm gettin' drunk again  
I'll be gettin' drunk again

## GOTTA GO TO WORK

Yeah I gotta go to work  
Gotta go to work today, hey hey  
Yeah I gotta go to work  
Gotta go to work today, hey hey  
I'm telling you brother  
If I had my druthers  
Right here in bed I'd lay  
But I gotta go to work  
Gotta go to work today

I wish I could find  
Find myself a girl in town, mm hmm  
I wish I could find  
Find myself a girl in town,  
I wish I could find a girl  
As pretty as a pearl  
Who'll pick you up  
Every time you're down  
I wish I could find  
Find myself a girl in town

I'm gonna tell the boss  
That he can go and kiss my ass, mmm hmm  
I'm gonna tell the boss  
That he can go and kiss my ass  
I'm gonna tell the man  
Just as soon as I can  
Tilt my head back  
And let out a laugh  
I'm gonna tell the boss  
That he can go and kiss my ass

I don't know how much more of this I can take  
I find it hard to believe, that this would be my  
fate

I gotta go to work  
To get a car I can afford...mmm hmmm  
I gotta go to work  
To get a car I can afford

I live like Caligula on Saturday night  
Sunday, forgiven by the Lord  
I gotta go to work  
To get a car I can afford

Come Friday night  
I'll get as loaded as loaded can be  
Come Friday night  
I'll get as loaded as loaded can be  
I'm gonna get drunk  
Drunk as a skunk  
Bed a girl way outta my league  
I'm gonna get loaded  
As loaded as loaded can be

I think I'm gonna slip something  
In my Boss's coffee today, hey hey  
I think I'm gonna slip something  
In my Boss's coffee today  
It gets a little tricky  
When you slip someone a Mickey  
You just hope he's not DOA  
I think I'm gonna slip something  
In my Boss's coffee today

I gotta go to work

Gotta go to work today, hey hey  
I gotta go to work  
Gotta go to work today, hey hey  
I'll travel round the world  
In each port a pretty girl  
Probably write myself a book someday  
I gotta go to work  
Gotta go to work today  
I gotta go to work  
Gotta go to work to get paid  
I gotta go to work...aw man

## KNOCKED DOWN

It's always been like this  
Nothing's changed  
Since the day I was born  
I always felt a little strange  
I always did  
I always do  
Sometimes I get a little lonely  
baby  
How 'bout you?  
I always do I always did  
You better be careful  
When you're messin' with the  
kid  
It ain't no big thing  
It's all the same to me  
Sometimes a little leak of light  
Is all you need  
In these hard times  
You gotta take a few  
I ain't no glass jaw joker  
Baby that is true  
You can see the stars better  
from the underground  
I know a thing or two about  
being knocked down

I lived like a dog  
Slept in the street  
I had a home in the bushes  
With the rats at my feet  
I've been so strung out  
In dirty hotel rooms  
Had girls on the pipe  
All afternoon  
I've been ridden like a horse  
All night and day  
Been turned out and burned  
out  
Led astray

That's the way it is  
I'm tellin' you straight  
I gotta pocket full of rocket  
And I'm looking for a hard  
eight  
I'm a skid row savior, spike for  
a crown  
I know a thing or two about  
being knocked down  
I know a thing or two about  
being knocked down

I got this old guitar  
An Irish hat  
Spent 20 years baby  
With a monkey on my back  
That was hard time  
Even harder still  
If the left one don't get you  
Then the right one will  
I've been hustled and muscled  
Left for dead  
Had my face to the wall  
And a gun to my head  
I've been cheated, defeated  
Played for a fool  
Everything I ever needed  
Always came from you  
I think it's time we order,  
another round  
I know a thing or two about  
being knocked down

Two days of riding shotgun in  
a Yellow Cab  
Started talking to a Priest right  
outside a Meth Lab  
I did not say, what I was trying  
to do

I said, "Hell is arbitrary, it's a  
point of view"  
I think he got it  
I think he understood  
I'm pretty sure he knew  
That I was up to no good

Then I gave him a hug  
Went right in  
Sometimes you find heaven  
In a place of sin  
Hallelujah  
Boy it's never enough  
That which doesn't kill you  
man  
It makes you tough  
Then I'm the toughest thing  
goin' baby, pound for pound  
I know a thing or two about  
being knocked down

I could hear the voices callin'  
from the corner men  
Tellin' me to stay down, that  
we had reached the end  
I thought, "Fuck that..."  
Nobody's callin this fight  
I'll decide when,  
There's still time to make it  
right  
It's your life  
You get only one  
So you'd better beware of  
what you let it become  
I'm telling you straight, telling  
you true  
Do you choose your life or do  
you let it choose you?  
I said, I know a thing or two  
Yeah I know a thing or two  
about being knocked down

## **SAD SONGS**

Seems like I'm compelled toward Colorado  
Yet, trouble always seems to find me there  
I remember a night stuck in Durango  
A Reservation Girl, caught me in her snare

Portland always makes me think of Buddy  
How he found God and said he'd pray for me  
I said, "I didn't know that He was missin'  
I swear I saw Him just last week in Aberdeen"

I'm so tired, of singing all these sad songs  
I'm so tired, of singing all these sad, sad, songs

I recall a night in Tulsa, Oklahoma  
I met a dancing girl and yeah, she took me home  
More than love I think that she just wanted answers  
And me to sing to her so she wouldn't feel alone

But I'm so tired, of singing all these sad songs  
I'm so tired, of singing all these sad, sad, songs  
Let's start a fire, bright as the midnight sun  
Let's start a fire, we'll burn everything, that'll never be  
And all that has gone wrong

She said, "Why don't you write anything that's happy?"  
I smiled but I didn't say a word  
Her ex-husband was up in Cincinnati  
And he took their only daughter from her

Maybe I'll find me a house somewhere in Nowhere  
Get me a dog, maybe a front porch and a swing  
I'll sit neath the stars, hum a few bars  
Then quietly, I'll begin to sing  
That I'm so tired...

## THIS WORLD WILL BREAK YOUR HEART

There was an old man at the counter  
He couldn't feed himself  
No one seemed to make a move  
To offer any help  
The waitress didn't notice  
She went about her day

Passed out at the bus stop  
A bearded man did lay  
No one got too close  
To check if he was OK  
He had a tattoo of Semper Fi and God Bless the  
USA

This world will break your heart  
This world will break your heart  
This world will break your heart  
In a thousand different ways

Ali lost her baby In the final month  
The room was painted blue  
They had a name picked for their son  
The husband said they'd try again  
He didn't know what else to say

Fifty years of marriage  
If he'd made it until July  
The nurse gave back his clothes  
As she began to cry  
She told the Social Worker  
She had nowhere else to stay

This world will break your heart  
This world will break your heart  
This world will break your heart  
In a thousand different ways

There's fire on the hillside  
Oil in the Sea  
People hurting everywhere  
As far as I can see  
We're just castles made of sand  
Someday we're gonna wash away

Romeo he stumbled in  
With an unlit cigarette  
Said he just got off the phone with Mr. Capulet  
Who warned, "Boy best be careful or there will  
be hell to pay"

Babe, we're getting older  
Yeah this much is true  
But each day is a gift that I get to spend with  
you  
Babe, I'll always love you  
Beyond my dying day

This world will break your heart  
This world will break your heart  
This world will break your heart  
In a thousand different ways

## **OUT FROM UNDER**

Once we were like warriors  
Near the outstretched hands of Grace  
Who are we becoming  
You know we ain't got time to waste  
Oh I never wanna lose this sense of wonder  
The way our hearts would beat as loud as thunder  
Oh I know someday we'll be out from under  
Oh I know someday we'll be out from under

I know this world scares you  
I can see it in your eyes  
All I ever wanted to do  
Was be your hero in disguise  
To save the day when things are torn asunder  
To satisfy your need, your fire, and hunger  
Oh I know someday we'll be out from under  
Oh I know someday we'll be out from under

So long, we've been restless  
Caught in the curtains of the day  
I'm tired of feeling helpless  
You know we can't go on this way  
Wake me from this cruel and senseless slumber  
For to live a life of love, and light and wonder  
Oh I know someday we'll be out from under  
Oh I know someday we'll be out from under

Dare the lion hearts to dream and wander  
For it feels so long we've been down in the gutter  
There is only you my love, there is no other  
For I know someday we'll be out from under  
The road is long and dark, and days are numbered  
Please take heed from the rain, the wind and thunder  
I hate to hear you say "Why even bother?"  
Babe, I know someday we'll be out from under

## **CELTIC SEA**

I dreamt of you and me  
On the Celtic Sea  
The waters were like healing  
I saw a mermaid wave  
My depression staved  
My heart began a feelin'

We were rollin' babe  
We were rollin' and the tide was strong  
We're rollin' babe  
We were rollin' right where we belong  
I dreamt of you and me  
On the Celtic Sea  
What could possibly go wrong

I dreamt of you and me  
On the Celtic Sea  
So furiously, I wrote  
'Twas a stormy night  
We began to fight  
Babe, you thought I'd bought  
A sinking boat

We were rollin' babe  
We were rolling and the rain just poured  
Yeah we're rollin' babe  
And we almost went overboard  
I dreamt of you and me  
On the Celtic Sea  
We made it through, Hallelujah  
Praise the Lord

I dreamt of you and me  
On the Celtic Sea  
Babe, your love is so astounding  
I felt your kiss  
In the morning mist  
My heart began a pounding

We were rollin' babe  
We were rollin' through the foamy brine  
We're rollin' babe  
I think everything will be just fine  
I dreamt of you and me  
On the Celtic Sea  
Babe, I'm so happy that you're mine



## RUBBER BAND RING

How I wish it were a diamond  
How I wish it were a band of gold  
For miles I could see your light shining  
You found some missing pieces of my soul

Look at me, down on bended knee  
You make me wanna be, better than me  
Please believe me, you know it's true  
But I'm afraid right now, this will have to do

It's a rubber band ring  
A rubber band ring  
Is all I can afford  
It's a rubber band ring  
A rubber band ring  
Singing "Oh my Lord"  
It's a rubber band ring  
Rubber Band Ring  
Babe, I love you so

Even now, when I see your face  
You fill me with light, love, hope and grace  
Won't you take me back to your place  
Come on my love, we ain't got time to waste  
I can see the stars shining up above  
I ain't got much to give, besides my love  
Besides my love  
And a ...

Rubber band ring, rubber band ring  
I'm sorry to say  
It's a rubber band ring  
I'm gonna get you the finest ring someday

It's a rubber band ring  
A rubber band ring  
Is all I can afford  
It's a rubber band ring  
A rubber band ring  
Babe it's you I adore  
I promise you there will come a day  
I'll go out and get you  
The finest ring anybody has ever made  
But a rubber band ring  
Right now, it's all I got  
Hell, either you love me  
Or you love me not

Rubber band ring  
Rubber band ring  
Is all I can afford  
It's a rubber band ring  
Rubber band ring  
Babe, it's you I adore  
Rubber band ring  
Rubber band ring  
Is all that I got  
Rubber band ring  
I'm tellin' you babe, it's kinda hot  
Rubber band ring  
Babe, I love you so

## NEVER GOIN' DOWN AGAIN

I'm never goin' down again  
I'm never goin' down again  
I won't be pushed around  
I'm gonna stand my ground  
Yeah, I'm never goin' down again

Far beyond the hills of Jackson County  
Got me a little place of blackjack pine  
I know my enemies are all around me  
I know we still got so many walls to climb

I'm never goin' down again  
I'm never goin' down again  
I won't be pushed around  
I'm gonna stand my ground  
I'm never goin' down again

Sometimes it feels like I'm living on an island  
Right smack dab in the middle of Civil War  
Got me a heart that is fueled by love and lightning  
I've never felt this way before

I'm never goin' down again  
I'm never goin' down again  
I won't be pushed around  
I'm gonna stand my ground  
I'm never goin' down again

At your door is 1984  
Who knows what will happen now  
These are dangerous days  
They say, "Wake up boy, your time is running out"

Tonight I'm ready for fighting  
I'm ready to take one on the chin  
Got me a heart that's fueled by love and lightning  
For the first time it feels, I'm odds on to win

I'm never goin' down again  
I'm never goin' down again  
I won't be pushed around  
I'm gonna stand my ground  
I'm never goin' down again  
I'm never goin' down again  
I'm never goin' down again  
My faith is growin'  
Tonight, I'll own it  
I'm never goin' down again

## SIDEWAYS

Beyond the night's majestic  
longing  
Caught somewhere in between  
The man I really am and the  
man I try to be  
Between the things I've  
wanted  
And the things I really need  
Something sent me sideways  
As I fell into a dream

Something sent me sideways  
As I fell into a trance  
One hand was pointing to the  
sky  
The other, down your pants  
Funny things will happen  
When they start out with a  
glance  
Something sent me sideways  
What happened to romance?

Somewhere South of Church  
Street  
I heard someone call my name  
I turned to see an empty street  
And it struck me rather strange  
I came across a beggar  
Who asked me for social  
change hell yeah

Esmeralda knew my story  
And was stunned that I'm still  
here  
Near misses, faded glory  
I'm Van Gogh's missing ear  
I'm black, I'm white  
I'm wrong, I'm right  
I'm straight and I am queer  
Something sent me sideways  
Thinking of King Lear

Crazy Kate was off her meds  
She wasn't making any sense  
Was a year, since Turk left  
town  
It was no coincidence.  
That she'd gone through many  
lovers  
And every last line of defense  
Something sent me sideways  
When I saw bloodstains on her  
dress

So many towns and misfit  
clowns  
One-man, solo shows  
Whiskey bars and rental cars  
With a runny cocaine nose  
Bobby said the answers are  
In the wind that blows  
Call me Ishmael

The bums they were bartering  
Before they headed home  
Down on Lower Wacker  
Where no one would hear  
them moan  
Skid Row ain't what it used to  
be  
My uncle died there alone  
Something sent me sideways  
They said, "Welcome Home!"

Depression comes in many  
forms  
Wears many a mask  
It will always come to find you  
You don't ever have to ask  
It comes in pills and powders  
They serve it in a glass  
Something sent me sideways  
It knocked me on my ass

Lady Godiva screamed  
"Everything seems so insane"  
Just as I saw a riderless horse  
Canter down the lane  
Past Einstein and Fellini  
Who were discussing phantom  
pain  
With Stephen King

The executioner was smoking  
Waiting for guests to arrive  
He seemed a little put out  
He had sharklike, deathly eyes  
The pontiff was telling jokes  
To all the harlots in disguise  
Something sent me sideways  
Welcome to Paradise

They say there is no right or  
wrong  
There's no good, nor bad  
You live between the things  
you got  
And the things you never had  
My bags are packed, I ain't  
coming back  
Can I get an Amen?

Something sent me sideways  
The way it always seems to do  
When you don't feel much like  
talking  
And you're feeling a little blue  
From Gethsemane to Willow  
Springs  
To Eastern Timbuktu  
Something sent me sideways  
Babe, I'm coming,  
I'm coming home to you

## GOD HELP US

It's 11:58  
I hate to say it  
You've been on my mind  
I need someone to understand  
To take the wings I have  
Give them flight  
Stretched out in front of me  
I see such pain and misery  
And helplessness  
The shackles of your shame  
They hang there like a chain  
Across your chest

God help us  
For we know not what we do or say  
God help us  
Why are you always so far away?  
If it's true, then will you say  
That help is on the way

I drift in and out  
Like a feather blown about by the wind  
Hanging like a cloud  
There's a shroud of my doubt and my sin  
With all this suffering

It's hard to believe in anything at all  
So farewell ye pale moon  
I can hear a nightingale's tune  
In my head  
I'm not sure what we're doing  
But it feels there's trouble brewing  
Up ahead  
We're on the road to ruin  
Yet I can feel you in my room by my side  
For in the darkest hours  
Such bitter flowers are all you will find

God help us  
Just who the hell do you think you are  
God help us  
Are you the wound or just the scar?  
God help us  
For we know not what we say or do  
God help us  
Why on earth should I believe in you?  
If it's true, we're going home  
But in this life we're on our own