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Lyrics

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## All in the Past

When the valleys roared with engines

And cried with hymns of light

Disciples with canaries

Dug dark deeper than the night

Now a fiery cloudy pillar

Hovers over business parks

As the lungs of emphysemic men

Sing as rising larks

**But Auld Lang Syne holds little comfort**

**In history's disarray**

**The stolen land, the blazing croft**

**The past won't go away**

**Boats banished from Port William**

**The pregnant chambermaid**

**Justice has a memory**

**Some memories will not fade**

From the woods of Nova Scotia

To Vancouver Islands waves

A burnt-clan converses

And counts the unmarked graves

Of a nation and a language

Expelled from hill and glen

Meanwhile in the pubs of Partick  
Their tongue speaks free again  
And what to sing of Ireland  
That doesn't burst the breast  
From Coleraine down to Fermanagh  
The fields pray and yearn for rest  
Sweet holy land of magic  
Still sending out your fleece  
And may it come back to you ten fold  
With an armistice of peace

## All This Time

Snow on cedar, silence falls

Biggest beauty, we are small

Sun filled crevice, hump backed bear

Been looking for something, already there

**It's taken all this time**

**It's taken all this time**

**To turn around and see**

**The sum of all these parts are we**

Stripped back layers, to touch the core

So many clues lie, on the floor

And all these things and more are true

But none alone would see me through

**It's taken all this time....**

Snow on cedar, silence falls

Biggest beauty, we are small

Life is complex, so we are

Searching trash cans, traveling far

**It's taken all this time**

**It's taken all this time**

**To turn around and see**

**The sum of all these parts are we**

## An Aching and a Longing

The sun rises a miracle each day

But wise men point the other way, away

Soft she comes like a pillow to my face

The burning passion and warm embrace of love

**We don't know nothing**

**We don't know much**

**Just an aching and a longing**

**To be loved**

Water runs down a mountainside

I see my shame and I turn and I hide, hide away

The idols of men standing proud and tall

But the eagle flying will be there when they fall, fall away

**We don't know nothing**

**We don't know much**

**Just an aching and a longing**

**To be loved**

Loved with dignity, whispers deep inside of me

A million years away from what the experts have to say

**We don't know nothing**

**We don't know much**

**Just an aching and a longing**

**To be loved**

## An Undiscovered Love

This is an undiscovered love

A quite and narrow road

It lives within the dirt

Of each and every soul

An undiscovered love

A minute lost in time

Singing to remind me

It's yours and it is mine

**If I should fall**

**If I should fall in love**

With an undiscovered love

Dancing in the moon

And beating to the rhythm

Of a different tune

An undiscovered love

A cello in a field

Giving up its story

With the melody it yields

**If I should fall.....**

An undiscovered love  
Words meeting on a bridge  
And left there in the dust  
Freedom's privilege  
This is an undiscovered love  
Gives new meaning to the word  
Pulls apart the preposition  
Makes these efforts look absurd  
It's an undiscovered love  
That draws me close tonight  
Takes away the fear of darkness  
And throws it to the light

**If I should fall**

**If I should fall in love**

**With an undiscovered love**

## Another Chance

Another night, another date

Another SM 58

Another chance and I cant wait

Somewhere your waiting

Don't go gently into the night

Don't give up without a fight

Lets keep faith with what we know

Searching for the rainbow

**I will be loving you tonight**

**I will be loving you**

**I'll rip up my heart in these songs tonight**

Another time, another place

You gave me love and tender grace

Now I beat these lonely miles

But I will find you

**I will be loving you tonight....**

Another night, another date

Another SM 58

I'll reach out and touch your face

I know that your waiting there

**I will be loving you tonight...x 2 (tonight – is another chance)**

## Better Than That

I've been watching you from a distance

Cos that's where I stand

Hoping I could get a bit closer

To reach out my hand

Looks like someone took your world of wonder

And stripped it away

Left you tearing up your dreams in the shallow

Of washed up bay

Everything you know just seems to drag you down

So I just want to take the time to raise you up

Make you understand

Your so much better than that, you are

I'll make you understand, your so much better than that

I've been watching the way you carry

Your life around

It's like a heavy, heavy load

You gotta lay it down

Let the hope of good days coming

Touch your eyes

Girl the truth of love is out there

Gotta walk through these lies

Words that you were given left you where you fell  
I will take those words and send them back to hell  
Don't you understand  
You're so much better than that  
I'll make you understand, you're so much better than that  
Everything you know just seems to drag you down  
So I just want to take the time to raise you up  
Make you understand  
You're so much better than that, you are  
I'll make you understand, you're so much better than that  
I want to raise you up, you're so much better than that  
I'll make you understand, you're so much better than that  
You're so much better than that

## Between You and Me

Between you and me

There's a space that we can't see

We've pulled back to safe territory

Between you and me

Kisses don't last long at night

Conversation's too polite

Between you and me

**And we speak as if through glass**

**Like were confirming 'All Things Pass'**

**We lit summer fires when young**

**Now there's winter on our tongue**

**And the days come and go**

**In a cease-fire ebb and flow**

**We've let too many rifts accrue**

**But I still desperately love you**

Between you and me  
Silences shout 'unease'  
There's not such a need to please  
Between you and me  
We're too on guard to start a fight  
Rhapsody's a distant light  
Between you and me  
Between you and me  
We think things that we don't mean  
When struggling with the unforeseen  
Between you and me  
These minus times can move to plus  
If love's the hand still holding us  
Between you and me

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Like were confirming 'All Things Pass'  
We lit summer fires when young  
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But I still desperately love you**

## Celebrity

I'm a celebrity, tousled and vivacious

I'm a celebrity, publicity voracious

I'm a celebrity, a mediocre icon

I'm adorable, especially when the mic's on

Celebrity, with a pre-nuptial arrangement

To be followed by a photo-spread estrangement

**Fashionably turned out**

**Immaculately churned out**

**Rehab ripe and burned out**

**On a short lease destiny**

**Magazine confessional**

**Vulnerably obsessional**

**An emotional professional**

**Renowned for being me, me, me**

I'm a celebrity, a surface raconteur  
I'm a celebrity, RSVP's everywhere  
I'm a celebrity, attending acting classes  
I'm a lap dog, a poodle for the masses  
Celebrity, with injected lips that pout  
I am a spiritual, with a cook-book coming out  
I'm a celebrity, every word is true  
I'm a celebrity, misquote me and I'll sue  
I'm a celebrity, with depression, anorexia  
And a mystery illness which should make me even sexier  
Celebrity, with superficial grace  
Always wearing this mask, that eats the face

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**Celebrity**

## Dic Penderyn (The Ballad of Richard Lewis)

Thunder rolled and the rain came down St. Mary St.

But on this day thousands stood their ground

A silent crowd who's heads are bowed in helplessness

Bid farewell

And the wife of a Richard Penderyn

Supported there to weak to stand

Disbelieving anger and sorrow

For her innocent man, an innocent man

**She says, lift me up oh lift me boys**

**Let me see the one I love**

**Lift me up oh lift me now**

**Let me see the man I love one more time**

Broken by starvation and poverty

While the iron masters sip their wine

Young and old together marched for justice

But the bayonet and the bullet's what they find

"Bread or blood" cried a collier

"We've come to far lads to run"

But in our Myther town in 1831

They were cut down by the government guns

And in the midst of senseless slaughter  
One soldier wounded in the thigh  
Who later swore on oath at the trial  
That Dic Penderyn was not the guy  
Though he had stood for everything they wanted  
And rose up with his people on that day  
It could not have been he that harmed the soldier  
But some there with a grudge put him away,  
Said they'd stitch him up one day  
Despite petitions and cries for mercy  
All that the facts had to say  
Neither king nor his parliament would listen  
Even the judge was turned away  
Hey Lord Melbourne how did you sleep then  
With all that evidence in your face  
Well you shot down 24 so why not hang someone?  
Got to keep those workers in their place  
He slowly climbs the steps to the gallows pole  
The last few moments of a life  
His eyes survey the crowd of gallant Welsh  
Looking for his wife, he can't see his wife

**She says, lift me up oh lift me boys**

**Let me see the one I love**

**Lift me up oh lift me boys**

**Let me see the man I love one more time**

But louder and longer than the sound of guns

Is the memory of what was done

You can only trample people down for so long

Time will show you have not won

And long before all this on a hill in Palestine

They strung another up they say was a friend of yours and mine

Dying in the place of another one

But in the morning comes the sun

**Lift me up oh lift me now**

**Let me see the one I love**

**Lift me up oh lift me now**

**Let me see the one I love one more time**

## Everything in Heaven

Everything in heaven comes apart

The tuning fork the afternoon

The anxious scowl of each baboon

Everything in heaven comes apart

The bottle brush the swing top bin

The lumps that grown beneath our skin

The roulette wheel conspiring talk

The rhythm of the penguins walk

The years of grief the libelous hint

The plasma of the innocent

The untraced lie the verbal dart

Everything in heaven comes apart

Everything in heaven comes apart

The atom and the tsetse fly

Deceits which we now justify

Everything in heaven comes apart

The zebras stripe the callous joke

The anthem that the bullfrogs croak

The nightingale the damming phrase

The unseen rage of all our days

The beetles brain the sour jibe

The self advancement moral bribe

The lepers souls the withered heart  
Everything in heaven comes apart

**Comes apart explains itself and shows it's complex ways**

**To see at last is to be free from a complicated maze**

**Comes apart explains itself and shows its complex ways**

**Everything in heaven comes apart**

Everything in heaven comes apart

The pogo stick the monkey gland

The bloody strife fought overland

Everything in heaven comes apart

The private scam the public face

The press release attempt at grace

The olive branch the passport queue

The fifteen minute super loo

The Parrots blink the gamma ray

The things the dead would like to say

The daffodil the words that smart

Everything in heaven comes apart

Everything in heaven comes apart

The diamond ring the ocean song

The conversation that went wrong

Everything in heaven comes apart  
The dry stone wall the forest fire  
The smile that turned into desire  
The rising sun the chain store suit  
The blank gaze of the destitute  
The tender kiss the pious mask  
Questions we all meant to ask  
All the plans we had but couldn't start  
Everything in heaven comes apart

**Comes apart explains itself and shows it's complex ways**

**To see at last is to be free from a complicated maze**

**Comes apart explains itself and shows its complex ways**

**Everything in heaven comes apart**

## Gift to Me

I can see her standing

In a distant time

With her hair as soft as the rain

And a river's flowing

Through a valley green

Gently calling her name

May the Spirit never leave you

May it always be there by your side

And I realize

**That you are a gift to me**

**A song that's free**

**Coming down in time and season**

**From a higher place**

**And higher ways**

**A love that gives no reason**

Cariad, lovely

Is it sad with you girl

Tell me what goes on your mind

Can I see the future

Can I walk with you there

Can I wipe the tears from your eyes

May the spirit never leave you  
May it always be there by your side  
And I realize

**That you are a gift to me  
A song that's free  
Coming down in time and season  
From a higher place  
And higher ways  
A love that gives no reason**

And I, I will come running  
Take you in my arms  
Letting you know

**That you are a gift to me  
A song that's free  
Coming down in time and season  
From a higher place  
And higher ways  
A love that gives no reason**

## Have and Angel Walk With Her

I cherish the ground you walk upon  
When you look up I stare you down  
But it's not we who hurt the most  
Father son and holy ghost

**Free in my thinking but slave to my thoughts I am, I am**

**Have an angel walk with her**

**And the demons stay with me**

**Some who walk this earth**

**Are not meant to be free**

I curse the hold you have on me  
I'd walk the ocean to be free  
I want to taste the very kiss  
Of all the good things that I miss

**Free in my thinking...**

I have laid awake calling out your name  
I have laid myself open to the blame  
But I have to say I need to ask  
Who on earth would set this task?

**Have an angel walk with her  
And the demons stay with me...etc**

## He Never Said

He never said God helps those who help themselves

He never said Blessed are the rich

He never said Do unto others before they do it unto you

He never said Its too bad buddy the winner has to take it all

He never said success is the key

You gotta be cruel to be kind

And he never said it's a jungle out there

Where the weak must get left behind

He Said..

**Answer a strangers cry for help**

**Love your brother as you loved yourself**

**You only have to seek and you will find**

**Forgive your enemies drop that grudge**

**Don't judge others and you won't be judged**

**Only knock and the door will open wide, open wide**

He never said Archbishops should stick to theology

He never said put your faith in the lottery

He never said by any means necessary

He never said my country right or wrong

He never said send your money to me

Touch the screen and your gonna be healed

He never said every man's got a price

Do you want to make a deal?

**Answer a strangers cry for help**

**Love your brother as you loved yourself**

**You only have to seek and you will find**

**Forgive your enemies drop that grudge**

**Don't judge others and you won't be judged**

**Only knock and the door will open wide, open wide**

And on that day a day that's coming

Who's gonna be walking who's gonna be running

The first will be the last and the last will come first

If the meek inherit the earth

**Answer a strangers cry for help**

**Love your brother as you loved yourself...etc**

## He's Mine

Guess were half way there now

How quickly time comes around

Its six o'clock

That where I can be found

And what's to show?

Nothing much of which I'm proud

And if voices speak for me

They're probably far too loud

**And if I see you in that place**

**If I see you face to face**

**Faithful servants not the line**

**1 Just want to here you say 'he's mine'**

**2 If they ask you would you say 'he's mine'**

**3 All I need to here you say is 'he's mine'**

Tell me sir, did you feel like giving up on me?

Tell me sir, did you turn your back so you couldn't see?

I could not blame you, I would have no retort

I get tired too, of things I've bought

Am I ready to follow through

Am I ready to follow you

As far as the east is from the west

Do you forgive and forget the thing that I do best?

## Hush Mother, Do Not Cry

Hush Mother, do not cry

I am filled with angels

Hush Mother, do not cry

It will be all right

Hush Mother, do not cry

I am filled with angels

Hush Mother, by and by

It will Be All right

**In the end it will be just fine**

**In the end it will be just fine**

**Hush Mother dont you cry**

**I am filled with angels**

## I Don't Know Why

We come so far

And the road we're on is long

But in the end we are miles from home

I see your face

At every pit stop on the way

In young girl's dreams and old men's smiles

I gotta tell you, let me tell you

**I don't know why, you won't give up on me**

**I don't know why, you don't wash your hands**

**I don't know why, you're still standing next to me**

**I don't know why**

Eye's in the dark

I cry to dream again

I've got no peace, feels like I've got no choice

The human heart

It's as fickle as the rain

It comes and goes, never the same

I gotta tell you, let me tell you

**I don't know why...**

And can you believe me if I say to you

I'd never walk away again

I'll never walk away

**I don't know why, you won't give up on me**

**I don't know why, you don't wash your hands**

**I don't know why, your still standing next to me**

**I don't know why**

**I don't know why, you won't give up on me**

**I don't know why, you don't wash your hands**

**I don't know why, your still standing next to me**

**I don't know why**

We come so far

And the road were on is long

But in the end we are miles from home

## I Will Be Waiting

I would not give up on anyone except maybe me

I still hold on to a dream for you

I would like to see you turn around and find a deeper love

It must be rough now with all the bitterness washing over you

If pride is a crime then were all doing time

But a glimpse of home can sometimes bring us through

**I will be waiting, waiting for you**

**I will be waiting all my days**

Can't believe you can be happy with the way things stand

I hate to see you now in that cold, cold land

Through the dreams that hide my shadow I will always remain

Hoping dreaming and just believing that you're on your way

And I still see the smile that was in your eyes

And I never will say goodbye

**I will be waiting, waiting for you**

**I will be waiting all my days**

## Kiss the World Beautiful

I want to kiss the world beautiful  
I want to kiss the world fine  
Shoulder to shoulder, cheek to cheek  
That don't sound much like a crime  
I want to kiss the world beautiful  
I have no name for this desire  
I believe in light, but don't know what to write  
With the darkness drawing near  
I want to kiss the world beautiful  
Lay down this life I think I would  
Give up my shoes and all of my views  
Don't know why just think I should  
I want to kiss the world beautiful  
Under the weight of all this earth  
Sometimes it takes someone else's life  
To make us see what we are worth

I want to kiss the world beautiful  
Dream but never fall asleep  
Go up to God and say, do you have plans today?  
Are you walking down my street?  
I want to kiss the world beautiful  
And not forget from where we came  
There are losers and winners, saints and sinners  
I hope we all end up the same  
I want to kiss the world beautiful  
I want to kiss your lips tonight  
Sometimes it's just more important to love  
Than to always have it right

## Liberal Backslider

**I'm a liberal backslider I've been sliding 'bout ten years  
People ask me how I'm doin' and I confirm all their fears  
I'm swearing like a trooper, and I'm drinking like a bum  
I'm a liberal backslider and it sure is a lot of fun.**

Been Following these footsteps now for many a year gone by  
But you always upset someone there no matter how you try  
Well the good things they're forgotten if a bad thing comes around  
Now all these stones are flyin' they're gonna knock me to the  
ground

**I'm a liberal backslider....**

I take a stand on justice, I take a stand on race  
Gonna take me a TV evangelist and punch him in the face  
I sing about the hope that's in me and ask why the poor aren't fed  
But if I don't tow the party line, it's be better if I were dead

**I'm a liberal backslider....**

So I'll be asking for forgiveness then until the day I die  
Though I can't be sure of what I've done I think I'd better try  
Thank God you're not the jury, thank God I'm not the judge  
Here's to a bigger picture, here's to the bigger love!

**I'm a liberal backslider....**

## Love the Light in You

I don't want to make you promises

In case I forget

I won't paint a rosy picture - just yet

I don't want to see you standing

Thinking none of it came true

I don't want to see you stranded

So I can't get through, to you

**I love the light**

**I love the light**

**In you**

I don't want to see you pull another man down

I want to see you walking tall

I won't give you easy answers

If you fall

**I love the light...**

I don't want to see the world come crashing in

I want to see you breaking through

I don't want to think about the times

I won't be with you

**I love the light...**

My Love, my Life

My love, she's good, she's wise

Like a redwood tree, and

Her dreams, they grow, my soul

Can't shine without her smile

**I won't confess to you**

**But I will not lie**

**I will do my best for you**

**My love, my life**

Joy, tears, through the years

Together they glide down to

Ties, that bind, but she finds

Somehow the best in me and

**I won't confess to you...**

I fall on my head, you pick me up, you make it right

And I'll be in your debt, all my life, my life, my life my love

My love, she's good, she's wise

Like a redwood tree, and

Her dreams, they grow, my soul

Can't shine without her smile

**I wont confess to you...**

## One of Us

If god had a name, what would it be?

And would you call it to his face

if you were faced with Him in all His glory?

What would you ask if you had just one question?

**And yeah, yeah, God is great.**

**Yeah, yeah, God is good.**

**Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.**

**What if god was one of us,**

**just a slob like one of us,**

**just a stranger on the bus trying to make his way home?**

If God had a face, what would it look like?

And would you want to see it there

if seeing meant that you would have to believe

in things like heaven and in Jesus, the saints

and all of the prophets?

**And yeah, yeah, God is great.**

**Yeah, yeah, God is good.**

**Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.**

**What if god was one of us,**

**just a slob like one of us,**

**Just a stranger on the bus**

**Just trying to make his way home, back up to heaven all  
alone.**

**Nobody calling on the phone,**

**'cept for the Pope maybe in Rome.**

**Yeah, yeah, God is great.**

**Yeah, yeah, God is good.**

**Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.**

**What if god was one of us,**

**just a slob like one of us,**

**just a stranger on the bus trying to make his way home,**

**just trying to make his way home, just like a holy rolling  
stone?**

**Back up to heaven all alone, just trying to make his way  
home.**

**Nobody calling on the phone,**

**'cept for the Pope maybe in Rome.**

## **Please Sir**

She was always a very pretty lady  
He had always caught her eye  
They were married in a mining valley  
And swore they'd be together until the day that they died  
Twenty years later with the coal all gone  
And golden lamp in his hand  
He stands at the bar with a pint in his hand and his friends  
They all agree together that they don't understand  
Meanwhile little David takes his books off to school  
|  
And learns of times gone past  
And when it comes to questions he puts up his hand  
There's something that he just wants to ask

**Please sir can you give me an answer**

**Please sir you know it doesn't seem fair**

**Last night as I walked through the door**

**I thought I saw my father crying sat in his chair**

She stood there with her arms around him and she said

She promised him a better day

But after twenty years of working underground

It's not just your job that they take away

Sometimes he'd walk to the edge of his world  
And stare at the valley below  
He thought about leaving maybe running away  
But knew there was nowhere to go

**Please sir can you give me and answer**

**Please sir you know I just can't see**

**Please sir when you make these decisions**

**Do you have a vision of what happens to me**

Life goes on in a mining valley  
But the young men leave for a better wage  
And every day he coughs and he splutters  
He knows love is the reason he stays  
He knows love is the reason he stays

Meanwhile little David takes his books off to school  
And learns of the times gone past  
And when it comes to questions he puts up his hand  
There's something that he just wants to ask

**Please sir can you give me and answer**

**Please sir you know it doesn't seem fair**

**Last night as I walked through the door**

**I thought I saw my father crying sat in his chair**

## Precious

They'll try to take you and steal your heart

They'll try to make you something you aren't

You can be swept like sand on a beach, not out of reach

Don't let them drag you down, hold on

**Know that your precious**

**Know that your precious**

**Know that your precious**

**So precious**

And in another land there's a voiceless cry

Cos all humanity walked on by

They've been betrayed a thousand times

Still the children stand with no helping hand

Just a knowledge in there hearts that it shouldn't be

And in our mother land is the fountain dry?

Empty smiles that speak and long for days gone by

I feel the night is closing in, if you feel it too

Let me wrap my arms safe close around you

## Reminded of Heaven

Before I saw you I heard your heart beat

In the river of my soul

Planted there by another

I watched you grow

Winds blew my thoughts down

Lonely empty streets

I observe that their strength has gone

Since you came along

Pursuing things that I dream of

Empty loaded guns

Raping life of love and love of heaven

**For a moment, in the twinkle of an eye**

**Well I found what I'd looked for**

**Though it's gone I look back and I cry**

**I'm reminded of heaven, I'm reminded of heaven**

Sometimes it gets so lonely

Love is a distant theme

Hope becomes a stranger

And I am left to dream

I bend my head low  
To kiss your face  
And somehow the pain subsides  
And peace remains  
Thought the night isn't over  
There's one thing I know  
You bring back the love of, love of heaven

**For a moment in the twinkle of an eye  
Well I found what I'd looked for  
Though it's gone I'd look back and I cry  
I'm reminded of heaven, I'm reminded of heaven**

## Sing to My Soul

I asked my mother where I was, October 66

Sitting in my classroom she say

When further up the valley a black mountain gave a sigh

With a generations children in its way

**Sing to my soul, sing to my soul,**

**Love say hello, don't say goodbye**

**Don't leave me dry, sing to my soul**

I am slick with words and sentences I am silver with my tongue

If a story's to be telling then baby I am the one

Touch the past that's in a soul, the heart begins to grieve

But lately I've been wondering what it is that I believe

**Sing to my soul, sing to my soul,**

**Love say hello, don't say goodbye**

**Don't leave me dry, sing to my soul**

There's so much to hold me here, much to tie me down

Walking wishes come and gone, something in me drowned

Tonight I am lost in this old town, tonight the map is torn

Running round, trying to find the path that I have worn

So I took a walk down thunder road dodging all the blame  
I found a crowd who'd gathered there and they all felt the same  
And we all cried out on our guitars, martyrs to the cause  
But when we finished playing, I couldn't here applause

**Sing to my soul, sing to my soul,**

**Love say hello, don't say goodbye**

**Don't leave me dry, sing to my soul**

A sound can be the difference, a voice can turn the way  
Let me run to catch your words, let me hear you say  
You can kiss the lips of heaven, boy, she'll call out your name  
Touch the devil's handiwork, it can feel the same

**Sing to my soul, sing to my soul,**

**Love say hello, don't say goodbye**

**Don't leave me dry, sing to my soul**

I thought I saw you smiling in the sound of the refrain  
Thought I felt your pleasure as I sang it once again  
All these little parts of me scattered at your feet  
And I'll believe in miracles if you still want to meet

**Sing to my soul...**

I asked my mother where I was in October 66

## Somewhere in America

Somewhere in America

Yearning deep for you

There's country on the radio

The key change comes on cue

The DJ's voice is honey

But I don't think it's true

I'm somewhere in America

Nowhere to be blue

Tonight's a different motel

That looks the very same

It's not what I imagined

On our diamond stairs to fame

There's twenty four hour marketing

But a broken telephone

I'm somewhere in America

Adrift, astray, alone

I'm somewhere in America

Yearning deep for you

There's country on the radio

The key change comes on cue

The towels are indescribable

I wonder should I sue?

I'm somewhere in America

Nowhere to be blue

Buddy Holly, Elvis-

God fearing, down home boys

Went to church on Sundays

But sang of different joys

Amorous three chord poems

Cleaned up for public view

They were somewhere in America

Which is nowhere to be blue

Somewhere in America

Yearning deep for you

I need to touch your heart

As the key change comes on cue

That DJ's voice is honey

But I don't think it's true

I'm somewhere in America

Nowhere to be blue

I'm somewhere in America  
Yearning deep for you  
With country on the radio  
The key change comes on cue  
The DJ's voice is honey  
But I don't think it's true

I'm somewhere in America  
Nowhere to be blue  
Somewhere in America  
Burning deep for you  
Somewhere in America  
Holding on to you

## Step Outside

We went out on April 7

Though it was May 31

And then the sun hit the heaven

Me and the boy's having fun

And then our home town drifted by

Rising high on the tide

**You gotta step outside**

**You gotta step outside**

**Cross the great divide**

**And find yourself a whole new life**

I don't like the clothes your wearing

And melody is what you lack

And I thought I heard you swearing

In fact I want my money back

Now I don't like the tone your taking

You wanna take it outside?

**You gotta step outside**

**You gotta step outside**

**Cross the great divide**

**And find yourself a whole new life**

I've been thinking about my baby  
I've been thinking about my love  
I've been thinking who's complaining  
About these blessings from above  
Seems that some are never satisfied  
All this stupid pride

**You gotta step outside**  
**You gotta step outside**  
**Cross the great divide**  
**And find yourself a whole new life**

## Strange Way

Strange way to start a revolution

Strange way to get a better tan

Strange way to hold a power breakfast

Strange way show your business plan

Strange way to see if wood would splinter

Strange way to do performance art

Strange way to say "I'll see you later"

Strange way to leave behind your heart

**Strange dissident of meekness**

**And nurse of tangled souls**

**And so unlike the holy**

**To end up full of holes**

**Strange way**

Strange way to hang around for hours

Strange way to imitate a kite

Strange way to get a view of Auschwitz

Strange way to represent the light

Strange way to watch for stormy weather

Strange way to disprove gravity

Strange way to go about fund-raising

Strange way to sing I'm liberty

**Strange dissident of meekness**

**And nurse of tangled souls**

**And so unlike the holy**

**To end up full of holes**

**Strange way**

Strange way to test for haemophilia

Strange way to spend a happy hour

Strange way to down a bitter cocktail

Strange way to merchandise your power

Strange way to reassure your mother

Strange way to finish your world tour

Strange way to pose for countless paintings

Strange way to gather in the poor

**Strange dissident of meekness**

**And nurse of tangled souls**

**And so unlike the holy**

**To end up full of holes**

**The world is too much with us**

**Could we not now just elope?**

**Strange way to hold us closer**

**Strange way to give us hope**

**Strange way**

## Swansea

Well I'm thinking of wet streets

And pubs that glow gold

But a gun with a night sight

Is all that I hold

Don't you take any bets

On me getting old

**And I'm dreaming of Swansea tonight**

**Yes and I'm dreaming of Swansea tonight**

In Whitehall there's an MOD

Man altering facts

Whilst we crouch and study

The events of anthrax

Don't forget the Sierra

Is due it's road tax

**And I'm dreaming of Swansea tonight**

**Yes and I'm dreaming of Swansea tonight**

Yes and I'm dreaming of Swansea

Does the cistern still leak

And we've slept in these same

Bloody suits for a week

We're fluent and tutored

In military speak

But it seems like the sky's

Been on fire a week

And I want to cry out

In Swansea tonight

And the tabloid boys' own war

Of three Shredded Wheat

Doesn't write of our scared lads

When describing our feats

And I'd love to be with you

Just ironing the sheets

**And hold you in Swansea tonight**

**Dreaming of Glasgow tonight**

**Dreaming of Streatham tonight**

**I'll be dreaming of Swansea tonight**

## Tail of the World

I sit alone with my head full of ideas

I can't get them out, scream and shout

Days whistle by now, see how they fly now

My, my, my, they just roll by

**I can't seem to smell the flowers, can't see the trees**

**Chasing the tail of the world, just trying to please**

I walk around with my feet on the ground, but

Sometimes I miss a step, I hate missing anything

Cover my tracks and the ones I have not made yet

It's such a shame, and I am to blame

**I can't seem to smell the flowers, can't see the trees**

**Chasing the tail of the world, just trying to please**

But if I search you out, then for a moment

I fly away, I fly away

Glimpses of everything in it's right place

What a day, please, please stay

**I can't seem to smell the flowers, can't see the trees**

**Chasing the tail of the world, just trying to please**

**I can't seem to smell the flowers, can't see the trees**

**Chasing the tail of the world, just trying to please**

## The Good in Me is Dead

I sit at the border, this blanket my cover

I wait for my sister, I wait for my mother

The rain it is falling, but I do not feel it

I cant feel nothing, any more

A month ago they took my father

The village was asleep

Put a Russian gun to his temple

And put him in a jeep...(didn't get his breakfast)

**If you put that lens in my face again**

**I swear I'll break your head**

**Sir the good in me is dead**

In the hills of Prestina, my family worked the land

The images flow through my ticking mind, and fall like grains of sand

My brothers in those hills now, I saw him lying there

His eyes they did not see me, as my fingers touched his hair

As I kissed his dirty hair

**If this is all that's left now**

**There's nothing to be said**

**And the good in me is dead**

Last night the bombs came raining, I swear I saw his face  
He came running cross the fields to me, in a safe and peaceful place

**I woke shaking and thinking  
About love that's in the world  
And if there is no bigger picture  
How its all obscene, absurd  
So pass me a revolver  
Pass me a book I've read  
Pass me a fresh cut flower  
And ask me what I dread  
That the good in me is dead**

I sit at the border, this blanket my cover  
I wait for my sister, I wait for my mother  
I wait for my mother  
I must wait for my mother

## The Mayor of Candor Lied

In the little town of Candor in the last year of my youth

I learned the final lesson of the levels to the truth.

My father was a farmer he'd go tilling in the ground.

My mother was a neighbour she'd go visiting around.

But I didn't care

For I had found the answer to a plowboy's lonely prayer.

She was the daughter of the Mayor.

The Mayor fought my courtship for he'd made other plans

He saw her married to a better man than a boy with farmer's hands.

I said -- I hate your father, it's so hard not to strike him.

She said --You know I love you because you're so much like him.

And so I'd go sneaking in the evening

And there she'd stand a crying in the dawn as I was leaving

**The Mayor of Candor lied**

**When he offered me his only daughter**

**The Mayor of Candor tried**

**To take her across the water**

**What a thing to do to a young man in love**

**What a thing to do to your daughter.**

One day with father on his tractor and mother off again  
I go to find the mayor and work out what I can  
But he is not at his office, he is not at his home.  
When I find him in the countryside he is not alone.  
He is holding a woman and imagine my surprise  
As she jumps back from his arms I look into my mother's eyes

**The Mayor of Candor lied!**

All my thoughts of outrage, embarrassment and pain  
Were washed away by what came roaring through my brain  
The Mayor's at my mercy and I hear my own voice say –  
'Your run for re-election is just one month away.'  
And the world will never know of what I've seen here sir  
But I'll be with your daughter is my meaning clear, Sir?

**The Mayor of Candor lied...**

My mother looks in horror at the compromise we made  
But the Mayor's rueful smile says the piper must be paid  
I had a month of joy in heaven from this deal I'd made in hell  
What was to happen then my friend a prophet could not tell  
  
The day after his re-election and the victory celebration  
The Mayor takes his family on a month long foreign vacation

Oh Sarah -- you know how much I love you

There is no one I'd ever place above you

Oh Sarah -- you don't even know me

To have you there's nothing that's below me.

The day that they return I stand waiting in the road

I watch the car drive up I watch the passengers unload

Of course she isn't there of course I should have known

The Mayor says that she has stayed the decision was her own.

He says she's finishing her schooling on that unseen foreign shore

And I'll tell you very frankly boy, you'll not see her anymore

### **The Mayor of Candor lied...**

I spit out my hatred and my fury at his lies

But he says you tried to blackmail me you're just as bad as I

He says 'Go and do your damndest boy, throw your mother to the streets

You know it's been too many years I had to be discreet'

And as he stands there saying we're just two of a kind

It hits me like a thunderbolt exploding in my mind

As I look into his aged wrinkled mirror of my own face

He laughs and sneers and says -- Of course dear son --

Where do you think you came from in the first place?

### **The Mayor of Candor lied ...**

This is Us

**This is us, we, you and me together we are home..**

We're a stupid man, a dreamer

Got fire in a soul

A fighting, writing, wronging

A broken God shaped hole

Stand with you in the desert

Walk with you on the path

And the truth is I'm not joking

And I hope that you wont laugh

**This is us, we, you and me together we are home..**

Bring on all the doubter's

And those who know too much

To gather in the darkness

And find a common touch

Got no doubt we need justice

Got no doubt we need some faith

Got no doubt that loves a mystery

I'm holding on to the tails of her grace

**This is us, we, you and me together we are home..**

I walked upon a treasured land

We all stood on her stage

We all sound checked together

A laughing holy rage

Some sang into each others eyes

Some sang to the ground

We were lost their when we started

But now we can be found

**This is us, we, you and me together we are home..**

## Thunder and Rainbows

The light or the shade, concealed or displayed

Enemies, friends, opposite ends

Bitter or sweet, ruffled or neat

Feathers or lead, silent or said

Generous or mean, corporate or green

Vagrant or lord, the dove or the sword

Distinct or obscure, prosperous or poor

Devil or saint, we are and we ain't

**Intricate mysteries**

**Life's secret code**

**Cul-de-sac signposts**

**On yellow brickroads**

**Ambiguous answers**

**The question's still "Why"**

**Thunder and rainbows**

**From the same sky**

Champagne or dust, banquet or crust

Authentic or fake, angel or snake

Flower or thorn, pristine or torn

Desert or sea, the throne and the tree

**Intricate mysteries**

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## Treasure the Questions

Locked in my heart there's a child  
Knocking the door to get out  
Asking the questions that hurt and  
Sometimes there's a question of doubt  
I can't pretend that it's easy  
I can't pretend that I win  
When your search in this life is over  
That's when the struggle begins

**And if I don't find out the search is not in vain**

**And if I don't find out I**

**Treasure the questions as they rage in my mind**

**I treasure the questions some day I will find**

**I ran out of answers such a long time ago**

**And I treasure the questions wherever I go**

Searching Sahara's of sorrow

Trying to understand why

But the journey has brought me so much closer

I don't have to stand here and lie

Over and over I cried in the darkness

Over and over to see

The crime is to sit and not wonder

Renewing my mind set me free

**And if I don't find out the search is not in vain**

**And if I don't find out I**

**Treasure the questions as they rage in my mind**

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## Working Mother

I catch the early shoppers train

Leaves Leeds at half past eight

With women who are Harrods bound

from headscarfed Harrogate

I change my clothes at Kings Cross

From bland to vivid bait

I'm a working mother earning jam for tea

In a hotel called the Harlequin

With carpets that are bald

I offer several services

At least that's what they're called

But there's no real variation on a fifteen minute maul

I'm a working mother hoping to get home

**Working mother under cover**

**Another violent kiss**

**Working mother pop-up lover**

**Am I worth more than this?**

My husband drove his HGV  
Through France and Spain  
He'd always add 3 extra days  
So he could see Elaine  
They're now in Alicante  
Where it doesn't even rain  
I'm a working mother going home for tea

My Alice is a princess  
Likes puppies, dolls and pink  
Wayne's three years older  
Wants his own ice skating rink  
One day they'll know  
By which time I could be dead from the drink  
They're my babies and they need an earning mother

**Working mother under cover**

**Another violent kiss**

**Working mother pop-up lover**

**Am I worth more than this?**

## Dolphins Make Me Cry

Don't know what the world is gonna do  
Or if we can get off this road that we're on  
There's hate in my brother's but and as the time goes by  
I get harder

They say we learn by our mistakes then we carry on  
Sometimes I'm not sure sometimes I'm not sure  
There's no brakes on this car as it rolls down the hill  
My muscles are straining, my foot's through the floor

**Perhaps that's why, perhaps that's why**

**I see the dolphin and it makes me cry**

**As I look in your eye as I look in your eye**

**As the time goes by, it makes me cry**

Don't want to go to school anymore today  
Coz history keeps on and on repeating herself  
She can't forgive she just licks all of her wounds  
And sore is the day and sore is the night

When I was a boy when I was growing up  
Life was so simple then, life was so sweet  
Now that I'm older I am wise as a fool  
I keep breaking those golden, golden rules

**Perhaps that's why, perhaps that's why**  
**I see the dolphin and it makes me cry**  
**As I look in your eye as I look in your eye**  
**As the time goes by, it makes me cry**

Did you ever touch the loneliness of a broken man

Did you ever see a starving child die

Do we really do these things to one another

Do you see why..... dolphins make me cry

## Cardiff Bay

Took my son and his tear stained face out of Sunday School

As Chapel Hymns began to fade away

Left his mother with the other as we drove across our town

Going to the place where the seagulls and the cranes play

On a Sunday over Cardiff Bay

This is one day of our lives

And on a Sunday over Cardiff Bay

Know that I love you

All of my life

And the old man in the side street he made you smile

Waved at us both so we both waved back

Down on through Bute Street to the mud of the low tide

They tear the old things down my son, but some things stay the  
same

**On a Sunday over Cardiff Bay**

**This is one day of our lives**

**And on a Sunday over Cardiff Bay**

**Know that I love you**

**All of my life**

Saw Captain Scott on the Terranova  
Setting sail for open sea  
And maybe one day when you're older  
You'll come down this way and think of me

**It'll be a Sunday over Cardiff Bay**

**Just one day of your life**

**And on that Sunday over Cardiff Bay**

**Know that I loved you..**

**On a Sunday over Cardiff Bay**

**This is one day of our lives**

**And on a Sunday over Cardiff Bay**

**Know that I love you**

**I hope that's alright...**

**All of my life....**

## Change Your World

Are you down to your last ray of hope  
Well they say that's the moment things turn around  
Don't you give up the fight you can cope  
You can be so amazingly strong  
And you can't let go  
You have come so far

*And I know that it's been rough  
But your patience has to pay  
And it can't be soon enough  
And if I could have my way  
I would change your world  
I'd change it right away*

Are you down to your last drop of love  
Even so you should give it away  
Let it sail with your dreams to the sun  
And return to you laden with promise  
And you can't let go  
I won't let you fall

*And I know that it's been rough*

*But your patience has to pay*

*And it can't be soon enough*

*And if I could have my way*

*I would change your world*

*I'd change it right away*

*And you're tired of chasing love*

*'Cos it never seems to stay*

*And it can't be soon enough*

*And if I could have my way*

*I would change your world*

*I'd change it right away*

Are you down to your last weary smile

So put it on now, and wear it with dignity

It's time to walk one more mile

Very soon there are going to be changes

*And I know that it's been rough*

*But your patience has to pay*

*And it can't be soon enough*

*And if I could have my way*

*Yes I know that it's been rough*

*But your patience has to pay*

*And it can't be soon enough*

*And if I could have my way*

*I would change your world*

*Change it right away*

*I would change your world*

*There would not be a delay*

*I would change your world*

*I'd change it right away*