

## Foreword

The poems in this book were all written as songs. They span more than twenty-five years of my life. Some were written when I was young and single. These are lyrics that would never emerge from a happily married man with five children. Others are more recent, and give a far different perspective on life. These events (and/or lifestyles) did not all happen to me. But I have tried to chronicle the lives of others, and I have walked in lots of shoes. I hope that some of these lyrics will ring true for you, wherever you are in your life.

Poetry comes from deep within—erupting from raw emotions, spilling down over the brain. Music touches places the intellect can never reach. Combined, I believe they present the most powerful means of expression.

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## America 911

When I was just a boy  
My dad would set me on his knee.  
He'd say,  
"Son, in this great land  
You can be all you want to be.  
Our nation's based on freedom,  
Trust, and opportunity,  
And there's nothing  
That will hold you back,  
From sea to shining sea."

Our forefathers gave their lives  
In the Revolutionary War.  
And Abe Lincoln did the same  
For the slaves we'd brought onto our shores.  
They fought against the Kaiser,  
And then Hitler and Japan.  
And it was all so that their children  
Could live in the Promised Land.

America the beautiful,  
For amber waves of grain,  
So giving and so dutiful,  
Above thy fruited plains.  
When I'd pledge allegiance to the flag  
I would stand up tall and proud.  
But America,  
Where are you now?

It's plain to see, democracy  
Is envied by the world.  
We raise our heads with pride  
Whenever the Stars and Stripes unfurl  
But our carefree way of life  
Gets shaken to its very core  
When terrorists use freedom  
As their tool to wage a war.

What's happened to our liberty?  
Did we let it slip away?  
Or was it stolen while we  
Chose to look the other way?  
We used to be a beacon

Shining bright for all to see,  
Not sifting through our ashes,  
Looking back at Old Glory.

Today we face the choices  
Our forefathers had to make  
There are those that question if  
We still have all it's going to take.  
The sacrifice, commitment  
And the will to see it through  
And the faith we will prevail  
No matter what our foes may do.

America, stand up and fight,  
Or we'll give it all away.  
Freedom's earned,  
It's not a right.  
We must pay for it each day.  
We can't earn freedom  
Wishing things were as they used to be.  
And then sitting back while terrorists  
Take shots at liberty.

We all must band together  
And there's so much to be done.  
We must all declare a war until  
Our victory is won.  
Every worker, mother, father, child  
Must sit down hand in hand,  
And roll up their sleeves,  
Together, we can resurrect our land!

America, stand up and fight,  
Don't forfeit all you've won.  
Our freedom's running out of sight,  
There's so much to be done.  
But there's nothing that can stop us,  
Don't believe the things they say.  
We've overcome far greater odds,  
We are the USA!

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## **America Where Are You?**

When I was just a boy  
My dad would set me on his knee.  
He'd say "Son, in this great land  
You can be all you want to be.  
Our nation's based on freedom,  
Trust, and opportunity.  
And there's nothing  
That will hold you back,  
From sea to shining sea.

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In the Revolutionary War.  
And Abe Lincoln did the same  
For the slaves we'd brought onto our shores.  
Then they fought against the Kaiser,  
And then Hitler and Japan.  
And it was all so that their children  
Could live in the Promised Land.

America the beautiful,  
For amber waves of grain,  
So giving and so dutiful,  
Above thy fruited plains.  
I'd pledge allegiance to the flag  
When school prayer was still allowed.  
But America—  
Where are you now?

It used to be our industry  
Was envied by the world.  
We'd raise our heads with pride  
Whenever the Stars and Stripes unfurled.  
Didn't have to lock our cars  
Or watch for needles in the sand.  
What's happened to the dreams we had,  
What's happened to our land?

What's happened to America?  
What's happened to our land?  
Why is it that we're buying cars  
That are shipped here from Japan?  
We used to be a beacon  
Shining bright for all to see,

Not selling off our jobs and  
Looking back at Old Glory.

Half of all we buy  
Has come to us from overseas.  
The only thing we're selling back  
Are buildings, banks, and trees.  
It wasn't long ago  
That we were lending to Japan.  
We're helping them more than before,  
This time it's to our land.

America, stand up and fight,  
Or we'll give it all away.  
Freedom's earned,  
No, it's not a right.  
We must pay for it each day.  
You can't earn freedom  
Wishing things were as they used to be.  
And then selling out to the companies  
That hail from overseas.

We all must band together  
And there's so much to be done.  
We must all declare a war on drugs  
'Till victory is won.  
And our workers and their management  
Must sit down hand in hand,  
And roll up their sleeves,  
Together, they can resurrect our land!

America, stand up and fight,  
Don't forfeit all you've won.  
Our time is running out of sight,  
There's so much to be done.  
But there's nothing that can stop us,  
Don't believe the things they say.  
We've overcome far greater odds,  
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To the flag

When school prayer was still allowed.

But America,

Where are you now?

## Can't Capture Love

I've tried to capture love  
Time after time.  
Pull it from the air  
And make it mine.  
But a love that is caged,  
Will never stay.  
So I'm off in search of another way  
To find it.  
Some men say that love is blind.  
Others say that love's divine.  
I've heard men say that love can kill,  
Eat into the heart,  
Destroy the will.  
But what is life without this feeling?  
An empty shell without a ceiling  
Or walls  
To give life  
It's needed dimension.  
Sickness without healing,  
Wounds,  
Without attention.  
Love,  
God's greatest gift of all.  
The bliss we feel  
When we're within it,  
The bitter despair,  
When we're without it.  
When I think of how long I have searched,  
And how many places.  
The hundreds of glances  
At anonymous faces.  
Searching for solace, meaning, caring,  
Perspective, balance, healing,  
And sharing,  
Only to be stopped  
By disappointment and pain.  
The constant regrouping,  
And searching again.  
The miles and the smiles  
And promises broken,  
Eventual fading  
Of words that were spoken  
In vain.

Spending years in pursuit  
Of fortune and fame,  
And finding success hollow  
After winning the game  
Without that one thing  
That could make life worthwhile,  
That one special person.  
The one I hope  
Is you.

## Emotions

I'm a slave to my emotions,  
And I must make my escape.  
They'll keep me here forever  
If I don't make a break.  
First I'm high, then low.  
Continual ebb, then flow.  
First I'm flying  
Then crying  
In a matter of days.  
I'll be hoping,  
Then groping  
My way out of the haze  
Of my emotions.  
So strong  
Yet so weak.  
First their bold,  
Then so weak.  
Who controls them?  
Not me.  
It's so easy to see  
They have a life of their own.  
Love is here.  
Then it's gone.  
Where it went  
I'll never know.  
My sun turns to rain  
Then finally,  
To snow.  
First I come.  
Then I go.  
Revolving door,  
Never more  
Than a moment's rest.  
First there's joy.  
Then there's pain  
Bright sunshine  
Always followed by rain  
Will I survive this final test?  
Can I put my soul to rest  
Just this once and for all?  
Or should I prepare to fall  
All over again.  
I remember when

My life was joy.  
I was a child with a brand new toy  
That never grew old.  
Never thinking about tomorrow.  
Feeling gladness  
Never sorrow.  
But those were yesterdays.  
These are here todays.  
And I must search for ways  
To get me through.  
Until I find that special you.

Oh, these emotions inside me  
They can comfort and guide me.  
But they'll never leave me alone.  
First they push me.  
Then pull me.  
They'll thrill me  
Then kill me.  
But they'll never leave me alone.

## **Fate**

I don't claim to understand  
How things happen like they do.  
Explain all of the forces  
In the great celestial stew.

But I know that they're a part  
Of everything I do and say.  
And that what I do tomorrow  
Was in existence yesterday.

In the universe we're nothing  
But a single grain of sand.  
Or a little piece of driftwood  
That has washed up on the land.

We think we're in control  
Of our entire destiny.  
When a close examination  
Shows that all was meant to be.

We're a minor star in a galaxy  
Shooting rapidly through space.  
The result of an explosion  
We theorize has taken place.

A billion years of fireballs  
To finally bring us here.  
Living nothing more than seconds  
In a Universal year.

Some call it God, some destiny  
And others can't relate.  
Me, I'm a firm believer  
In the power I call fate.

And it was fate  
That brought us both  
Together and to stay.  
I will not try to wonder why,  
It just worked out that way.

Only that explains  
How I can feel

Like I've known you all my life.  
The Universal blueprint would reveal  
That we were destined man and wife.

As the world unfolds  
From day to day,  
I see the world was meant for me.  
I wouldn't change my life  
In any way,  
It was all planned perfectly.

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How things happen like they do.  
Explain all of the forces  
In the great celestial stew.

But I know that they're a part  
Of everything I do and say.  
And it was fate  
That brought us here  
Together and to stay.

## **He Is a Poet**

He is a poet.  
And a sensitive man.  
He is a dreamer.  
Does the best that he can.

To cope with a world  
That doesn't quite understand  
How a fish out of water  
Can't adjust to the land.

When he was much younger  
He was a sight to behold.  
Dashing and handsome,  
Clever and bold.

With the gifts that God gave him  
He could accomplish anything.  
And if he'd only tried  
He could have had everything.

But he is a poet  
Living words that he writes  
Of the men who have nothing  
But long lonely nights

A kingdom of poverty, sorrow, and pain.  
This is the world  
Over which he does reign.

What was it inside him  
That made him give way  
To the pressure that came  
From living life day to day?

I watched as he poured  
And drank it all away.  
Until he became  
All he isn't today.

He is a poet who's too scared  
To share what he writes.  
With a son that still loves him  
In spite of the fights.



Living words that were spoken  
And promises broken  
Years ago  
During those drunken nights.

Now your teeth  
Have all bit the dust.  
It wasn't them  
That I loved anyway.

It was your clever conversation  
And the quiet jubilation  
That would strike me whenever you'd say

“Son, why don't we spend this day together?  
We'll go and do anything you wish.  
Although, you know,  
With this kind of weather  
I'd suggest that we go catch some fish.”

And we'd sit there for hours  
Just talking.  
Sharing dreams of the someday we'd be.  
Never stopping to think for a moment  
That we would live  
This reality.

You are a poet  
And a sensitive man.  
Only now can I understand.  
Because I spend my time  
Writing verses that rhyme,  
And have trouble adjusting to land.

But where I am different  
Is that I've got what it takes,  
The greater perspective  
To roll with the breaks,  
Because I have worked hard  
To learn from your mistakes,  
So I will succeed for both of our sakes.

We're both poets,  
And we're sensitive men.  
We are both dreamers,  
Do the best that we can,

To cope with a world  
That doesn't quite understand,  
How a fish out of water  
Can't adjust to the land.

## **I Don't Want No Nuclear War**

I don't want no nuclear war.  
I want to live free and easily,  
Like the way I've done before.  
You know,  
I don't want no nuclear war.

I don't want to glow in the night.  
I'd rather be reading  
By and ordinary light.  
You know,  
I don't want to glow in the night.

I don't want to die at thirty-five.  
My life would be far happier  
If I could stay alive.  
You know,  
I don't want to die at thirty-five.

I swear I'm not the only one  
Who wants to stick around.  
But we're sending missiles into space  
And we're testing underground.  
So,  
How much longer do you think we'll stick around?

I don't want to see dark mushrooms in the air.  
I don't want to see the sun at night,  
I don't want to lose my hair.  
You know,  
I don't want to see dark mushrooms in the air.

I don't want to catch no fallout from the sky.  
And I don't want to be picking  
Burning cinders from my eye.  
You know,  
I don't want to see any fallout in the sky.

I don't want to have white blisters on my face.  
I don't want to live to see the end  
Of the human race.  
You know,  
I don't want to have white blisters on my face.

And I'm wondering what there is that I can do.  
And I start to sweat when I think about  
What the world is coming to.  
You know,  
I'm trying to think of something I can do.

And I swear I'm not the only one  
Who wants to stick around.  
But we're sending missiles into space  
And we're testing underground.  
So,  
How much longer do you think we'll stick around?

Perhaps I'll keep my head stuck in the sand.  
There's a certain comfort knowing that  
I'll join my fellow man.  
You know,  
Perhaps I'll just keep my head stuck in the sand.

But Congress always knows just what to do.  
So I'll put my faith in politics,  
And the politicians, too.  
You know,  
They always say they know just what to do.

They can work, to move the war  
Far out into space.  
Let's spend so more  
So we'll make sure  
That we do not slow the pace.  
The pace to see which side  
Will end the human race.

And I swear I'm not the only one  
Who wants to stick around.  
But they're sending missiles into space  
And testing underground.  
So,  
How much longer do you think we'll stick around?

I must admit I can't understand  
How every day we move closer  
To the final day of man.  
You know,  
I just can't say that I really understand.

But I know I don't want nuclear war.  
And I find it hard believing  
Other nations want it more.  
You know,  
I just can't see what the hell  
We're fighting for.

And I pray I'm not the only one  
Who wants to stick around.  
So let's stop sending missiles into space  
And quit testing underground.  
Only then can we be sure we'll stick around.

## **I Sat To Ponder**

I sat one day to ponder,  
What it was that brought us here.  
The earth has several billion people,  
And we live in constant fear.

Those of us with enough to eat,  
Grab for everything we can,  
Never knowing which bright sunny morning  
Starts the final day of man.

For twenty thousand years,  
We cooked our meals by fireside.  
We knew that Gods controlled the sun,  
The heavens and the tide.

We drew them with our finger paints,  
We carved them with our knives.  
They guided us through every year,  
Of our so very simple lives.

But now we worship newer Gods,  
And they guide us different ways,  
And I wonder if our world has seen,  
The last of better days?

Every man's become a number,  
And our workers are machines.  
We push everything out of our way,  
As we race to catch our dreams.

We kill ourselves for freedom,  
As we try to take control.  
And we risk our own destruction,  
Having power as a goal.

Can we handle our technology,  
Or will it handle us?  
'Till we've triggered the explosions,  
That will fill the sky with dust.

I look back to where it is we've been,  
And I fear for where we'll be,  
Unless we take the chance to change our world,

And change it drastically.

I sat one day to ponder,  
What it was that brought us here,  
How several billion people,  
Would accept such constant fear,

And I realized that we believe,  
That it's just a case of when,  
And that there is nothing we can do,  
To avoid it in the end.

I sat one day to ponder,  
What it was that brought us here.  
The earth has several billion people,  
And we live in constant fear.

And I realized that we believe,  
That it's just a case of when,  
And that there is nothing we can do,  
To avoid it in the end...

## **I'll Keep the Simple Life**

I don't know and I don't really care.  
You stick to your society,  
And I'll just stay right here.  
You say that there are many things  
That I have never seen,  
That I should leave my simple life,  
Go out and chase a dream.

Well, I know you look disdainfully  
At the way I live my life,  
A small home in the country,  
My children and a wife.  
Work the farm like daddy does,  
And grandpa did before,  
And play our country music,  
Do a two-step round the floor.

You tell me that my life  
Ain't very much to be proud of.  
But I ask you what is wrong  
With a little harmony and love?  
For although we may be simple  
And not trying to compete,  
I challenge your complaining  
That my life is not complete.

'Cause, I've got everything in life  
That I will ever need.  
And I can do without  
Your great pretension, lust, and greed.  
Perhaps you have more money,  
And the toys you have are nice,  
But your eyes, your hair, and stomach,  
Say you're paying quite a price.

You sit there drinking scotch and milk,  
What hair is left is gray.  
The lines upon your face tell me  
It's here that I should stay.  
Your second wife has left you  
And your kids are selling pot,  
And still you preach that I should fight  
For everything you're got?



Well, I don't know and I don't really care.  
You stick to your society,  
And I'll just stay right here.  
You say that there are many things  
That I have never seen,  
And that I should leave my simple life  
Go out and chase a dream.

Well, I'll take my country living  
Though I'll struggle to get by.  
I'm happy with my simple life,  
Though you may wonder why.  
I know where I am going,  
And I know just where I've been.  
That's everything I need to know,  
To stay a happy man...

## Initials

I went back to Massachusetts.  
To the old familiar place.  
Just to relive ancient memories.  
A brief hiatus from the race.

A little time for some reflection  
Upon the way I used to be.  
Spend some days with inner solitude.  
It's become such a friend to me.

Took some time for walking in the woods.  
And made a special point to see  
Our secret place where we made love.  
Read our initials on the tree.

I had forgotten we had carved them  
In a way that would ensure  
That they'd remain through snowy winters.  
Knowing our love would endure.

And I stared at our old initials  
Carved so deeply into the tree.  
Professing how our so young love  
Would always last eternally.

We put them there so big and bold  
For everyone to see.  
Inside a heart  
Not far apart  
And linked so cleverly.

And now I forget all the reasons  
That made us go our separate ways.  
Although I remember all of the feelings.  
And I wish I could feel them today.

So I pulled out all the old letters.  
The ones that I saved from so long ago.  
And I read through each one so tenderly.  
Felt the tears begin to flow.

And I wondered where it is that you are today.  
If contentment finally came your way.

And I wrote another letter.  
But this one I packed away.

And I thought of just how many years it has been  
Since the final bridge was burned.  
And I pondered if I had been growing any wiser  
With everything I have learned.

And if given a new opportunity  
To do it all over once more.  
Would I try to do things much differently  
Than the way that I did them before?

And I stared at our old initials  
Carved so deeply into the tree.  
Professing how our so young love  
Would always last eternally.

We put them there so big and bold  
For everyone to see.  
Inside a heart.  
Not far apart.  
And linked so cleverly.

And now I forget all the reasons  
That made us go our separate ways.  
Although I remember all of the feelings.  
And I wish I could feel them today.

Then I came back to California.  
Leaving New England forever behind.  
Realizing that all of the way that it was  
Is now only in my mind.

I suppose I had hoped to recapture  
All of the innocence of our youth.  
So many times I have heard you can never return.  
And now I know that it is the truth.

## **Living a Lie**

I'm living a lie,  
You'll never see me cry,  
'Cause what you see is nothing  
Like the man inside.  
What you see is fantasy,  
Though you may try,  
Girl you won't see the real me  
Because I'm living a lie.

Many things in life  
Are never as they seem.  
We walk and talk and act  
As if we're living a dream.  
We never stop to think  
Or even wonder why,  
We cannot get our way  
Unless we're living the lie.

I'm living a lie,  
You'll never see me cry,  
'Cause what you see is nothing  
Like the man inside.  
What you see is fantasy,  
Though you may try,  
Girl you won't see the real me  
Because I'm living a lie.

Cruising honkey tonks  
And all the single's bars,  
Wearing fancy clothes  
And driving shiny new cars.  
Trying hard to show  
That I'm a macho guy,  
But I just don't feel right  
Because I'm living a lie.

I'm living a lie,  
You'll never see me cry,  
'Cause what you see is nothing  
Like the man inside.  
What you see is fantasy,  
Though you may try,  
Girl you won't see the real me

Because I'm living a lie.

There was a time  
When I would show my tender side,  
To all the people I'd meet,  
And how they stepped on my pride.  
So I closed the door to tenderness,  
But I survived.  
The only problem I have  
Is that I'm living the lie.

I'm living a lie,  
You'll never see me cry,  
'Cause what you see is nothing  
Like the man inside.  
What you see is fantasy,  
Though you may try,  
Girl you won't see the real me  
Because I'm living a lie.

There's a man inside  
Who wants to be all he can be,  
Not just another blank face  
That reflects society.  
I'm afraid it isn't something  
That my money can buy,  
Because to become myself  
I'll have to give up the lie.

I'm living a lie,  
You'll never see me cry,  
'Cause what you see is nothing  
Like the man inside.  
What you see is fantasy,  
Though you may try,  
Girl you won't see the real me  
Because I'm living a lie.

So I guess it's time I looked myself  
Right square in the eye,  
And time I broke down all my walls  
And gave the real me a try.  
And if my friends don't like me then  
Well I'll just kiss them goodbye,  
Because it's time I said I'm better dead  
Then living the lie.

I'm living a lie,  
You'll never see me cry,  
'Cause what you see is nothing  
Like the man inside.  
What you see is fantasy,  
Though you may try,  
Girl you won't see the real me  
Because I'm living a lie.

## **Mansion in Dallas**

Every morning at seven  
I'd pass by his home.  
He'd be out on his door step  
Always sitting alone.  
I'd hand him five dollars,  
He'd give me a smile.  
And say "Thanks for the money  
Today I'll live in style."

How long he had been there  
I never quite knew.  
His own little corner  
Not far from the zoo.  
His world of possessions  
All wrapped up with care  
And packed it a shopping cart  
Stored by the stair.

Then one day he stopped me  
And he offered a beer.  
"I've got a story to tell you,  
Come sit over here."  
His eyes they did beckon  
And I couldn't deny him.  
So I sat down beside him,  
Soon found myself crying.

As he told me his story  
Of pleasure and pain,  
Of calm seas and storm clouds,  
Of sunshine and rain,  
Of bitches and riches  
That I'd never claim,  
And of all that he'd lived through  
Since he'd shattered his dreams.

"I had a white-columned mansion  
And a woman who loved me.  
I had more than money then.  
Why, I had it all.  
I came home late one evening  
When I wasn't supposed to.  
And she said from the bed,

“Honey, you should have called.”

“What I saw right before me  
I couldn't understand.  
How she could be sleeping  
With some other man.”  
He looked back up to me,  
And he gave me a smile.  
He said “I must be going,  
I'll be back in a while.”

“It's been a long time  
Since I have spoken to someone  
Of the demon that took hold of me  
On that night.  
But he ran to study  
And he took down a shotgun.  
He stormed back to the bedroom  
Yelling, `You have no right.'

“You have no right  
To take her.  
She's all that I live for.  
And if I cannot have her,  
Then neither will you.  
And the demon,  
He forced me  
To pull on the trigger.  
And I stood there just watching.  
It was all I could do.

“I had a white-columned mansion  
And a woman who loved me.  
I had more than money then.  
Why, I had it all.  
I came home late one evening  
When I wasn't supposed to.  
And she said from the bed  
`Honey, you should have called.'”

“So now you know my story,  
And I must be going.  
My living is over,  
I just can't stand the pain.  
All that I have lived for,  
Is what I will die for.



Now you have my memories.  
It's time for my name.  
They call me Big Daddy.  
It's a pleasure to meet you.  
And I give you my legacy  
For being my friend.  
There's a mansion in Dallas,  
And a few billion dollars.  
I can't take it with me,  
So I leave it with you.

“I had a white-columned mansion,  
And a woman who loved me.  
I had more than money then.  
Why, I had it all.  
But I came home late one evening,  
When I wasn't supposed to.  
And she said from the bed  
‘Honey, you should have called.’”

Now I'm sitting here in Dallas  
In a white-columned mansion.  
Thinking of a man  
That I barely knew.  
And I wonder if I'll  
Find a woman to share it.  
And if I'd have a demon  
If she wasn't true.

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And a woman who loved me.  
I had more than money then.  
Why, I had it all.  
I came home late one evening  
When I wasn't supposed to  
And she said from the bed  
‘Honey, you should have called...’”

And now I'm sittin' here in Dallas,  
In a white-columned mansion...

## Memories

The memories,  
That make me smile,  
Are ones I have with you.  
Growing,  
With our little child,  
The changes we have both been through.  
The laughing and the crying,  
No, I wouldn't change a thing.  
And I love you most for trying.  
I'm still proud to wear your ring.

Others,  
May have money, fame,  
Or books up on the shelf.  
There was a day  
I played those games.  
But I've found far greater wealth.  
There's nothing that's more precious,  
Than the time I've spent with you,  
Except, perhaps, tomorrow.  
We've still so much left to do.

Our memories,  
They make me smile,  
And laugh, and sometimes cry.  
Memories  
Our loving style,  
Two years have now gone by.  
Lifetimes left,  
For you and me.  
I hope its time enough,  
For us to share the memories,  
Of everlasting love...

## Remembering

Your tension is showing,  
So give me your hand.  
We'll drive to the beach,  
And walk on the sand.  
There's comfort in knowing  
That we can replace  
Such feelings together  
'Till they're gone, without trace.

My spirit soars higher  
Whenever you're near.  
Gone is the pain, frustration, and fear.  
All colors seem brighter.  
My footsteps seem lighter.  
The smile on my face,  
Once so out of place,  
Is a natural one now.  
I can't remember how  
I ever lived without one.

Fill the bathtub with bubbles  
To wash away troubles.  
Then stay with me.  
Play with me.  
Come walk with me,  
And talk with me.

Sharing intimate rushes  
Whenever we kiss.  
If ever I'm lonely,  
It's you that I miss.  
Through the years of the waiting,  
Never anticipating,  
That someone could thrill me,  
Heat me, and chill me,  
As you do.

Not ever in dreams,  
Or my wildest schemes,  
Did I ever think  
That I would drink  
Of a nectar so sweet  
As the one that's inside you.

Oh, please let me guide you  
To the swirl of excitement  
When both of us meet.

Oh, I love how you tremble  
And stop every movement  
When you're surging inside,  
All around me.  
I love to feel your heart flutter  
And hear how you mutter  
Sweet nonsense.  
My dear, you astound me.  
With your gentle rhythm  
Matching perfectly  
To the one that is playing  
Inside of me.

But that was all yesterday.  
Those feelings have changed.  
Our plans for the future  
Have been re-arranged.  
So, you will go your way,  
And I must go mine.  
But I'll always remember  
That there was a time  
When we looked toward the future  
Even talking of marriage.  
Strolling together  
Behind a baby carriage.

I'll always remember  
The day that I met you.  
And though it will at times be painful,  
I'll never forget you.

## **Sailing Ship**

I feel just like a sailing ship  
Out on the open sea.  
Reacting to the winds of change  
That blow so constantly.

A little boat  
Dependent on the wind to get around.  
I must change my course repeatedly  
Or I will run aground.

So I am driven by the forces  
Of the things I can't foresee.  
Revolving round an epicenter  
Placed illogically.

Because the winds they come  
From everywhere.  
They come blowing down on me.  
And if I'm going to keep my dreams afloat,  
I must sail successfully  
Through a hundred thousand obstacles  
That are standing in my way,  
Without knowing which direction  
That I'll have to take today.

## SANDPIPERS

The beach is rather cool.  
A wind is chopping at the waves.  
The winter sky is overcast,  
The air a whitish haze.

The sand feels heavy on my feet,  
As I walk along the shore.  
And I listen as sandpipers  
Sing one of nature's finest scores.

A melody existing since  
The early days of man.  
It sings to me in a way  
That just my soul can understand.

An archetypal rhythm,  
From the padding of their feet.  
Their cries a type of symphony,  
They're singing as they eat.

Run forward as the waves rush out.  
Leave tracks along the sand.  
Tomorrow we'll be washed away,  
No trace of where they stand...today.

In the morning they'll begin again,  
Repeating every sound.  
And every movement of their feet,  
So sure upon the ground.

There's no changing in their daily lives—  
No think it through,  
No compromise.  
No putting off to another day.  
No memories to fade away.

How peaceful life must be  
For these sandpipers on the beach.  
Never setting sights,  
For dizzy heights,  
Just always out of reach.

And I wonder if there are some things  
That they are teaching me,  
A window to the simple way  
That living used to be?

Perhaps I've learned a thing or two  
By how they spend their day.  
That some of the things  
We say and do  
Are just supposed to be that way.

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As I walk along the shore.  
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Sing one of nature's finest scores.

## Subway Man

He was sitting,  
In the corner,  
At the far end of the car.  
His toes were wrapped with burlap  
And his face was smeared with tar.  
And still  
I couldn't help but notice  
That he had a regal air,  
And I wondered where he came from  
As he offered me his chair.

I ride the subway every day,  
From uptown to Wall Street.  
I win at games where giants play,  
With billions at their feet.  
And still I felt uneasy  
As I met his pointed stare,  
And I shook my head and smiled  
"No thanks, I'm fine,  
I'll stand right here."

Well, I felt his gaze upon me  
As I looked down to the floor.  
And I felt it hard to breathe,  
And then my sweat began to pour.  
When I finally looked into his eyes  
He gave a toothless grin.  
He said, "You know, it's been a while,  
Since I wore the shoes you're in."

His face was worn  
His clothes were torn,  
And he smelled of piss and gin.  
I wondered if some men were born,  
To end up just like him.  
But I knew he spoke the truth,  
That he had once been just like me,  
And I wondered what could send a man,  
Into such poverty.

The subway door flew open,  
And I saw that he must leave.  
He turned to walk away,



But then he grabbed hold of my sleeve.  
I looked into his eyes  
And saw that they'd grown red and wet,  
And then he said these words I know  
I never will forget.

“I'm sorry that I wasn't there,  
While you were growing up.  
It wasn't that I didn't care,  
I just didn't have the stuff.  
You're mother said she'd care for you,  
And I see she did alright,  
Though I've always said a prayer for you  
On each and every night.”

In a moment he was gone  
I couldn't stop the slamming door.  
But I watched him limp along  
His burlap dragging on the floor.  
I reached my hand up to my face  
And I wiped away the tears.  
There was no way we could replace  
Those lost and lonely years.

I'm sorry that I can't be there,  
To help you with my love.  
Dad, don't you see that I don't care,  
That you weren't always strong.  
Sometimes it takes some weakness  
To make us a better man.  
And tonight I'll say a prayer  
And ask that God give you a hand.  
And tonight I'll say a prayer  
And ask that God give you a hand.

## **The Facts of Life**

Sitting down here  
On a riverbank  
With the sun beating down on my skin.  
There's a wild-eyed boy inside of me  
And an old man trying to keep slim.  
I lay back in the grass  
And I think about the weather,  
My children and my wife.  
Then I hold my breath as I start to ponder  
The facts of life.

The facts of life  
Are you're gonna get old,  
And there is nothing you can do about it  
I've been told.  
Better let it all flow,  
Cause you got to go,  
With the facts of life.

When I was a boy  
A month seemed like forever  
And a year an eternity.  
As I look back  
They all seem to run together,  
Has it been that long for me?  
Now I don't complain  
About the time that's gone,  
Had my share of pain and strife,  
But I'd like to slow down  
The little time that's left,  
Change the facts of life.

The facts of life  
Are you're gonna get old,  
And there is nothing you can do about it  
I've been told.  
You better let it all flow,  
Cause you got to go,  
With the facts of life.

This is not a sad song  
You can sing along  
And I hope that it'll make you smile.

Pick up your shoes  
Dance away your blues,  
Forget about life for awhile.  
You know it ain't so bad  
And you otta' be glad  
Go out and have a good time tonight.  
Let it ease your mind,  
That's what's behind,  
The facts of life.

The facts of life  
Are you gotta let go,  
Gotta get yourself together,  
Gotta let it all flow.  
Put a smile on your face,  
You can't win this race,  
And that's a fact of life.

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And there is nothing you can do about it  
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Gotta get yourself together,  
Gotta let it all flow.  
Put a smile on your face,  
You can't win this race,  
And that's a fact of life.

## **The Love That Never Happened**

I remember when I first saw you,  
How the dress you wore was white.  
I was feeling kind of lonesome.  
You were a star against the night.

I was pulled into an orbit around you.  
I gave in,  
Cause I had no control,  
Of the gravity pulling me closer to you,  
The power that had taken hold.

I found myself standing beside you,  
Introducing myself with a smile.  
Apologizing for being so forward.  
You laughed,  
Said I did it in style.

We must have talked for half an hour,  
In the middle of a store.  
They could have thought that we were lovers,  
Though we'd never met before.

But it was a love that never happened.  
We didn't think romantically,  
Of the things that we were saying  
To each other excitedly.

Isn't it funny how the timing  
Of chance meetings can be right,  
In the middle of another love  
That keeps you clinging tight.

And would things have been much different  
If our hearts had been our own?  
Or is this just a fantasy,  
An event I've overblown?

Cause I still think back to the liveliness  
That I saw in your eyes.  
And wonder if it was an attraction  
That you couldn't quite disguise.

And if only for that moment

I could have been the one so true...  
And there'll always be a part of me  
That's still in love with you.

## **You Ain't Got a Clue**

Don't come crying to me,  
Blaming me for all your problems,  
Saying it's not fair I have more money than you.  
Success comes natural to me,  
Happiness is easy for me.  
I tell you brother,  
You ain't got a clue.

When I was young  
I spent my life on the street.  
There were many nights  
When I had nothing to eat.  
Had a gang for family,  
My mom so drunk couldn't talk to me.  
And now you say I act  
Like I am better than you.

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Blaming me for all your problems,  
Saying it's not fair I have more money than you.  
Success comes natural to me,  
Happiness is easy for me.  
I tell you brother,  
You ain't got a clue.

You know,  
You're going to have to make it yourself.  
Stop thinking money  
Comes from somebody else.  
The best handout  
Is a solid day on the job.  
Go clean your act,  
Don't live and think like a slob.

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Blaming me for all your problems,  
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Happiness is easy for me.  
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You ain't got a clue.

I made a habit

Out of hitting the books.  
When I had a problem,  
I would find where to look.  
Went on to college  
And I got a degree.  
And now you say there is something  
Bad about me?

Well, don't come crying to me  
Blaming me for all your problems,  
Saying it's not fair I have more money than you.  
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**PAIN**



## **Alone Again**

Alone again,  
Feeling ten years older.  
That burning flame,  
Now back to a smolder.  
Where has it gone,  
The love we shared?  
A night crying alone,  
No emotions spared.  
Then each going our own ways,  
As if neither one cared  
To remember.

Back in pursuit  
Of financial success.  
That's all we have time for.  
To hell with the rest.  
No making excuses.  
We'd rather be alone  
Than change our lives for each other,  
Take turns using the phone.

You follow your dream,  
And I'll write the great book.  
I pray we're both happy.  
Because someday we'll look  
Back over our lives,  
Weighing each of our choices.  
Listening,  
To the voices,  
Inside.  
The voices we can't ignore.  
The ones that keep score  
In the game that we call life.

Adding each plus and each minus,  
The good and the bad.  
Coming up with a sum,  
Am I happy or sad,  
Today?  
Should I feel down,  
Or be glad,  
Today?  
Or could I have done it

Another way?  
That seemed hard at the time.  
Too much stress.  
No piece of mind.  
Working hard just to keep  
Our own lives in order.  
No strength or desire  
To compromise with the other,  
For some elusive tomorrow  
That never seems to be  
The way we had it planned.

But will we look back  
When all the years have been spanned.  
And wonder why,  
We didn't try,  
A little harder?  
Could we have been,  
A little smarter  
In the choices that we made?  
And the roles that we played?  
Or will we have gambled it all away  
On the luck of the draw.  
And come up one card short.  
The card we should have kept,  
But threw away.

## Deep Blue Ocean

I was sailing in the islands,  
When I happened on a friend,  
A man I once knew well in college,  
But he had changed so much since then.  
When I finally asked what happened,  
He gave me a rueful smile.  
Took a guitar, started strumming,  
Said just listen for a while.

Take me away ... deep blue ocean.  
Rock me gently ... with your motion.  
Take me sailing...  
Sailing away.

I've experienced the good life.  
Even had myself a good wife.  
But take me sailing...  
Sailing away.

Cause when I'm sailing  
Nothing matters,  
But the wind and the rain.  
There's no tension... and no sorrows.  
There's no memory... and pain.

I'll be leaving on the high tide.  
Nothing left to hold me here.  
All I had has been forsaken.  
Another world,  
Once held so dear.

And now I'm sailing away.  
So I can face another day  
Without the laughter and the children.  
Without the joy of yesterday.

Daddy, daddy... How I love you.  
Honey, please give me a kiss.  
Those were words I took for granted.  
Now they're everything I miss.

So I go sailing,  
Where nothing matters

But the wind and the rain.  
I feel no tension.  
Have no sorrows.  
Lose my memories and pain.

We were leaving on vacation.  
Two fun-filled weeks in Mexico.  
We had finished all our packing.  
Everything ready to go.  
When a call came from the office.  
Something I just had to do.  
I'd have to fly to Acapulco,  
Soon as I was able to.

So I sent them on without me,  
To the sunshine and the sand.  
Never thinking for a moment,  
That the plane would never land.

Now I go sailing all alone.  
No more reason for a home.  
No more happiness in life,  
Without my children and my wife.

I was wondering about them,  
When the news came on TV,  
That there had been no survivors,  
Of the accident at sea.

Now I go sailing,  
Where nothing matters.  
No more memories and pain.  
I see their faces in the water.  
Hear their voices in the rain.  
But they're smiling,  
And they're happy.  
And we're together,  
Once again.

## **Down On My Knees**

I used to dream  
That I would be a star.  
At seventeen  
I vowed that I'd go far.  
So I picked up my belongings  
And I hit the street.  
Didn't listen to the warnings  
Of the life I'd meet.

Now I'm  
Down on my knees.  
I never thought  
That I'd be begging you please.  
But I'm down on my knees.  
Please save my heart.

I thought I knew  
What life was all about.  
And such a fool  
To think it would work out.  
I was so young and restless.  
I was hard to hold.  
I was taking my chances.  
I was wild and bold.

Now I'm  
Down on my knees.  
I never thought  
That I'd be begging you please.  
But I'm down on my knees.  
Please save my heart.

By twenty-one  
My records hit the charts.  
Having fun  
Breaking young girls' hearts.  
Didn't know what it was like  
To have my world fall in.  
My dear, my schedule is tight  
I'll try to fit you in.

Now I'm  
Down on my knees.

I never thought  
That I'd be begging you please.  
But I'm down on my knees.  
Please save my heart.

At twenty-eight  
I hit the silver screen  
The biggest star  
That they had ever seen.  
Had everything  
I'd ever dreamed about.  
Except the love  
That I can't live without.

And so, I'm  
Down on my knees.  
I never thought  
That I'd be begging you please.  
But I'm down on my knees.  
Please save my heart.

I let you go  
When I was just a boy.  
How could I know  
That I would lose all joy.  
I'd trade the money.  
I'd forsake the fame.  
If you will tell me  
That you'll take my name.

And I'll get  
Down on my knees.  
I never thought  
That I'd be begging you please.  
But I'll get down on my knees.  
Please save my heart.

I'm down on my knees.  
Please save my heart.

## **He Lost It All For Love**

I want to tell you all a story  
'Bout a man that I know.  
He lost it all for love.  
A man who once had everything  
But then he let it all go.  
He lost it all for love.

A man that once had all the little toys  
That money could buy.  
A man who never even took the time  
To wonder why.  
'Till he lost it all for love.

It's so easy to lose sight  
Of what's important in life.  
And what's more important than love?  
This was all that he was thinking  
When he made her his wife.  
Until he lost it all for love.

What's the point of living  
If there's no one to share?  
And you can spend your whole life running  
Without getting anywhere.  
In a world that's devoid of love.

How was he to know  
That when they had settled down  
That he'd change it all for love?  
His work upset the fragile balance  
Of the world he had found.  
So he made the choice for love.

He sold out every company  
That he did own.  
And stuck it into real estate  
So his time was his own.  
So he'd have more time for love.

You never can be sure  
What an investment will do.  
That's just part of playing the game.  
Things can happen that you never thought

Could happen to you.  
And things might never be the same.

He lost every single dollar  
That he'd worked so hard to make.  
But he took it all in stride.  
It wasn't so hard to take.  
At least he still had love.

So he went to work to earn enough  
For them to survive.  
At least he still had love.  
But she needed far more time  
Than he had left to provide.  
And the next thing he lost was love.

He went from having everything  
To having nothing at all.  
She left him for another  
Who could give her his all.  
And he lost it all for love.

So many of his friends  
Said he was such a foolish man.  
But what did they know of love?  
And if he had the chance to do the same  
All over again.  
He'd make the choice for love.

Possessions, they are nothing more than  
Things you can hold.  
And even though she'd left him  
He still felt deep in his soul  
The sweet memories of love.



## **Love Is a Razor**

Standing in the halo of  
The midnight sun,  
Underneath the shadow  
Of what I've become.  
I'm staring down the barrel  
Of a Lover's gun.  
Thinking of the day  
That sent me on the run.

I tried to hide  
When I got in so deep.  
I'm so torn up inside  
That I can't even sleep.  
And I pray the Lord  
For my Soul to keep,  
Because Love is a Razor  
And its cut is deep.

Wasn't long ago  
That I was so naive.  
Didn't know  
What life was holding  
Up its sleeve.  
Now it seems  
I'm heading toward an early death.  
And I'm wondering  
Just when I'll take my final breath.

Love can look  
Like a flower  
It can smell so sweet  
Have the touch of an angel  
With the devil's heat  
But just when you're thinking  
That your life's complete  
You find that love is a Razor  
And its cut is deep

If for any reason  
You should think of me  
I hope that it's only  
My good side you'll see.  
'Cause the one thing that keeps

Playing through my memory  
Are the days and nights  
We spent in loving ecstasy.

I threw it all  
To a passing glance.  
I bet my soul  
On a one-night chance.  
Now I face the music  
For one final dance...  
Give any thing in life.  
For another chance.

I close my eyes  
And stare into the great unknown  
And think about  
The second chances  
I've been shown  
As I prepare  
To make my leap  
Into the deep abyss  
I pray for a reprieve  
And a forgiveness Kiss

I threw it all  
To just a passing glance.  
I bet my soul  
On a one-night chance.  
Now I face the music  
For one final dance...  
Give any thing in life.  
For another chance.

Love can look  
Like a flower  
It can smell so sweet  
Have the touch of an angel  
With the devil's heat  
But just when you're thinking  
That your life's complete  
You find that love is a Razor  
And its cut is deep

## **Picking Up The Pieces**

Picking up the pieces  
Of your broken heart,  
Searching for the strength  
To make a brand new start.  
You tell me that you're looking  
For someone,  
Well, that someone is me.

You've been standing in a puddle  
Of a thousand tears,  
Drowning in the sorrow  
Of the wasted years.  
You tell me that you're looking  
For someone,  
Well, that someone is me.

When you were young  
You dreamed that you would always find,  
The perfect love  
To satisfy you're heart and mind.  
You never thought  
That love could ever let you down,  
And that the princess of your dreams  
Could wear a broken crown.

You're wondering  
If you could ever love again,  
Well, that true love is me.

And now you're picking up the pieces  
Of your broken heart,  
Searching for the strength  
To make a brand new start.  
You tell me that you're looking  
For someone,  
Well, that someone is me.

You've been standing in a puddle  
Of a thousand tears,  
Drowning in the sorrow  
Of the wasted years.  
You tell me that you're looking  
For someone,

Well, that someone is me.

You're not the only lover  
Who's been left behind.  
And you're no different from all others  
Reaching out to find,  
A guarantee that you  
Will never hurt again,  
A special someone  
That will be with you  
Until the end,

You're wondering  
If you could find that special friend  
Well, that someone is me.

I know that you're afraid  
To fall in love again.  
You'd have to open up the wounds  
That brought you so much pain.  
I know last time  
You thought that it would never end.  
The pain is gone,  
But we both know the scars remain.

I know a certain someone  
Who could set you free,  
And that someone is me.

I'll help you pick up all the pieces  
Of your broken heart,  
And help you find the strength  
To make a brand new start.  
You tell me that you're looking  
For someone,  
Well, that someone is me.

No more standing in a puddle  
Of a thousand tears,  
There'll be no drowning in the sorrow  
Of the wasted years.  
Because now you can be sure  
That you have found someone,  
And that someone is me.

## **The Big Chill**

Sometimes a coldness deep inside  
Can show the things our bodies hide.  
And pain that grows within can be  
Relieved at times so easily.

Sometimes it lies without detection  
Until one day on close inspection  
We see the clues that lead us where  
Our probing fingers never dare.

Not every change is understood—  
As you grow from child to womanhood.  
And some of them which seem to burst  
And tear you up— no warning first,  
Appear as problems with no reasons.  
Then they pass just like the seasons.

And in the wake you find you learn  
That life's a book— the pages turn.  
And what seems bad can make you glad.  
Your half-filled cup is filling up.

So let the coldness melt away  
And live to laugh another day.  
You have so much inside to share  
And many friends who truly care.

**LOVE**

## After All

When I look back to all the years  
That you have been my friend,  
Through all the many smiles and tears—  
The times I thought would never end,  
There's one thing that I always see,  
In the pages of my memory,  
And it's how you are a part of me,  
And all that I will ever be.

Now I know there have been days  
When we weren't seeing eye to eye,  
Reciting lines from tragic plays,  
Times when I just had to cry.  
But we always seemed to work it through,  
Until my heart was good as new,  
And wherever we are going to,  
I know I'll be in love with you.

I couldn't think of facing life  
Without you standing by my side—  
It's not just that we're man and wife,  
It's everything that's grown inside—  
The strength that comes from knowing  
That our lives will still be growing,  
From the seeds of love we're sewing,  
For the places that we will be going.

Our children have all spread their wings,  
And they have left our home.  
Now and then I wipe back tears of joy,  
When I think of how they have grown.  
I look back through all the pictures,  
Of our happy family as it grew,  
And I smile at my contentment,  
And it's all because of you.

The ball won't always bounce your way,  
You can't always win the game.  
What matters most is how you play—  
That's where I know we are the same.  
Because when it seemed there was no hope  
We'd toss a line and climb the rope.  
We always found a way to cope,

And we worked hard climbing up that slope.

But now we're on the mountaintop,  
And we are looking down,  
To a love we know will never stop,  
And a friendship that we both have found.  
I don't always take the time to say,  
The words I know you need to hear each day,  
But in this game of life we all must play,  
I will be with you all the way....



## **Climbing To The Treetops**

My heart is climbing to the treetops.  
It is reaching for the sky.  
I've never felt like this before.  
I've never been so high.  
There has never been a woman  
Make me feel the way you do.  
And when I'm in your arms  
I swear there'll never be another you.

This feeling  
It has taken me entirely away  
From reality  
And there's nothing I can do.  
But hold on tight to my emotions  
As they're swept up in the tide  
Of the roller coaster ride  
We're going through.

But I know one day that you'll be gone.  
And leave me here alone.  
And if it isn't you  
I know it will be me.  
Because we can't survive the pace  
Of how we're living our todays.  
And when we slow down  
I'm sure that we will see.

That we have nothing more in common  
Than incredible control  
Over each and every feeling we possess.  
And that when the spell is broken  
Aftermath will take its toll.  
And we'll be feeling incomplete  
With something less.

And then we'll both decide  
That we have given everything away  
To the power of our sexuality.  
And if there is nothing  
We can do to resurrect the best  
We will say goodbye  
And set each other free.

But I don't care about the future now.  
All I can do is think  
Of just how good it feels  
To be lying here with you.  
And if there was a way  
To capture everything we feel today  
I would keep it 'till  
Our living days were through.

My heart is climbing to the treetops.  
It is reaching for the sky.  
And I've never felt like this before.  
I've never felt so high.  
There has never been a woman  
Make me feel the way you do.  
And when I'm in your arms  
I swear there'll never be another you.

There will never be another  
Who could thrill me with her touch.  
In each little way  
That you've been able to.  
And I suppose that's why  
I've given such  
Attention to your needs.  
Because I know that in this life  
There'll never be another you.

Another you that is so different  
From the woman that I need  
To fulfill my dreams and make my life worthwhile.  
Another you that needs a man  
That is so different from me.  
One who can take your temper tantrums  
With a smile.

But I don't care about tomorrow.  
I'm just living my today.  
In the only way that I am able to.  
And if there was a way to capture  
Everything we feel today  
I would keep it 'till  
Our living days were through.

Cause my heart's climbing to the treetops.  
It is reaching for the sky.

I've never felt like this before.  
I've never been so high.  
There has never been a woman  
Make me feel the way you do.  
And when I'm in your arms  
I swear there'll never be another you.

## **Confusion In My Mind**

She's more than what I ever  
Dared to pray that I would find.  
And I'm having trouble clearing  
The confusion in my mind.

Because I wasn't quite prepared  
For what is happening to me.  
And I'm afraid this is a problem  
I can't deal with logically.

I had thought that happy marriage  
Was a joy I'd never live—  
That all the love inside of me  
Was love I'd never give.

So I shaped my life most carefully  
Into one I'd live alone.  
And I covered my emotions  
With a shell as hard as stone.

Now she's upset my entire life  
By bringing hope to me.  
And I'm starting to believe  
That I could have a family.

I'm wondering if I have  
Set myself up for a fall.  
Or could this be the special chance  
To finally have it all?

I've known many women,  
Though never one so nice.  
And giving all I had to her  
Wouldn't be a sacrifice.

And I find when I'm away from her  
She's often on my mind.  
My burdens all seem lighter—  
Leave my troubled thoughts behind.

But she's more than what I ever  
Dared to pray that I would find.  
And I'm having trouble clearing

The confusion in my mind.

Because if I'm going to take the chance  
To finally have it all,  
I must also risk rejection  
Set myself up for a fall.

She's pretty and so witty.  
With a heart that's made of gold.  
And I'm sure that after making her  
God threw away the mold.

Because in all my years of living,  
All the souls that I have touched,  
I have never met another  
I've respected quite as much.

It's not just that she's beautiful  
Or what she has to say,  
Or how she gives to everyone  
She meets along the way.

It's that special little something  
That's impossible to name.  
Though now that I have known her,  
Love could never be the same.

Yes she's more than what I ever  
Dared to pray that I would find.  
And I'm having trouble clearing  
The confusion in my mind.

I can't think of any part of her  
That I would want to change.  
She needs no more or less.  
There are no flaws to re-arrange.

Since I'm far less than perfect  
I am sitting here in fear,  
That one day she will say to me  
Words I don't want to hear.

“I've enjoyed the time I've spent with you.  
And I'm glad you are my friend.  
But I'm afraid that you and I  
Could never make it 'till the end.

“Since you're getting far more serious  
Than I could ever be,  
It's better that we say goodbye,  
Than hurt you needlessly.”

Yes, she's more than what I ever  
Dared to pray that I would find.  
And I'm having trouble clearing  
The confusion in my mind.

I want so much to tell her  
Just how much she means to me.  
But I cannot be certain  
Just what her response would be.

I don't want to risk our friendship  
By coming on too strong.  
Because I could live contentedly  
With the way we get along.

But I cannot help but wonder if  
She feels the same as I.  
And I wonder what she'd do  
If I gave kissing her a try?

Would she melt into my arms?  
Would she want to hold me near?  
Or would she slowly back away,  
And tell me all the words I fear?

I don't want to take the chance  
To lose the friendship we have found.  
And yet I'm driven to express  
The way I feel when she's around.

Because she's more than what I ever  
Dared to pray that I would find.  
And I'm having trouble clearing  
The confusion in my mind.

I feel just like a gambler  
Choosing what to throw away.  
And which cards he should keep  
To form the hand he's going to play.

So I guess I'll sing a song  
That has the words I need to say.  
And I'll watch for her reaction  
So I'll know what cards to play.

I can always smile and tell her  
That the words don't mean a thing.  
That I wrote it long before we met,  
Just another song to sing.

Yes, she's more than what I ever  
Dared to pray that I would find.  
And I'm having trouble clearing  
The confusion in my mind.

But it won't be long before  
I sing the words I need to say.  
Now that I know that she exists,  
I think I will start to pray.

And she's more than what I ever  
Dared to pray that I would find.  
And I'm having trouble clearing  
The confusion in my mind.

Though I wasn't quite prepared  
For what is happening to me,  
I think I found a way  
To let her know successfully.

## **Cradle of Your Love**

Rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.  
C'mon and rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.

I feel just like an angry child,  
When I'm away from you.  
My world is filled with troubles,  
And there's nothing I can do.

I struggle through my empty life,  
So hard to face the day,  
Existing for the moment  
I can lie with you and say,

Rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.  
C'mon and rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.

The world's become a place  
Where we're all trying to compete.  
Go out and screw your neighbor,  
It will make your life complete.

Well, I've found that I'm resisting  
What they're forcing me to be.  
And the only time I'm satisfied,  
Is when you're here with me.

So, rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.  
Please, rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.

I've become just like an actor,  
Playing roles to get ahead.  
Preparing and rehearsing lines,  
I know will knock em dead.

I was trained to be a winner,  
Leaving victims in my wake,  
Collecting all they had,



Till there was nothing left to take.

But now you rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.  
And I can be free,  
In the cradle of your love.

When I'm lying in your arms,  
I am the man I used to be,  
Before I yielded to the pressures  
That I let them thrust on me.

You give me all the strength I need,  
To put it all behind.  
And purify my troubled soul,  
My body, and my mind.

Oh yes, you rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.  
And I am so free,  
In the cradle of your love.

Together we can work,  
To make the world a better place.  
Supporting one another,  
As we join another race.

The race to alter how we live our lives,  
Before they alter us.  
Replace the mass manipulations  
With a future based on trust.

So, rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.  
Please rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.

Individuals make nations.  
(If we) continue as we are,  
We'll become a lifeless planet  
Simply orbiting a star.

We all must work together,  
And I know that starts with me.  
But it's your support  
That lets me become all I'll need to be.

So, rock me,  
In the cradle of your love.  
Then I can be free,  
In the cradle of your love...

## **Finding You**

Finding you was like a sunrise  
To a dark and lonely night.  
Shining like a rainbow  
So colorful and bright.

The sunset to a world  
Of feeling pain and emptiness.  
Always reaching for contentment  
And coming up with something less.

It's so funny how things never worked  
The way I had them planned.  
How my dreams of childish fantasy  
Became a world I couldn't stand.

And I'd given up believing  
That I'd ever live to see  
The day that you walked in my life  
And brought such joy to me.

Please understand that if I cry  
And want to hold you near.  
That the feelings come from happiness.  
There is nothing you should fear.

### **FEMALE PART OF DUET:**

I want to feel you close to me.  
And I'll kiss your tears away.  
I couldn't think of anything  
I'd rather do today.

When I think of all the years I tried  
To find someone like you  
And the silent desperation  
That my life was going through...

I want only to enjoy your smile  
And the rainbow of your face.  
Lie in the sunshine of your eyes.  
Forget the darkness it replaced.

### **TOGETHER:**

Finding you was like the living  
Of a childish fantasy.  
And I find my life's becoming  
Everything I hoped it'd be.

And I couldn't think of anything  
That I would rather do  
Than to share all my tomorrows  
In the loving arms of you.

## **Have I Told You That I Love You Today?**

As the final shades of darkness lift  
To make way for the sun,  
I wade through my stream of consciousness,  
A new day has begun.  
I've so many thoughts to think about,  
So many words to say,  
But have I told you  
That I love you today?

I love the way you hold me,  
And I love when you let go.  
I love reaching deep inside your soul,  
I love when you let it show.  
I love knowing that we live as one,  
In each and every way,  
Have I told you  
That I love you today?

I can hear you breathing quietly,  
Your face tucked against the sheet.  
I can feel your warmth reach out to me,  
And I nudge you with my feet.  
Then you snuggle up against me  
In that oh, so tender way,  
Have I told you  
That I love you today?

And I know that you're still sleeping,  
As I hold you close to me,  
And you press your face against my chest,  
And do so naturally.  
As my fingers trace across your skin,  
It's here I want to stay,  
Have I told you  
That I love you today?

You're so soft against my body  
And so sweet upon my tongue.  
With you I feel excitement  
Like I did when I was young.  
Yet I feel a greater comfort  
Knowing ours is here to stay,  
Have I told you

That I love you today?

I love the way you hold me,  
And I love when you let go.  
I love reaching deep inside your soul,  
I love when you let it show.  
I love knowing that we live as one,  
In each and every way,  
Have I told you  
That I love you today?

Your hand reaches out to touch me,  
And there's laughter in your eyes,  
And I'm not sure what you're doing,  
'Till you pinch me by surprise.  
Then I laugh and pull you closer,  
Then I look at you and say,  
Have I told you  
That I love you today?

I love the way you hold me,  
And I love when you let go.  
I love reaching deep inside your soul,  
I love when you let it show.  
I love knowing that we live as one,  
In each and every way,  
Have I told you  
That I love you today?

## **I Want To Live This Moment**

I want to live this moment—  
This moment of love.  
I won't worry about all of my bills or my rent.  
I'll live this moment of love.

Living in the shadow of the dollar bill,  
My world became an empty space I couldn't fill.  
Making plans to live a life that couldn't last—  
Changing my direction, going nowhere fast.

But now I want to live this moment,  
This moment of love...

The world can be a bitter place to live alone.  
But I found that it was better to be on my own.  
Living with another for the sake of company,  
May be fine for others, but it's not my cup of tea.

So I substituted money for all thoughts of today—  
Thinking that fulfillment had a price that I could pay.  
But the more I made the less I had to keep me satisfied.  
So I lost my faith in money, leaving nothing else inside.

But now I'm going to live this moment.  
This moment with you.  
I won't worry about all of my bills or my rent.  
I'll live this moment of love.

You walked into my life and suddenly I was content.  
And now I'm giving thanks  
For all the heartache I spent.

Because now I can appreciate this moment,  
And then love out the future,  
With you.

There is nothing more important than this moment—  
And the life that we will have,  
In love.

## **I'll Be True To You**

You don't have to lock your love away,  
'Cause, I'll be true to you.  
Save it for some rainy day,  
'Cause, I'll be true to you.

I'll, be true to you,  
And I'll never send you looking  
For someone new.  
I'll, be true to you,  
Baby, I'll be true to you.

I was wilder in my younger days,  
But, I'll be true to you.  
I've changed in oh so many subtle ways,  
And I'll be true to you.

I'll, be true to you,  
And I'll never send you looking  
For someone new.  
I'll, be true to you,  
Baby, I'll be true to you.

I know your mind is filled with doubt,  
But I'll be true to you.  
Just give me one night  
And I'll love it out,  
I'll be true to you.

I'll, be true to you,  
And I'll never send you looking  
For someone new.  
I'll, be true to you,  
Baby, I'll be true to you.

Well, I know I've hurt you once before,  
And I know you've seen the back end  
Of a slamming door.  
But can't you give love one more try?  
I swear I won't do anything to make you cry!  
'Cause, I'll be true to you.

I'll, be true to you,  
And I'll never send you looking



For someone new.  
I'll, be true to you,  
Baby, I'll be true to you.

You've got to throw your fears away,  
'Cause, I'll be true to you.  
And take the love I know is here to stay,  
'Cause, I'll be true to you.

I'll, be true to you,  
And I'll never send you looking  
For someone new.  
I'll, be true to you,  
Baby, I'll be true to you.

I was wilder in my younger days,  
But, I'll be true to you.  
I've changed in oh so many ways,  
And I'll be true to you.

I'll, be true to you,  
And I'll never send you looking  
For someone new.  
I'll, be true to you,  
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I know your mind is filled with doubt,  
But I'll be true to you.  
Just give me one night  
And I'll love it out,  
I'll be true to you.

I'll, be true to you,  
And I'll never send you looking  
For someone new.  
I'll, be true to you,  
Baby, I'll be true to you.  
Baby, I'll be true to you.  
Baby, I'll be true to you.

## **In Your Arms**

Guy:

When I hold you in my arms  
And feel you lying next to me,  
I can tell that this is what my life  
Was always meant to be.  
The comfort and excitement,  
All the love that I feel.  
The tenderness within my heart,  
The wounds that you heal,  
In your arms,  
In your arms.

Gal:

I had grown to think of men,  
As boys in suits and ties.  
They always seemed to live a world  
Of selfishness and lies.  
I never thought that I would know  
The love I'm feeling now.  
And I thank you for the special care  
You took to show me how,  
In your arms,  
In your arms.

Guy:

Your smile has brought such happiness,  
To the sadness of my past.  
And I'm welcoming the future  
Knowing that our love will last.  
But the finest part of all we are  
Is what we're living now.  
And I thank you for such joy  
And the time you took to show me how,  
In your arms.  
In your arms.

Gal:

My life's become so natural  
Having you here by my side.

And it feels so nice to know  
There are no secrets I must hide.  
Loving moment after moment  
Each one better than the rest.  
And I feel such great contentment  
With my head against your chest,  
In your arms.  
In your arms.

Together:

With you I've found that I can be  
The best inside of me—  
The windows of my heart so clear  
All fears have disappeared.  
Like a river flowing easily  
Until it meets the sea—  
My love pours out so naturally,  
When you're holding me,  
In your arms.  
In your arms.

## **Inspiration**

You— are an inspiration,  
A rock-solid pillar  
You're a strong foundation.  
You're everything a man could ever need.

You— are the Rock of Ages,  
You're a book of wisdom,  
As I turn the pages,  
I can read the only words I'll ever need.

I dreamed of you for many years,  
I had you pictured in my mind.  
Even after all the pain and tears,  
You're so much more than I hoped to find!

You— are a world of colors,  
You're a light that shines  
Far above all others,  
The only guiding light I'll ever need.

You— make life worth living,  
And you make it easy  
To get joy from giving.  
You're the only love my heart will ever need.

In the day when I'm away from you  
I'm always longing for your touch.  
I count the hours 'till I can lay with you.  
I'm still amazed that I can love so much.

You— are the culmination.  
Now every day is a celebration,  
Knowing that I now have all I'll ever need...

## Letter Box

When daddy passed away  
It was in nineteen eighty-three.  
The shattered look on Momma's face,  
Etched in my memory.  
I can see the tears stream down her face,  
Taste salt upon my tongue,  
Feel the warmth of her embrace,  
Though I was still so young.

She held me and she said,  
Don't cry,  
We'll see him in the sky.  
For now,  
We'll hold him in our hearts,  
Until the day we die.

Your Daddy's love is here with me,  
They can't take that away.  
We'll cherish it so tenderly,  
We'll feel his love each day.  
And she reached into her letter box,  
And read me what he'd said.  
And as long as I'm alive,  
These words will echo in my head...

My darling, how I miss you,  
How I wish that you were here.  
I wish that I could kiss you,  
I wish I could hold you near.  
Remember what I told you  
When you gave your heart to me.  
That our vows were just the start,  
Our love would last eternally.

Momma cried herself to sleep at night,  
And she always was true,  
To the love that she held deep inside,  
Though daddy never knew.  
She kept that letter box tucked snugly  
Underneath her head,  
'Till finally one morning  
I woke up and she was dead.

She's gone to meet her lover,  
In their house up in the sky.  
They're finally together,  
And it's only me that cries.  
But I'll always have the greatest love,  
One that will never die,  
Because Momma left her letter box,  
And she left this note inside,

My darling, how I miss you,  
How I wish that I were there.  
How I wish that I could kiss you,  
I wish I could hold you near.  
Remember what I told you,  
When I bounced you on my knee.  
Your dad and I will be in love  
With you eternally.

Today we're getting married,  
'Cause we've found that special love.  
And as we say our vows I know,  
That I will glance above,  
And I'll pray that we will make  
The kind of love my parents grew,  
And I'm giving you this letter box,  
With all my love to you.

My darling, how I miss you,  
In the time that you're not here.  
Please come to me and kiss me,  
Come and hold me oh, so near.  
Tell me that you'll be with me,  
Forever and a day,  
For the love I have inside of me,  
Will always be that way...

## **Light Of Your Love**

There's a light,  
That shines,  
Where no one else can see.  
It's bright,  
Inside,  
Fills every part of me.  
It's with me  
Everywhere I go,  
And it sleeps with me at night.  
The greatest joy  
I've ever known,  
The light  
Of your love.

Some men find contentment  
With power that they wield.  
Others think of little else  
Than profits and investment yield.  
I've tried each and they left me  
With a heart both cold and dark.  
It wasn't ' 'till you kissed me  
That I felt love's lightening spark.

You gave,  
To me,  
A perfect family.  
It's more,  
Than I,  
Dared to pray  
That I would ever see.  
Thank you for  
The many things  
You do both day and night,  
And all the happiness  
That springs  
From the light  
Of your love.

## **Lighthouse Of The Island**

They are sent away as boys,  
And they're so far away from home.  
Too old for children's toys,  
They are feeling so alone.

In a time of life so crucial  
To the men they're going to be,  
They are stranded on an island  
So far from family.

The path of life is long and hard  
With many twists and turns.  
If we're going to earn our just rewards  
There are things that we must learn.

But an island in the darkness  
Is a very lonely place.  
Many grope within the starkness  
Seeking something to embrace.

They need a lighthouse on the Island,  
Standing tall above the land,  
A beacon for the drifting souls,  
Someone there to lend a hand,

And unless they find direction,  
The boys stumble and they fall.  
They must make the right connections,  
They must hear a leader's call.

For years there's been a special man  
Standing far above the rest.  
And each year he does all he can  
To prepare them for the test.

He's the lighthouse of the Island  
Standing tall above the land.  
A beacon for the drifting souls,  
Always there to lend a hand.

He guides the boys through all it takes,  
To finally become men.  
And when they have survived the breaks,



They look back and smile at when,

They were sent away as boys,  
And they were so far away from home,  
When they threw away their toys,  
When they were feeling so alone.

And they give their love and thanks to the man  
Who helped them through it all,  
The lighthouse of the Island,  
The one who stands so tall.

He's the lighthouse of the Island  
Standing tall above the land.  
A beacon for the drifting souls,  
Always there to lend a hand.

As the boys fulfill their destiny,  
Now leaving him as men,  
They take with them the legacy  
Of this very special man.

## **Lovin' On The Run**

I was running through a cornfield  
And I was dying in the heat.  
I had another mile  
Before I could rest my weary feet.

Then up ahead a vision  
Came and took me by surprise.  
And I wasn't sure if it was real,  
What I saw with my eyes.

She came running like the wind  
And then a coolness filled the air.  
I was hot and tired but suddenly  
I found I didn't care.

A thousand words went through my head  
As she came rushing by.  
And I knew that if I didn't turn  
I'd regret it 'till I died.

I could feel that she had something  
That I'd never seen before.  
I wasn't sure just what it was,  
But I knew I needed more.

So I held my breath, then turned around  
And gave that girl a shout.  
Perhaps she'd let me run with her  
Until my strength gave out.

She stopped and gave a smile.  
Then my heart began to race.  
There was a lightness to my step,  
Though she was setting quite a pace.

And I hoped that I could keep it up  
Until the run was through.  
And I prayed that she would stop  
In just another mile or two.

Yes we were running like the wind  
And there was joy within my stride.  
I wondered just how I could feel

Such a happiness inside.

And when we both had finished  
I could see that we'd begun  
A friendship that would never be  
Just loving on the run.

## Moms & Girls

I sat down just the other day  
With my three young girls to play.  
Rearranging clothes on dolls  
And putting all their heads on straight.

As I looked into their eyes  
I saw reflecting back to me  
The wonder and surprise  
The simple joy of love can bring.

Because there's nothing  
That can take the place  
Of home and family.  
It's the flower  
Of the human race.  
It's in bloom for all to see.  
'Though it's easy to lose sight  
Of what has made it all come true,  
The nurture and the might  
Of caring women just like you.

Great nations come and go.  
Possessions all end up in dust.  
Our only legacy  
Flows out from deep inside of us.  
It's carried like a banner  
In the smiles of little girls.  
There's nothing else that matters  
Any more in all this world.

There's nothing  
That can take the place  
Of home and family.  
It's the flower  
Of the human race  
In bloom for all to see.  
I will not forget the sight  
Of what has made it all come true  
The nurture and the might  
Of a mother  
Just like you.

## **Mother**

Mother—  
Dear mother,  
You're always there.  
Mother—  
Oh, mother,  
I know you care.

Somehow it doesn't matter  
What I do or what I say.  
With all the things that I've been through,  
You love me anyway.

Mother—  
Dear mother,  
You're always there.  
Mother—  
Oh, mother,  
I know you care.

Why am I so lucky  
To have someone there like you?  
A friend who always gives support  
To all the crazy things I do?

Mother—  
Dear, mother,  
You're always there.

When I was young you'd help me up  
When I would take a fall.  
And you've stayed by my side for all these years  
To help me through it all.

Mother—  
Dear mother,  
You're always there.  
Mother—  
Oh, mother,  
I'll always care.

I find it's hard to tell you  
Just how much you mean to me.  
You're part of everything I am,

And all I'll ever be.

Mother—  
Dear mother,  
I love you so.  
Mother—  
Oh, mother,  
Thought you should know.

And even though sometimes I am  
So very far away,  
I think of you  
And send my love  
Most every single day.

Mother—  
Dear mother,  
You're always there.  
Mother—  
Dear mother,  
I'll always care.

## **My Loving Lady**

She's cool, and calm,  
Fresh as the ocean breeze.  
She's soft, and warm,  
And she comforts me with such an ease.  
She's a port against the storm,  
And an anchor for my lonely heart.  
And I wish I found her long ago,  
Before I tore my world apart.

But I'm with her now,  
And I'll show her how,  
A happy life can be.  
I'll take away  
All her cares today,  
And make sure she feels loved by me.

She's all, I need.  
She's all that I've been hoping for.  
With her I can be free,  
To live the life that I missed before.  
A life of harmony,  
The balance to my world restored.  
And I'll do my best to be her friend,  
And to see our love won't end.

I understand that love's an art,  
And I'll make sure I do my part,  
To practice my devotion to,  
The loving life we're going through.

I trust, in her.  
And she can trust in me.  
When she looks into my eyes,  
It's devotion we both see.

And I wouldn't trade,  
Our love for anything.  
And I couldn't live my life  
Without the comfort that she brings...

## **My World**

My world—  
Was a faded compromise  
Of dreams that I had in my mind.  
My heart—  
Was beating painfully  
For love I thought I'd never find.  
I was drifting through a life  
That always felt like second best.  
And I wondered if I'd failed  
Life's final test of happiness.  
All those years of preparation  
All the efforts I had made—  
There could be no celebration  
If I didn't make the grade.

Then you—  
Came running straight at me  
From somewhere out of the blue.  
And I knew—  
That in all the years of looking  
I'd been searching for you.  
Suddenly my whole life  
Seemed to fall right into place.  
After all those years of training  
I could finally win the race.  
A victory so precious,  
One that few will ever know.  
That's why I feel so lucky,  
And that's why I love you so.

You make—  
A joy of every day  
With witty words you have to say.  
Your smile—  
Can light the darkness of the night,  
Make everything so right.  
I want so much for you to know  
The strength of what I feel.  
The way you've opened up my world,  
The wounds that you have healed.  
Nothing that has happened  
In my life could ever touch  
The intensity with which your presence



Changed my life so much.

You'll see—

That you can put your faith in me

And that we'll live most happily.

And I know—

That there's no better man for you.

And I will make those words come true.

## Perfume

Your perfume from this morning still lingers.  
In the air  
And on my bed next to me.  
I take my pillow.  
Hold it in my fingers.  
Press my face  
Where your hair used to be.

And the warmth of your love  
Spreads right through me.  
As the scent carries memories of you.  
And I smile as I think  
Of how you'll be  
Lying here  
When the long day is through.

I think of all the days  
I lived without you.  
Just drifting through a world  
That didn't care.  
Never finding anyone  
Who thinks like I do.  
Only searching.  
Not belonging anywhere.

As I walk into the kitchen  
Pour some coffee.  
I can feel your gentle presence  
In the room.  
And another wave of happiness  
Runs through me.  
As I feel the sweet caress  
Of your perfume.

It surrounds me  
Like the sunshine in the desert.  
And it reaches into  
Everything I am.  
It warms the coldness  
Of the feelings that have been hurt.  
Gives support  
To my emotional dam.

I think of all the days  
I lived without you.  
Just drifting through  
A world that didn't care.  
Never finding anyone  
Who felt like I do.  
Only searching.  
Not belonging anywhere.

I reach down to feel  
The softness of your sweater.  
You left it lying in the corner  
Of the room.  
And as I touch it  
Everything in me feels better.  
Because I smell the tenderness  
Of your perfume.

And as I sit to fill the answers  
To the crossword,  
I can only think of  
Loving words to write.  
About a woman  
And the love she leaves behind her  
In a song that I  
Will sing to her tonight.

## **Sail Into The Future**

When I was young  
I was a rocket ship.  
Exploding wildly out of control.  
With too much thrust  
For my arms and legs.  
And not enough fuel for my soul.

Always driving blindly forward  
Toward all the things that I could possess.  
Never stopping to look inward  
And assess my happiness.

Every moment spent pursuing  
Only money, power, and fame.  
Never taking the time for reviewing  
The real reason for playing the game.

But as I grew steadily older  
With the power in my thrusters subsiding.  
Until one day I found the power was gone.  
And I found that I was gliding.

And now I'm like a sailing ship.

## **She Moves Mountains**

She's been honored many times  
For things that she has done.  
For industry, integrity  
And games that she has won.  
The medals and the trophies,  
They could fill a wall or two,  
But they do not begin to tell  
The things that she can do.

She moves mountains,  
When they're standing in the way.  
She brings freedom,  
To a life that's locked in chains.  
She gives sunlight,  
That brightens up the world.  
This has been the legacy,  
As her life has unfurled.

If someone is feeling  
Like their world is falling down,  
She is there to help them  
Put their feet back on the ground.  
And she is always ready,  
With an optimistic smile.  
She says, setbacks are normal  
You must take them all in stride.

Then move mountains,  
When they're standing in the way.  
She brings freedom,  
To a life that's locked in chains.  
She gives sunlight,  
That brightens up the world.  
This has been the legacy,  
As her life has unfurled.

She moves mountains...

## **Still Running Strong**

As the years build into memories,  
And we watch our children grow,  
There is one thing that's so clear to me  
And I thought you'd like to know.  
There doesn't pass a day  
When I don't give my heart to you.  
I love all the little ways we find  
To make our love feel new.

When our kids have grown and gone,  
And left us here alone,  
We'll look happily to these fleeting years  
Of our happy, noisy home.  
And I never will forget the change  
That you brought to my life.  
And I never will regret the day  
That you became my wife.

Because there you were,  
And from the first  
I could feel a light in me.  
The pain was gone,  
I had the one thing  
I thought I'd never see.  
And that was you,  
Sweet you,  
Tender, warm, sweet loving you.  
And I knew,  
I just knew,  
From the first day that I ran into you.  
I knew it right from the start,  
From the sudden strong beat of my heart,  
That there was nothing that could happen  
That could take me away from you.

## **Times**

There are times,  
Times when I might begin to doubt myself.  
There are times,  
Times when I might wish that I was someone else.

There are times when life is rough,  
Times I know I'm not so tough,  
Times I feel like giving up,  
Then there's you,  
Then there's you.

There are times,  
Times when I wonder what it is I'm living for.  
There are times,  
Times when I don't have enough  
But I don't know what is more.

There are times when I feel weak,  
Nights when I can't fall to sleep,  
Times I fear I'm in too deep,  
Then there's you.  
Then there's you.

There are times,  
Times when I think of all that I could be.  
There are times,  
Times when I might look back nostalgically.

But then there always is you,  
And I know what I must do,  
'Cause after all that I've been through,  
I've still got you.  
I've still got you.

There are times.  
Times when it might seem  
That I'm not feeling right.  
There are times  
Times when I might think  
My dreams are so far out of sight.

But that's a phase I'm going through,  
And if there are things I still want to do,

It's 'cause my strength has been renewed,  
'Cause I have you.  
'Cause I have you.

There are times,  
Times I can cry,  
When I think of life without you here.  
There are times,  
When I can ache,  
Throughout the hours that you are not near.

And I know just what I'd do,  
If somehow I lost you.  
First I'd close my eyes and cry,  
And then I'd close my life and die,  
Without you,  
If I lost you.



## **You Helped Me Believe In Love Again**

Sitting in my room  
With only thoughts for company,  
Was the way I chose to live my life,  
And keep from losing me.

I'd rather live alone  
Than live a painful compromise,  
A parody of togetherness,  
A life of subtle lies.

Then you, helped me,  
Believe in love again.  
And I knew, that I could be,  
Your partner, your lover, and friend.

I grew up painting pictures  
Of the way my life should be.  
The colors and the textures  
Mixed so perfectly.

There were no subtle shades of gray,  
No empty spaces locked away.  
This canvass of my heart  
An easy scene to tear apart.

But you, helped me,  
Believe in love again.  
And it's true, that I can see,  
A happy life with you until the end.

I've painted scenes of love before,  
From outlines of a distant shore.  
Searching through a haze  
Of what could be in better days.

And I found that I could never find,  
The love I'd drawn within my mind.  
And rather than this fate,  
I saw what pain I could create.

'Til you, helped me,  
Believe in love again.

My life, is now,  
The most contented  
That it's ever been.

In all the years of dreaming,  
All the searches I have made,  
In my vain attempts at scheming,  
All the roles that I have played.

There has never been another  
Who has touched me so,  
And it's so nice to be your lover,  
I thought that you should know,

That you, helped me,  
Believe in love again.  
My life, is now,  
The happiest that it's ever been.

## **Your Touch**

I won't live a single day without  
Your touch.  
And there's nothing in my world  
That ever thrills me  
So much.

Than to hear you whisper in my ear  
How much you love to hold me near.  
To hear you say  
That you will stay  
Until we both grow old and gray.

So come and let me feel  
Your touch.  
The tender way  
In which you say  
So much.

Take me to the mountaintop  
And promise that you'll never stop.  
'Cause I can't live without  
Your touch.

I remember when I lived  
Alone.  
This house was never like  
A home.  
Walking through the emptiness,  
The rooms echoing my loneliness.  
A silent world of solitude  
Without romantic interlude.

But suddenly there was  
Your touch.  
The presence that has changed my life  
So much.

And I can see  
You're meant for me.  
I am a fish.  
You are the sea.  
Now I'm surrounded by  
Your touch.

The dreams I had have suddenly  
Become a new reality.  
And it's one that I enjoy  
So much.

Second Singer:

The sun has set.  
The moon has risen high.  
And we're lying here  
Stargazing in the sky.  
And as I prepare to say goodnight  
I pull you close  
And hold you tight.  
And I'm smiling as I hear you sigh.

'Cause I know you're feeling happiness.  
Responding to my sweet caress.  
And as I feel your body next to me  
I know that we were meant to be...

Together:

Responding to each other's  
Touch.  
This new world that we have grown to need  
So much.  
We climb up to the mountaintop.  
And promise that we'll never stop.  
Because we could never live without  
Our touch.

## **You're The One**

I woke up this morning  
With a dream still in my head.  
Hit me without a warning  
As I lay there in my bed.  
There was nothing I could do  
To change those visions coming through.  
I just lay there paralyzed  
As I slowly realized that  
You're, the one.

You're the one I dream about.  
The one I just can't live without.  
It's suddenly so clear to me,  
The way my life was meant to be,  
'Cause you're...the one.

Always in control  
Of what I think and how I feel.  
Never had a problem  
Knowing what is fake  
And what is real.  
Sure of myself,  
Never bending to another's view.  
Now I don't know what to do,  
And all I think about is you,  
'Cause you're...the one.

You're the one I dream about.  
The one I just can't live without.  
It's suddenly so clear to me  
The way my life was meant to be,  
'Cause you're...the one.

I'll turn my life around,  
And put it right into your hands.  
Put my feet on solid ground,  
And get off of these shifting sands.  
I only hope to be,  
The man I know you think you see.  
But you must understand  
That this is all still new to me.  
'Cause you're...the one.

You're the one I dream about.  
The one I just can't live without.  
It's suddenly so clear to me,  
The way my life was meant to be...  
'Cause you're...the one.

LIFE

## **Another Season In My Life**

As I look,  
Outside,  
I see snow falling down.  
I see frost upon the window  
As I slowly gaze around.  
I put down,  
My pen,  
Bring my hands up to my eyes,  
Then I slowly shake my head,  
As I finally realize,

That another season in my life  
Has bid me its farewell.  
The night's candle  
Just won't burn as bright,  
And what's left I cannot tell.  
But I know that every hour is one,  
That I'll never see again.  
So I know that I must live my life  
As fully as I can.

There was,  
A time,  
When I lived my life alone.  
Never thinking of the future,  
Or the time already gone.  
I would spend,  
My days,  
Doing nothing much at all.  
Never thought my life had meaning,  
Never heard a greater call.

Now they tell me that I'm going to die,  
And it's just a case of when.  
I think of mom and apple pie,  
And the letters I should send.  
I wipe back a solitary tear,  
And then reach down for my pen.  
Perhaps if I have another year,  
I could say it all by then.

I want,  
You to know,

That in all I've ever done,  
That of all the places I have been,  
And the games that I have won,  
I'd trade,  
It all,  
For just another day with you,  
And I pray that you'll be with me,  
'Till my final time is through.

Yes, another season in my life,  
Has bid me its farewell.  
My life cut short,  
By a surgeon's knife.  
What's left I cannot tell.  
But I know that every hour  
Is one I'll never see again.  
But I know with you I'll live my life  
As fully as I can...



HOPE

## Anyday

I can feel the change,  
It's coming on!  
I can tell it's coming  
'Cause the feeling's so strong.  
I've got this feeling  
Deep in my soul,  
And you better stand back  
'Cause I'm about to roll!

Seems that things are always  
Kind of holding me back.  
But look out now  
Because I'm right on track.  
I can feel the change,  
It's coming on,  
I know it's already started,  
'Cause the feeling's so strong.

It started on the day  
That I met you,  
And I know that you're sweet loving's  
Going to pull me through,  
So look out world,  
I'm coming on fast,  
It started when I found the love  
I knew would last.

I can feel the change,  
It's coming on.  
I can tell it's coming  
'Cause the feeling's so strong.  
I've got this feeling  
Deep in my soul,  
And you better stand back  
'Cause I'm about to roll!

I can feel the change,  
It's coming on.  
There was failure in my past,  
But now I know it's gone,  
'Cause with your love I know  
That I can do anything,  
And there's no holding me back,

And that's why I can sing,

I can put it all together  
Now that I have you,  
And I know there isn't anything  
That I can't do.  
So look out world,  
I'm coming on fast,  
It started when I found the love  
I knew would last.

I can feel the change,  
It's coming on  
I can tell it's coming  
'Cause the feeling's so strong.  
I've got this feeling  
Deep in my soul,  
And you better stand back  
'Cause I'm about to roll!

I can feel the change,  
It's coming on.  
And I know with your love  
That I can do no wrong,  
The whole world's out there  
And it's waiting for me,  
And it's your sweet loving  
That has set me free!

We have the finest loving  
That God could make,  
And it's only getting better  
Now for heaven's sake.  
Together we will have a life  
Of happiness,  
And we'll never have to settle  
For second best.

I can feel the change,  
It's coming on.  
With you here is just,  
Where I know I belong.  
And there is nothing  
That can break our love  
That's oh, so strong,  
So, hold on tight,

'Cause I'm coming on!

I can feel the change,

It's coming on.

I can tell it's coming

'Cause the feeling's so strong.

I've got this feeling

Deep in my soul,

And you better stand back

'Cause I'm about to roll!

## Daydreams

The sun is always shining in my daydreams.  
And everything that I touch turns to gold.  
My mind is always filled with better way schemes,  
My actions never meek, their always bold.

I am standing inches taller,  
And my underarms don't sweat.  
My problems all seem smaller,  
And I never lose a bet.  
I'm best friends with the President,  
Spend my days collecting rent,  
My second car's a Porsche,  
And my third, a red Corvette.

I enjoy the work I do within my daydreams.  
Clipping coupons, swimming by the pool.  
Collecting the rewards from all those wild schemes,  
And I wonder why I ever went to school.

I am anywhere I want to be,  
A sailing ship out on the sea,  
A recognized explorer,  
Climbing mountains easily.  
Got little kids that call me dad,  
With all the toys I never had,  
A pretty wife that caters  
To my whims so lovingly.

There is no threat of war within my daydreams.  
Our nations live in peace and harmony.  
The rivers and the air have all been made clean,  
And we've eradicated global poverty.

Disease and pestilence  
Are just a hazy memory,  
And terrorists no longer  
Rule the heavens and the sea.  
Inflation and depression  
Are a part of history,  
And every nation wins  
Its endless struggle to be free.

Now, I've been criticized for all my daydreams.

People tell me that I'm hatching only wild schemes.  
But nothing becomes real until it first becomes a dream,  
So I'll do my part believing  
Things are not the way they seem.

Someday there will be peace to man,  
Or be no man in sight.  
And clean efficient fusion power  
Will energize the night.  
And when our children's' children  
Are attending camp in space,  
They will learn of all the dreamers  
Who have made the change take place.

They will learn of all the men who followed daydreams.  
The men who spent their lives concocting wild schemes.  
They'll forget to tell them these were men  
Who didn't quite fit in,  
Men who lived a different world  
Than the one that they were in...

## **It's Just A Matter Of Time**

It's just,  
A matter of time,  
Until,  
These cloudy days  
'Till they begin to shine.

It's just,  
A matter of time,  
Of time, until  
These sour grapes  
Until they turn to wine.

It seems that things are never  
As bad off as they seem.  
First we suffer disappointment  
Then we find a new dream.  
I cannot count how many times  
I thought I was done,  
But when the dust finally settled,  
Well, I found I had won.

It's just,  
A matter of time,  
Until,  
You find the lover  
Who will ease your mind.

It's just,  
A matter of time,  
'Till your on top of the world  
And everything is fine.

How often has it happened  
That you thought you would fall,  
But when you opened your eyes,  
You were still standing tall?  
If you can keep your perspective,  
You've got nothing to fear,  
And pretty soon you will be grinning  
From ear to ear.

It's just,  
A matter of time,

Until,  
Those in the back  
Will be first in line

It's just,  
A matter of time,  
Of time, until  
We're playing a new role  
In the grand design.

So, sit back and relax,  
You can let it all flow.  
Why don't you pull up a seat  
And then enjoy the show.  
Life is really something  
That was meant to be fun.  
So get out of the clouds  
And go sit in the sun!

It's just,  
A matter of time,  
Until,  
These cloudy days,  
'Till they begin to shine...  
It's just,  
A matter of time,  
Until these sour grapes,  
Until they turn to wine...



## Somewhere

Are you thinking of me—somewhere.  
Just like a ship upon the sea—somewhere.  
Are you drifting aimlessly—somewhere.  
Just like me?

Are we searching for each other.  
Looking out for one another  
In each lonely face we see?

Do you hunger for the touching.  
Will we find each other clutching  
To each other desperately?  
Somewhere.

Do you think we'll ever meet.  
Pass each other on the street.  
Or will we spend our whole lives looking.  
Always fishing  
Never hooking  
To the one fish in the sea.  
The one that's you.  
The one that's me.  
The one to fill the empty spaces.  
The one to share our warm embraces.  
Somewhere.

Will we get another chance  
To taste the sweetness of romance.  
Or spend our lives in bitter sorrow.  
Always thinking of tomorrow.  
Somewhere.

I can feel your body hunger  
For the lovers you miss.  
The ones you lost when you were younger,  
Never thought,  
You'd be like this.

You know you have so much to offer.  
There is no one quite like you.  
But you must have an equal partner.  
Not just any man will do.

Oh, I know exactly how you feel.  
Your searching done in vain.  
For the special one to share it all.  
Your frustration and your pain.

I can see you in my dreams,  
Somewhere.  
My life is not the way it seems,  
Somewhere.  
And I'm not sure just what it means,  
Somewhere—  
In my dreams.

Does it mean that we will meet,  
Somewhere?  
Pass each other on the street,  
Somewhere?  
Then our lives will be complete,  
Somewhere,  
When we meet.

Are you thinking of me,  
Somewhere...

FUN

## **All I Want To Do Is Dance**

Well there's so much I have to do,  
It should be tearing me in two,  
But all I want to do is dance.

I've never felt like this before,  
So I just step out on the floor,  
Because all I want to do is dance.

Dance! Dance!  
There is nothing else that I can ever do.  
Dance! Dance!  
They say it's just a phase that I am going through.

But when I'm dancing I feel happy.  
And there is nothing that I have to listen to,  
Except the rhythm and the beat  
To make the moving of my feet  
The only thing that I can do.

I just go dance! Dance!  
And let the music take my worries away.  
Dance! Dance!  
I'll attend to them on some other day.

Dance! Dance!  
There's nothing else that I can ever do.  
Dance! Dance!  
You say it's just a phase that I am going through.

I used to think about tomorrow.  
'Till it ruined my todays.  
And since it only brought me sorrow  
I won't worry 'bout a raise.

I'll just go dance!  
Tomorrow's going to be another day.  
I'll just go dance! Dance!  
And there's no way that I can change it today.

So I won't think about tomorrow  
'Till it's ruined my today.  
And I won't feel the pain and sorrow.  
I've decided that it's better to play.

So I will dance! Dance!  
I will let the music take all control.  
Dance! Dance!  
And we'll see who's ahead when we  
Reach the final pole.

## **Bitch**

You're a cold and ruthless  
Green eyed bitch.  
And I love you tenderly.  
But you say you must  
Be leaving now.  
You've no more time for me.  
You hear the curtain call.  
Take one last look and final bow.  
Your act is nearly over.  
And I thought it'd just begun.  
But there's emptiness inside of you.  
And nothing I could ever do  
Could put back all the pieces that are gone.

But I've got memories of yesterday.  
And they'll wash away  
The pain today.  
They're just enough to keep me satisfied.  
And if I never see you smile again.  
I always can remember when  
You broke through all your walls one day and cried.

You said,  
"I could never love again.  
I couldn't stand the pain.  
There's nothing left inside of me  
To withstand any rain.  
So I've covered  
Every piece of me  
That could ever let it in.  
I'm sorry if I let you think  
That I could love again.

"There was a man  
Who loved me once,  
If only for a while.  
There was nothing  
That I wouldn't do,  
Just to see him smile.  
But he took away  
His love from me.  
And something in me died.  
Now I can't give love willingly.

There's nothing left inside.”

Now you tell me I'm a cold  
And ruthless man, and honestly  
I understand your feelings.  
But there's nothing left in me.  
Because I gave it all away to her  
So many years ago.  
And she kept it when she left me.  
There was no way I could know.  
The she'd give it to another man  
To keep him satisfied.  
And that now she keeps him happy  
With everything I had inside.

I'm so sorry that I let you think  
That I could love again.  
And that I could tear away the walls  
That shelter all the pain.  
But I'm afraid it's time  
I left you now.  
The curtain call.  
My final bow.  
The act has come full circle.  
And you thought it'd just begun.  
And I thank you for the part of you  
That I will take with me.  
And if there was a way to give it back  
I'd give it willingly.  
But it's now become a part of someone  
That I was before.  
And there'll be emptiness inside of you  
When I walk out that door.

## **Blame It On The Bop**

I want to dance with you.  
All night long.  
We can shake it 'till we break it.  
You're the only one.  
I want to dance with you  
All night long.

Do you remember when we used to do  
The African Twist?  
And we would do the mashed potatoes,  
The swim and the fish.  
Those were the days  
So long ago.

We would dance all night.  
And we never would stop.  
We'd just keep playing those old records.  
And we'd dance 'till we'd drop.  
And we're still together now.  
And I blame that on the Bop.

You'd put on your bobby socks.  
I'd wear my blue suede shoes.  
And we would dance to the excitement  
Of the rhythm and blues.

And as the years have moved along  
It's still just we two.  
And there's still nothing  
That I would rather do than dance with you!

I want to dance with you.  
All night long.  
I want to shake it 'till we break it  
You're the only one.  
I want to dance with you.  
All night long.

Because you and I are living  
In the good old days.  
And what would be the point of changing  
Any winning ways.  
I just look into your eyes



And I still can see  
That there is nothing you would rather do  
Than dance with me.

I want to dance with you.  
All night long.  
We can shake it 'till we break it  
And the cows come home.  
I want to dance with you, baby,  
All night long.

I remember when you used to be  
The girl next door.  
And there is no way that I could have known  
What lay in store.

We used to play on roller skates,  
And we would skin our knees.  
You've been my buddy since the days  
That we were climbing trees.

And now I dance with you.  
All night long.  
And we still shake it 'till we break it.  
You're the only one.  
I want to dance with you.  
All night long.

I still remember the afternoon  
When childhood stopped.  
The day I took one look at you  
And my eyes did pop.  
It would have been like any day  
When we would dance so we'd drop.  
But there was one big change.  
This time we did the Bop.

And I could see you were a woman  
For the very first time.  
And suddenly I knew  
I'd take you hand in mine.  
And there has never been a day  
Since we did the bop,  
That I ever wanted our true love  
To stop.

Yes, I blame that on the bop.

## **Couch Potato**

I must admit I'm a Couch Potato.  
Kids say my stomach's  
More fun than Play Dough.  
I weigh myself  
With an industrial scale.  
I've got a bumper sticker says  
Save the Whale.

And I spend my days  
Eating chips and Fritos.  
Get exercise,  
By popping No Doze.  
Refrigerators by my side,  
You know I got it all  
And I'm satisfied.

Cause I'm a Couch Potato Man.  
You know I'm doing all I can.  
But please don't bother me,  
Because I'm watching my TV.

When I was young  
I used to run around.  
You know I even had a job in town.  
But that was before this life I found.  
You know I'm really not a slob, just round.

I got a TV in the bathroom,  
One above the kitchen sink.  
Got a Walkman for a phone,  
So I will never have to think.  
And what's the point in thinking?  
What's the point in being me,  
When everything I'll ever need  
Is right here on TV.

Cause I'm a Couch Potato Man.  
And I'm doing all I can.  
But please don't bother me,  
Because I'm watching my TV.

If there was a way I could escape  
I might try to make a break today.

But leaving all my friends behind  
Would be far too much to take—  
Anyway, I think I'll buy a second couch  
For my wife and family.  
Perhaps if they had a place to sit  
They might think of joining me.

And that's everything I want, you know,  
And it's all I'll ever need.  
This sedentary married life,  
Just me and my TV.

I'm a Couch Potato Man.  
You've just got to understand,  
That I'm doing all I can  
I'm just an ordinary man.

I couldn't live without the NFL.  
I don't care who's on the team, you know.  
I lie on my back and play quarterback.  
You know I love to live the dream, and so  
I live and die with all the soaps,  
And I laugh at the comedies.  
And I learn about the world outside,  
The one I never see.  
But it's everything I want, you know.  
And it's all I'll ever need.  
This sedentary married life,  
Just me and my TVs.

I'm a Couch Potato Man.  
And I'm doing all I can.  
But please don't bother me,  
Because I'm watching my TV.

I must admit I'm a couch potato.  
Kids say my stomach's  
More fun than Play Dough.  
I weigh myself  
With an industrial scale,  
I've got a bumper sticker  
Says save the whale...

## **Even When I Sleep Alone**

To me you're like a glass of icy water  
In the heat.  
Clear and clean  
I've never tasted purity so sweet.

And when I need a drink  
To quench the thirst of my desire  
I know your love extinguishes  
All traces of the fire.

And though there might be nights  
When I don't come home until dawn.  
I can tell you when I sleep alone  
It's you that turns me on.

I know that it is hard for you  
To love a restless man.  
And if it helps I'll tell you  
I am doing all I can.

All I can to ease the pain that is  
Still locked up in my heart.

All I can do to find the strength  
To think of making a new start.

But when you've gone through everything  
That I've been forced to face.  
It's so easy to ignore the changes  
That are taking place.

It's so easy to ignore a woman  
Wishing for a home.  
But I tell you when I sleep alone  
It's always you that turns me on.

But I've had responsibility  
So much that I got sick.  
And I let them pile it up so high.  
It finally got too thick.

So I chucked it all for chasing  
Lonely women until dawn.

But when I sleep alone  
It's you that turns me on.

You say you're waiting for a man  
To fill your every need.  
You will save yourself for marriage,  
You think so romantically.  
And I don't know if I can change  
In time to be the one.  
But I know that when I sleep alone  
It's you that turns me on.

To me you're like a glass of icy water  
In the heat.  
Clear and clean  
I've never tasted purity so sweet.  
And when I need a drink  
To quench the thirst of my desire,  
I know your love extinguishes  
All traces of the fire.

Even when I sleep alone.

## Feeling Like A Fire Hydrant

I'm feeling like a fire hydrant,  
In a world of pets.  
My mouth feels like an ash tray  
That has been filled with cigarettes.  
People they are taking turns  
To stand and piss on me.  
My bloodshot eyes are swollen shut,  
I don't think that I can see.  
Perhaps I should bend over  
And just kiss my ass goodbye,  
Though life would be much easier,  
If I just up and died.

'Cause it's a Bloody Mary morning,  
And I'm paying for my sin.  
As you can tell from what I say  
The great condition that I'm in.  
Last night I was romancing,  
With every girl in town,  
And I spent the whole night dancing,  
'Till all the clubs had been shut down.  
And now this morning the entire world  
Is pounding in my head.  
And I know I'll be much better off  
If I just stay in bed.

'Cause it's a Bloody Mary morning,  
And I'm paying for my sin.  
It happens every time I switch  
From beer to that cheap gin.  
And I swear I'll never put another drop  
Up to my lips,  
Even if I can regain the use,  
Of my fingertips.

Except if there's a party,  
Or the guys go out for fun,  
Or if I stumble on a happy hour,  
That's selling two for one.  
But this morning I will tell myself  
That I'll never drink again.  
That's the only way I can survive  
The condition that I'm in.

Because if my body realized  
What my mind thought it could do.  
It would force me to give up  
The torture that I put it through.  
And I convince it every time  
That I will never drink again.  
And then it gives me a reprieve  
From this condition that I'm in.

And it's a Bloody Mary morning,  
I'm just paying for my sin.  
But it won't be long before  
I'll have to feel this way again...



## **Flying To The Top Of The World**

Singer 1:

Hot legs,  
Ice blue eyes,  
You give me a feeling  
That I can't disguise.  
My mind is racing  
'Cause you are my girl.  
You send me flying to the top of the world.

Full mouth,  
Hungry heart,  
And I still can taste your love  
Whenever we're apart.  
I lose control  
Because you are my girl.  
You send me flying to the top of the world.

T-Shirts,  
And your skin-tight jeans.  
Short skirts,  
Like your still in your teens.  
You make 'em turn their heads  
Whenever you walk by,  
And when I get you alone  
You make me feel so right.  
You send me flying to the top of the world.

So hard,  
Love to tease.  
It only takes a look  
To bring me to my knees.  
My life is so exciting  
Now that you're my girl.  
You send me flying to the top of the world.

Bright lights,  
Lovin' in the dark.  
Hot nights,  
A cool run in the park.  
I couldn't live my life  
Without you as my girl.  
You send me flying to the top of the world.

Singer 2:

Hard legs,  
Soft brown eyes.  
You give me a feeling  
That I can't disguise.  
I'm so happy  
Just to be your girl.  
You send me flying to the top of the world.

Tight cheeks,  
Muscled chest.  
I tell you, baby,  
Oh, you are the best.  
I'm so happy  
Now that I'm your girl.  
You send me flying to the top of the world.

Thin shorts,  
Underneath your jeans,  
Muscle shirts,  
Like your still in your teens.  
You make em turn their heads  
Whenever you walk by,  
And when I get you alone  
You can get me so right.  
You send me flying to the top of the world.

Together:

Don't change,  
Don't ever break my heart.  
'Cause I feel so alone  
Whenever we're apart.  
My life is so complete  
Now that I (have you) (am your) girl.  
You send me flying to the top of the world.

## Give Thanks To Santa

I don't want a nose like Rudolph.  
And I don't want to pull a sleigh.  
And I don't want to go  
Through that ol' blue northern  
When it comes on Christmas day.

I don't want to live at the North Pole.  
Don't want to learn to fly at night.  
I'd much rather stay in my  
Warm soft bed  
And wake up when it's broad daylight.

You know you've got to give thanks  
To that jolly old Elf,  
For taking care of all the things  
You couldn't do yourself.  
It isn't easy being everything  
To everyone,  
But Santa always seems to  
Have the gift to get the job done.

I don't want to squeeze through chimneys.  
Don't want to drive through the snow.  
I don't want to ring a bell  
On that old street corner  
When the winter wind does blow.

Don't have the time to find stuff for stockings.  
Wrap and put presents under the tree.  
And I sure am glad  
Santa's got a lot of helpers  
'Cause they always seem to do it for me.

You know you've got to give thanks  
To that jolly old Elf,  
For taking care of all the things  
You couldn't do yourself.  
It isn't easy being everything  
To everyone,  
But Santa always seems to  
Have the gift to get the job done.

I won't want to drive through the traffic.  
I won't want to prepare a big meal.  
And after going to church  
With all my best clothes on,  
I'll want to sit down and kick up my heels.  
But then I'll throw that bird in the oven.  
Watch some football on TV.  
And I'll laugh and joke,  
Ask my mother not to smoke,  
And reminisce with the family.

Christmas comes just once a year.  
A time for giving thanks,  
A day for bringing good cheer.  
It's easy to feel better  
When the day is done,  
'Cause there's a little bit  
Of Santa Clause in everyone.  
There's a little bit  
Of Santa Clause in everyone.

You know you've got to give thanks  
To that jolly old Elf,  
For taking care of all the things  
You couldn't do yourself.  
It isn't easy being everything  
To everyone,  
But Santa always seems to  
Have the gift to get the job done.

## **Glad Songs Don't Play Here Anymore**

I get up and turn over the record.  
The one with the slow melodies.  
Of good times gone bad.  
Smiling faces turned sad.  
And I think of our old memories.

You said that you need your freedom,  
And I let you go willingly,  
Because a bird that is caged  
Can never be happy,  
And a woman possessed,  
Never free.

And glad songs don't play here any more.  
All laughter has walked out the door.  
Cause now you are gone,  
And I'm here alone,  
With memories of you,  
Nothing more.

What was it that made you unhappy?  
I gave to you my everything—  
Filled your page full of wishes,  
With passion and riches,  
And now I'm left holding your ring.

Now I sit here and listen to singers,  
Tell tales of their pain and there woe,  
And each word rings true,  
Because I think of you,  
And the day you said  
You had to go.

And glad songs don't play here any more.  
All laughter has walked out the door.  
Because now you are gone,  
And I'm here alone,  
With just memories of you,  
Nothing more.

For you were my sunshine.  
And you, you were my joy.  
And only with you was I able to,

Emancipate, my little boy.

And now I play sad songs,  
I wish I was glad songs.  
But there's none of it,  
Left, in me.

They tell me you have a new lover.  
He makes you feel young and alive.  
But if he should hurt you,  
Or ever desert you,  
Remember that I will survive.

Although I might not be playing glad songs,  
I'm willing to play them again.  
Just give me a ring,  
And you'll here me sing,  
Those glad songs all over again.

For you were my sunshine.  
You, you were my joy.  
Only with you was I able to,  
Emancipate, my little boy.

For you were my sunshine.  
You, you were my joy.  
Only with you was I able to,  
Emancipate, my little boy.

## **Gotta Have A Tan**

Don't talk to me about Russia.  
I don't care about Iran.  
There's only one thing that's important,  
I've just got to have a tan.

You can preach to me  
About poverty, prejudice and sin.  
But I'll tell you what concerns me  
Is the color of my skin.

Let's talk about the weather,  
It's more interesting to me.  
You're looking out for tax reform.  
It's the sun I want to see.

You know there's nothing that's more vital  
Than the sun up in the sky.  
Just think of all the things it does,  
It's easy to see why.  
It gives us light and air,  
It makes life possible for man.  
But what really makes me care  
Is that it helps me with my tan.

When I was young  
I used to chase the women constantly.  
Go to sleep at dawn.  
Then get up sometime after three.

Now that I have got more sense  
It's very plain to me,  
That there was something truly wrong  
With my priorities.

So don't tell me my investments  
Are about to hit the fan.  
I've got more important things to do,  
I'm working on my tan.

You know there's nothing that's more vital  
Than the sun up in the sky.  
Just think of all the things it does,  
It's easy to see why.

It gives us light and air,  
It makes life possible for man.  
But what really makes me care  
Is that it helps me with my tan.

You say you're into gourmet food.  
Like Sushi from Japan.  
I say, what is eating caviar  
If you haven't got a tan?

Now some men search for power,  
Some for silver, some for gold.  
Some men seek eternal youth  
So they never will grow old.  
Me, I'm just a plain and simple,  
Ordinary man.  
All it takes to make me happy  
Is more sunshine on my tan.

You know there's nothing that's more vital  
Than the sun up in the sky.  
Just think of all the things it does,  
It's easy to see why.  
It gives us light and air,  
It makes life possible for man.  
But what really makes me care  
Is that it helps me with my tan.

I'd rather be in jail  
Than have a face that's looking pale.  
So I am racing to the beach.  
To make my butt look like a peach.

Don't talk to me  
About global war,  
Oil in the Middle East,  
Or the benefits of health food,  
Eating bran and brewer's yeast.

Because all these things mean nothing.  
I am enlightened man.  
And I know that there is nothing  
More important than a tan.  
You know there's nothing that's more vital  
Than the sun up in the sky.  
Just think of all the things it does,



It's easy to see why.  
It gives us light and air,  
It makes life possible for man.  
But what really makes me care  
Is that it helps me with my tan.

## Gypsy

She's a woman,  
But she's got a little gypsy in her heart.  
She's a lady,  
And she's magic,  
Yes, she's learned the gypsies' art.  
And if you don't fortify your soul,  
Before she casts her spell,  
You will let her lead you anywhere,  
To heaven or to hell.

She's a woman,  
And she's got a little gypsy in her heart.  
She's a lady,  
And she's magic,  
Yes, she's learned the gypsies' art.  
She can make you feel the highest highs,  
That you have ever known,  
And she can drop you in a pool of tears,  
You'll sink just like a stone.

Believe me when I tell you,  
For I am a man who knows,  
And part of me goes with her  
Nearly everywhere she goes.

Cause she's a woman,  
And she's got a little gypsy in her heart.  
She's a lady,  
But she's taken time to learn the gypsy's art.

A pinch of this,  
A dab of that,  
You'll never be the same.  
A minor remnant of yourself,  
She'll take it all except your name.  
A hundred men have tried  
To make her turn into a wife.  
And I warn you if you play with her,  
You're toying with your life.

Cause she's a woman,  
And she's got a little gypsy in her heart.  
She's a lady,

And she's magic,  
Yes, she's learned the gypsies' art.  
She can make you feel the highest highs  
That you have ever known.  
And she can drown you in a pool of tears,  
You'll sink just like a stone.

You will never love another,  
Once you've tasted her perfume.  
And she will live within your head,  
As if it were her private room.  
You'll never get it back again,  
Once she steps through the door,  
And she'll smile as you fall to your knees,  
And she walks out once more.

She's a woman,  
And she's got a little gypsy in her heart.  
She's a lady,  
And she's magic,  
And she's learned the gypsy's art.

She loved me many years ago,  
It all remains so clear,  
How my heart would jump into my throat,  
Whenever she came near.  
She left me for another man,  
So very much like you.  
And then she left him crying,  
With his heart broken in two.

She's a woman,  
And she's got a little gypsy in her heart.  
She's a lady,  
And she's magic,  
And she's learned the gypsies' art.  
And if you don't fortify your soul,  
Before she casts her spell,  
You will let her take you anywhere,  
To heaven and to hell...

## **Hollywood**

Let me introduce myself.  
My name is Hollywood.  
I'm all your dreams.  
I'm fantasy.  
I'm everything that's good.

Come and bare your soul to me.  
Show me everything you've got.  
Give willingly  
And then we'll see  
What is and what is not.

You say that you can be a star.  
I'm all you'll ever need.  
I'm avarice,  
Deception.  
And in other words  
I'm greed.

You'll have to sacrifice yourself.  
A modest compromise.  
And if you fail there is no one  
But me that you'll despise.

I'm all your dreams.  
I'm fantasy.  
I'm everything you see.  
But if you're going to grab the ring  
You'll have to deal with me.

I'm Hollywood.  
I'm glitter.  
And my streets are paved with gold.  
But you'll find they're also littered  
With young dreamers growing old.

For everyone who makes it  
A thousand others die.  
So if you think you're tough enough  
Then give it your best try.

But before you give  
It all away

Remember where you are.  
And be sure that you can pay the price  
It takes to be a star.

You think you do.  
But I'm warning you.  
And my name is Hollywood.  
And once you've given me your soul  
I've taken it for good.

I collect them.  
It's my favorite sport.  
Got more than I'll ever need.  
I'll remind you that I told you  
When you come crying to me.

I'm all your dreams.  
I'm fantasy.  
I'm everything you see.  
And if you're going to have it all  
You'll have to deal with me.

## **Honey, I Brought The Party Home**

Well honey I,  
Brought the party home.  
Well honey I,  
Brought the party home.

I knew you were  
Sleeping here alone.  
So honey I,  
Brought the party home.

I know you miss,  
Me when I'm gone.  
An empty house,  
Is not a home.  
And now I know,  
It's half past dawn,  
So honey I,  
Brought the party home.

So honey please,  
Fix me a drink.  
You know that I,  
Can barely think.

A little juice,  
Will help me out.  
Then we can talk about  
How I,  
Brought the party home.

Honey I,  
Brought the party home.  
To make this house,  
Feel like a home.  
Oh honey I,  
Brought the party home.

Now honey there,  
Are times that when,  
I will get drinking,  
With my friends.  
I never know,  
Where the time has gone,  
But I always bring,  
The party home.

I'd never think,  
Of hurting you.  
Though there are women,  
Who might want me to.  
And I always know,  
That it won't be long,  
Until I,  
Bring the party home.

So would you like,  
To dance a while?  
I'll turn your frown,  
Into a smile.  
There's no one else,  
Who can turn me on,  
So honey I,  
Brought the party home.

So now I'll hold,  
You next to me,  
So you can have,  
A little company,  
I know it's hard,  
To wait 'till dawn,  
But you know I'll always,  
Bring the party home.

## Hot Flashes

I get red hot flashes  
When I look at you.  
And I start shaking  
When I think of everything you do.

Tight pants,  
Romance,  
Too much fun.  
There's no doubt about it  
You're the only one.

When I was young  
I used to like to play around,  
With high-stepping ladies.  
Had them all over town.

Long lovin' nights  
Barely come up for air.  
I'd leave them begging for more  
But I just didn't care.

I was a lion in the jungle  
Of society.  
And there was no way you could think  
Of ever taming me.  
A night-stalking  
Smooth-talking  
Man of the world.  
Come sit beside me baby  
Let me give you a whirl.

And there was no way that I thought  
I'd ever come to this.  
Standing here begging you  
For one more kiss.  
But you have places to go.  
And people to see.  
You're a tiger  
In the jungle of society.  
A cold blooded,  
Heart breaker,  
Leaving me.  
And you won't slow down  
You've just got to be free.



And now I'm sitting here alone  
Doing nothing at all.  
Waiting by the phone  
Just hoping you'll call.  
But you're a jet set,  
Sure bet,  
Lady of the night.  
And you won't slow down  
Until the dawn's first light.

But someday I hope that you'll be calling me.  
And I'll be waiting here impatiently.  
Waiting for the day when the phone will ring,  
And you'll be back in my arms  
And together we'll sing.

### ***Together***

We were heart breaking,  
Love taking,  
Creatures of the night.  
Leaving nothing behind us  
But the dawn's first light.  
But then we found how intoxicating  
Love can be.  
And there is nothing that could ever  
Take you from me.  
Now we're  
Good loving,  
Bear hugging,  
Lovers so true.  
And there is nothing I can think of  
That I'd rather do.  
Than stay here alone, baby  
Just we two,  
And give my sweet loving  
All...to...you...

## **I Already Know That I Can Miss You**

I already know that I can miss you.  
The only thing I need to know is,  
When I can kiss you.  
I swear that you're the sweetest thing,  
I've ever laid eyes on,  
And I'm afraid that if I close my eyes,  
In a moment you'll be gone.

I know that you are thinking  
That we've never met before.  
That it's just a line, when I say  
It's only you that I adore.  
But I just walked to the bathroom  
'Cause I had to take a piss.  
And I swear you are the only one  
I could think of that I missed.

I already know that I can miss you.  
The only thing I need to know is,  
When I can kiss you.  
I swear that you're the sweetest thing,  
I've ever laid eyes on.  
And I'm afraid that if I close my eyes,  
In a moment you'll be gone.

So why don't we just dance a while,  
And see how well we fit?  
I'm sure that you will say to me,  
Baby, this is it!  
And if you don't  
I'm sure that it is something time will cure.  
I'll take you home and love you,  
'Till you finally are sure.

I already know that I can miss you.  
The only thing I need to know is,  
When I can kiss you.  
I swear that you're the sweetest thing,  
I've ever laid eyes on.  
And I'm afraid that if I close my eyes,  
In a moment you'll be gone.

And if you tell me that it's not true love,

That you have on your mind.  
I'll see that you are satisfied,  
I'll make you feel just fine.  
I'll hold you in my arms  
And I will smother you with love.  
Cause, when I hold it in my hand,  
It's you I'm thinking of.

I already know that I can miss you.  
The only think I need to know is,  
When I can kiss you.  
I swear that you're the sweetest thing,  
I've ever laid eyes on,  
But I'm afraid that if I close my eyes,  
In a moment you'll be gone.

Well, I must have closed my eyes,  
Because there's no one sitting here,  
Though I find it tough to see  
Through the haze of all these beers.  
Guess I'll have to find another  
Girl to turn me on,  
I closed my eyes for just a moment,  
And I found that you were gone...

## **I Like Things Fast**

I like,  
The wind in my hair.  
And as long as the top is down  
I'll drive anywhere.

I like,  
My thoughts of the past.  
And I like my life today  
Just as long as it's fast.

Cause I...like,  
Things...fast.

I like,  
Rock and Roll.  
I play it loud so I can hear it deep  
In my soul.

They said,  
It would never last.  
I'll tell you why it did for me  
.....  
Baby, it is fast.

I like,  
Cars that burn gas.  
And when I'm driving on the freeway  
I don't like to be passed.

Yes, I...like  
Things...fast.

The women that I know  
They are the same old way,  
As they were so long ago  
In my much younger days.  
I still...like,  
Things...fast.

Fast music.  
Fast cars.  
And women set to go.  
Fast service,

Fast food,  
Nothing can be slow.

'Cause...I...like  
Things...fast.

I like,  
Skiing in the snow.  
And blasting through the moguls  
Is the only way to go.  
I run,  
In the very same way.  
I see no reason to hold anything  
Back today.

I do...  
Things...fast.

Fast talker,  
Fast walker,  
Always on the run.  
That may seem hard to you,  
But for me it's fun.

Cause I...like  
Things...fast.

Fast back,  
Fast track,  
Getting ahead.

Fast rhymes,  
Fast time,  
Getting out of bed.

Cause I...like  
Things...fast.

I like,  
Your face.  
So come join in  
The race.

If you can handle a life  
Where you will never slow down.  
If you can keep your balance steady

While your world spins around.  
Then maybe  
We'll last.  
If you...like  
Things...fast.

So, c'mon lets go  
We've got things to do.  
Because there's a world out there  
That won't wait for you.

So let's do...  
It...fast.

## **I Seem To Be A Verb**

I seem to be a verb.  
(I seem to be a verb)  
I am perpetual motion.  
(I seem to be a verb)  
And I am causing a commotion.  
(I seem to be a verb)  
I keep on moving around.  
(I seem to be a verb)  
And I never slow down.  
(You better watch your step)  
I don't see where I'm going.  
(You better watch your step)  
I'm the wind that is blowing.  
(You better listen now )  
I don't hear what you're saying.  
(You better watch out)  
I have no use for anybody.  
(You better watch out)  
All I want to do is party.  
(You're going to take a big fall)  
I wasn't always this way.  
(You are going to have to change)  
I used to have something to say.  
(You are going to have to change)  
And now I have no more money.  
(You have no one else to blame)  
I apologize honey.  
(You have no one else to blame)  
And you know where it goes.  
(Pretty soon you're going to die)  
It all goes up my nose.  
(And you know the reason why)  
I am perpetual motion.  
(I seem to be a verb)  
And I am causing a commotion.  
(I seem to be a verb)  
There is no use for my living.  
This is advice I am giving.  
I used to have everything.  
And now all I can do is sing.  
Of how I haven't got a thing.  
I am perpetual motion.

And I am causing a commotion  
Drugs ain't cool.  
And if you take them you're a fool.  
So if you hear what I'm saying.  
Don't play the game I've been playing.  
Or you'll become a verb.  
And you will find yourself dying.



## **I've Got To Get A J-O-B For M-O-N-E-Y**

I thought that I would go to work,  
Retire at twenty-eight.  
But daddy, he took care of that  
When he left me his estate.  
I took great care developing  
All talents that I could.  
So, if I ever had to work,  
I could choose something good.

But it seems that all my talents  
The world cannot appreciate.  
'Though no one does them better,  
People just cannot relate.

Sleeping late  
And celebrate-ing  
Anything I can.  
And there's no one that can make  
A better castle in the sand.  
On Sundays I can quarterback  
Even better than the pros,  
Drink lots of beer, eat Fritos,  
Change the channel with my toes.

But I've got to get a J-O-B  
For M-O-N-E-Y.  
And I suppose there's nothing really wrong  
With giving work a try.  
So I'm writing up my résumé  
Listing all that I can do.  
It fills up several pages,  
And it's quite impressive, too.

I can roller skate  
And clean a plate  
Of oysters that are raw.  
And it's been several years  
Since I've had trouble with the law.  
I can throw a Frisbee with the best  
Even when I'm in my truck,  
And I win a lot at poker,  
If I'm having any luck.

But I've got to get a J-O-B  
For M-O-N-E-Y.  
And I suppose there's nothing really wrong  
With giving work a try.

If the surf is up I can ride the waves  
With a most impressive style.  
And I can balance beer cans on my nose,  
Keep talking all the while.  
If I had to I could eat twelve scoops of ice cream  
At one time.  
And I can even stop my motorcycle  
On a dime.  
And when there is a party  
I can drink non-stop 'till dawn.  
And I can crush my beer cans with one hand  
So they don't mess up the lawn.

But I've got to get a J-O-B  
For M-O-N-E-Y.  
And I suppose there's nothing really wrong  
With giving work a try.  
Cause daddy's money didn't last,  
Now every dollar's gone.  
At least I had the time to construct  
A résumé this long...

## LA LA

There's no other city like it  
In the USA.  
And if you ask me to describe it  
I'll just have to say  
LA, LA, LA, LA.

You've got ten million people  
On the road at one time,  
Stuck in stop and go traffic  
Several hours at a time.

And if you ask them  
Why they do it.  
They'll just look at you and say  
LA, LA.  
They'll shrug their shoulders and they'll say,  
LA.

Cause where else can you  
Cruise the Miracle Mile.  
And take a night on the town  
In such romantic style.

LA.  
There's just no other way to say it,  
LA.

People come from everywhere  
For a chance to start again.  
They're only thinking of today.  
There's no remember when.  
LA. LA's for today, LA.

It's the city of dreams.  
The land of opportunity.  
There are so many ways to make it  
So you just listen to me.

You might have to shrug your shoulders  
As you're sitting in the haze.  
But you know that once you make it  
You'll be living better days.  
In LA, LA.

So if you're sitting and your crying  
'Cause you don't know what to do.  
And there's no point in your existing  
In the place you're going to.

There is an answer.  
You should see it shining plain as day.  
In the city of Los Angeles.  
Yes...the one they call LA.

## **Lifted By Your Love**

My heart is floating like an air balloon,  
I'm lifted by your love.  
And this January feels like June,  
I'm lifted by your love.

The sun is shining brighter.  
All my footsteps, they are lighter.  
And I'm now and every nighter  
'Cause I'm lifted by your love.

I felt no jubilation,  
Now I'm lifted by your love.  
My life was desperation,  
Now I'm lifted by your love.

All fantasy had gone from me,  
Wore depression like a glove.  
Now it's you and me and me and it's plain to see  
That I'm lifted by your love.

You give me everything I need.  
And I never get enough,  
My body's racing at full speed,  
As I'm lifted by your love.

Female:

When I found you  
I was so blue,  
Now I'm lifted by your love.  
You're everything I look forward to,  
I'm lifted by your love.

I have traveled cross this nation,  
Wished on every star above.  
Now my life's a celebration.  
'Cause I'm lifted by your love.

Together:

I'll never ask for any more  
Than what we have here today.  
Cause we're riding on the wings

Of what this feeling brought our way.

I could never give it up,  
'Cause it's become just like a drug.  
The way I feel when I'm with you,  
I'm addicted to your love.

So hold my hand and understand  
That I thank the Lord above,  
For giving me the chance to be  
So lifted by your love.

You give me everything I need,  
And I never get enough.  
My body's racing at full speed  
As I'm lifted by your love.

When I found you  
I was so blue.  
Now I'm lifted by your love.  
You're everything I look forward to,  
I'm lifted by your love.

I have traveled cross this nation,  
Wished on every star above.  
Now my life's a celebration  
'Cause I'm lifted by your love.

## **Little Hands**

Little hands and little feet,  
And a pretty smile that is so sweet,  
Never thought I'd have a little one,  
That was half as cute as you.

Little mouth and little tongue,  
Such a wonder to be young,  
Never thought I'd have a little one,  
That was half as cute as you.

Your mother lying on the bed  
Her breast against your little head,  
A sight that brings tears to my eyes,  
And a joy I know I can't disguise...

Little crinkle in your nose,  
And the way you curl your toes,  
Never thought I'd have a little one,  
That was half as cute as you.

Softest skin against my cheek,  
I'm so happy I can't speak,  
Never thought I'd have a little one,  
That was half as cute as you.

Your mother lying next to me  
With you curled upon her chest.  
I give thanks to God for family,  
And I'll see that it stands the test...

## **Lying In The Sunshine**

I'm lying in the sunshine.  
No more crying in the sunshine,  
This now that we are oneshine,  
The sunshine of our love.  
This now that we've begunshine,  
This new life we have found,  
Shine on, shine on,  
The sunshine of our love.

Man:

It wasn't long ago when I was groping in the dark.  
My life, once a roaring flame,  
Reduced to just a spark.  
A flickering reminder of the way I used to be,  
A setting sun reflecting,  
Off a cold and lifeless sea.

But now I'm lying in the sunshine,  
No more crying in the sunshine,  
This now that we are oneshine,  
The sunshine of our love.  
This now that we've begunshine,  
This new life we have found.  
Shine on, shine on,  
The sunshine of our love.

Woman:

With you my life has meaning  
Like it never had before.  
You have brightened up my heart  
And you have opened up the door,  
To a shining world of wonder  
Glowing brilliantly in me,  
The dawning of the day  
When I can set my spirit free.

You have me lying in the sunshine,  
And I'm laughing in the funshine.  
This now that we are oneshine,  
The sunshine of our love.  
This now that we've begunshine,



This new live we have found.  
Shine on, shine on,  
The sunshine of our love.

Together:

Together we've become content,  
We've finally seen the light.  
The end of all our loneliness,  
The morning to the night.  
And every day is better,  
Than the one we lived before.  
What a joy to live a happy life  
Without ever needing more.

You have me lying in the sunshine,  
And I'm laughing in the funshine,  
This now that we are oneshine,  
The sunshine of our love.  
This now that we've begunshine,  
This new life we have found.  
Shine on, shine on,  
The sunshine of our love.

## **My Baby**

You can give me the choice  
Between diamonds and gold,  
Offer me more money  
Than a bank could hold,  
Tempt me with  
The greatest reasons, ever told,  
But you can't take me away  
From my baby.

You can cover my body  
With a string of pearls,  
Offer me the attention  
Of a dozen girls,  
Guarantee to take  
Me off to, other worlds,  
But you can't take me away  
From my baby.

I tell you  
My baby gives me everything.  
It's not only that she's pretty  
And she wears my ring.  
There's a special kind of feeling  
Only, she can bring,  
And that's why  
I'll never leave my baby.

You can offer to make me  
The king of the land,  
You can say that you will build me  
A new palace so grand,  
Put the whole world  
Into the palm of my hand,  
But don't ask me to give up my baby.

I tell you  
My baby gives me everything.  
It's not only that she's pretty  
And she wears my ring.  
There's a special kind of feeling  
Only, she can bring,  
And that's why  
I'll never leave my baby.

You say that you can turn me into  
A big movie star,  
That I'd wear the finest clothes  
And drive a fancy new car.  
I can tell you now  
That you won't get very far,  
If you ask me  
To give up my baby.

I tell you  
My baby gives me everything.  
It's not only that she's pretty  
And she wears my ring.  
There's a special kind of feeling  
Only, she can bring.  
And that's why  
I'll never leave my baby.

So, in case you are thinking  
You could make a quick deal,  
That I'd give my baby up  
For something so less real,  
I thought that I should tell you  
Just the way that I feel,  
There's no taking me away  
From my baby.

I tell you  
My baby gives me everything.  
It's not only that she's pretty  
And she wears my ring.  
There's a special kind of feeling  
Only, she can bring.  
And that's why  
I'll never leave my baby.  
That's why  
I'll never leave my baby...

## Passing Through

I was just passing through  
When I met you.  
Living day to day, getting older.  
The fire inside, barely a smolder.  
Where had it gone  
That flame of youth?  
Roman candle,  
Too hot to handle.  
Ageless fire  
Burning higher, higher.  
Doused,  
By the rains of age.  
Turn another page  
Of a life that seemed too long to live.  
Was there nothing left to give?  
Was my cup of happiness  
A sieve?

Oh there was joy,  
Some contentment.  
With work  
I even removed resentment  
For a world  
That gave little care  
To all that I had to share.

Then suddenly,  
There was you.  
Your laughter, your smile  
So many things to do.  
Your sensitivity, the tears  
I envision the years  
Of us together.  
Will it be so?  
I don't know,  
Not for sure.  
But a voice inside says  
This will endure.  
Through the sharing and caring  
That both of us need.  
Supporting, cavorting  
Suddenly younger.  
Each able to quell

The other one's hunger  
With kisses, a glance.  
The best kind of romance,  
Where each of us grows.  
God only knows,  
How much better we can become,  
Now that we are one.

## **Red Sox Fan**

There is no doubt about it,  
I'm a baseball fan,  
I've got a Red Sox bumper sticker  
On my van.  
I love Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz,  
And Jason Varatek throwing from his knees.  
I've got an autographed Ted Williams  
Baseball card,  
I've got a Red Sox pennant,  
Flying in my yard.  
I'm a true-blooded,  
Loyal American,  
And there is no doubt about it,  
I'm a Red Sox fan.

## **Rock & Roll Child**

When I was young my daddy  
Bounced me on his knee.  
He'd put on those old records  
Played them constantly.

And there is nothing in this world  
That can drive me so wild.  
Good God almighty  
I'm a rock and roll child.

He'd play Chuck Berry  
Singing Johnny Be Goode.  
Though I was too young to talk  
You know I understood.

We'd listen to the rhythm  
The guitars would make.  
And then turn up the volume  
'Till the house would shake.

And there still is nothing playing  
That can drive me so wild.  
Good God Almighty  
I'm a rock and roll child.

Now I have a baby boy.  
He's barely three.  
And every night at home  
I'll bounce him on my knee.

And there is nothing in this world  
That drives him so wild.  
Good God almighty  
He's a rock and roll child.

We'll do the Jail House Rock  
Dancin' with a chair.  
And we go Reelin' and a Rockin'  
As we grease our hair.

It's so easy Peggy Sue,  
I'm Gonna Love You Too.  
Go back to Memphis Maybelline

Until your Sweet Sixteen.

And when my daddy comes to visit  
He wears Blue Suede Shoes.  
And you can bet your bottom dollar  
We don't sing the Blues.

He brings over all the records  
I don't have to play.  
They're now on digital recordings.  
But they sound the same.

And then we play them for the kid.  
They make him go so wild.  
Good God Almighty  
He's a rock and roll child.



**Rock & Roll Santa** – Co-written with Katrina Lumbert

Well, I just found out,  
That Santa's into rock and roll.  
He loves to  
Play it loud,  
He can boogie like nobody knows.  
And all the little elves  
Think he's lost his mind.  
But Mrs. Santa tells them  
Everything is fine.  
The word is out,  
Santa's into rock and roll.

Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
He flies through the sky.  
The music gets him so high.  
Bringing all the presents  
To the girls and guys.  
Santa, Santa  
Does it on rock and roll.

He loves Jerry Lee Lewis,  
Chuck Berry, and Elvis, too.  
And his merry little wife,  
Says that nothing else will do.  
Santa's got the whole place  
Rocking at night,  
You know he's turning on those northern  
Party lights.  
The word is out,  
Santa's into rock and roll.

Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
He flies through the sky.  
The music gets him so high.  
Bringing all the presents  
To the girls and guys.  
Santa, Santa  
Does it on rock and roll.

Santa taught the reindeer  
How to do the bop.  
And Rudolf taught 'em  
All how to do  
The reindeer hop.  
With Mrs. Santa  
Dancing on the table top,  
The elves begin to party  
In that old workshop,  
With Santa on piano  
Playing rock and roll.

Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
He flies in his sleigh,  
Brings joy to Christmas Day,  
With Rudolph and his red nose  
Lighting up the way.  
Santa, Santa  
Does it on rock and roll.

Santa stays in training  
For that special night,  
Eating lots of cookies  
And cakes and Eskimo Pies  
You know Santa works hard  
Until the workday's through  
And then you know exactly  
What he'll do,  
He'll turn that music up  
And play rock and roll

Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
He flies in his sleigh,  
Brings joy to Christmas Day,  
With Rudolph and his red nose  
Lighting up the way.  
Santa, Santa  
Does it on rock and roll.

Santa shows the Elves  
How to make the toys.  
And he likes to read 'em all  
Letters from the girls and boys.  
Santa never stops  
Until the workday's done.  
But when the whistle blows  
He's first to start the fun  
He turns the music loud  
And plays rock and roll.

Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
Santa, Santa, Santa can  
Rock and roll.  
He flies through the sky.  
The music gets him so high.  
Bringing all the presents  
To the girls and guys.  
Santa, Santa  
Does it on rock and roll.

## **Sailing Through This Life Of Love With You**

I could see it on a distant shore,  
A life of never needing more,  
An island calling from the sea,  
A siren's song that beckoned me.

I'd set my sails against the tide,  
That always pushed my ship aside.  
I'd struggle through the angry waves.  
They kept me from those better days.

Now I'm sailing through this life of love with you.  
The seas are calm, the sun is shining through.  
My ship is turning with the tide.  
The wind is fresh and what a ride!  
I'm sailing through a life of love with you.

When I was young I thought I'd have it all.  
And I'd laugh when I would hear the Sirens call.  
I didn't know that they were taunting me,  
With things that I would never see.  
How was I to know that I would fall?

I made some vain attempts at happiness.  
I fought through angry seas of bitterness.  
Choking from the salty spray,  
It nearly took my life away.  
But then you came and put that in the past.

Now I'm sailing through this life of love with you.  
The seas are calm, the sun is shining through.  
My ship is turning with the tide.  
The wind is fresh and what a ride!  
I'm sailing through this life of love with you.

With you I could weather any storm.  
You keep my mind so dry and safe and warm.  
Now I'm sailing at full speed.  
There's nothing else I'll ever need.  
Because with you here my life has been reborn.

And I'm going to live it all with you.  
There's nothing else that I could ever do.

We'll sail into the setting sun,  
Sharing all that we've become,  
A wondership that's built for two.

I'm sailing through this life of love with you.  
The seas are calm, the sun is shining through.  
My ship is turning with the tide.  
The wind is fresh and what a ride!  
This sailing through this life of love with you.

## Seventeen Reasons

There are seventeen reasons  
Why I've got to say no.  
So, stop your teasing  
And just leave me alone.  
Turn on the T.V.  
Or go find a good book.  
I know your scheming  
When you give me that look.  
Can't you see,  
That I'm tired and beat.  
My feet are aching,  
They've been pounding the street.  
My eyes are bloodshot,  
And my underarms stink.  
The only thing I want to do  
Is pour a stiff drink.

But there's  
Love on your mind.  
You can't deny it,  
'Cause I know the signs,  
When there's  
Love on your mind,  
And a fire in your heart.

Can't you see that I  
Have had a rough day?  
There's nothing else  
I should have to say.  
My body's aching,  
And my legs are tired.  
My hands are shaking,  
And my nerves are wired.  
The only thing I want to do  
Is go and lay down.  
Now I see,  
You want to play around.  
Well, there are seventeen reasons  
Why I've got to say no.  
And if you give me time  
I know I'll find some more.

But there's

Love on your mind.  
You can't deny it,  
'Cause I know the signs,  
When there's  
Love on your mind,  
And a fire in your heart.

How come you always  
Try to turn me on,  
When you know  
That all my strength is gone?  
You know that I  
Can barely lift my head.  
And now you're trying  
To lure me into bed.  
I told you once  
And I will tell you again.,  
You can't go thinking  
I'm a Superman.  
'Cause there are seventeen reasons  
Why I've got to say no.  
And if you give me more time  
I'm sure I'll think of more.

But there's  
Love on your mind.  
You can't deny it,  
'Cause I know the signs,  
When there's  
Love on your mind,  
And a fire in your heart.

Who said, that you could  
Put your lips on mine?  
And, how come your hands  
Are running down my spine?  
Do that again,  
Because it sure feels fine.  
Perhaps I'll join you  
For a glass of wine.  
You have a way  
That makes my body dance.  
I think that maybe  
There is half a chance.  
Kiss me again,  
And lock the bedroom door.

I think you might have found  
A miracle cure.

There's  
Love on our minds.  
I can't deny it,  
'Cause you know the signs,  
When there's  
Love on our minds,  
And a fire in our hearts.

There's  
Love on our minds.  
And a fire in our hearts.



## Sexy Lady

Hello sexy lady with the long blond hair.  
You sure look inviting,  
Do you mind if I stare?  
Your tan looks so healthy.  
Your eyes are so blue.  
And if I wasn't so shy,  
I might ask you to screw  
Around with me for awhile,  
Share a drink and a smile.  
But my heart gets the flutters.  
And my tongue gets the stutters,  
Whenever my feet hit the tile.

Will there come a day  
When I'll have the nerve,  
The vim and the verve,  
To step up and say...

Hey,  
What would I say? Anyway?

Should I come on like a storm,  
Or be gentle and warm?  
Should I be cleverly pedantic,  
Perhaps terribly romantic?  
Would you welcome my lust?  
Or walk away in disgust,  
If I said,

Hey baby,  
It's you and me,  
And I've got something  
You've just got to see.

You know  
I've got these etchings,  
And I'll be happy to share them,  
With your eager eyes.  
I know you'll adore them,  
Though I will ignore them,  
Because I will be watching your thighs.

Oh, please,

Don't be embarrassed.  
That slit's not too high.  
Why, I can barely see  
Your bathing suit line.  
Please,  
Don't move it for me.  
I really don't care.  
But my God, that sure is  
A small suit that you wear.

I'd like to see you inside it.  
Lie beside you and hide it  
From other men,  
Who might be looking on.  
Your skin is so creamy,  
Your figure so dreamy.  
My dear,  
It sure has me turned on.

Why don't you walk this way slowly  
And give me a wink.  
Give me something to think  
About on my way home.  
'Cause I'm lonely without you.  
I think so much about you.  
But I know that I'll leave here alone.

What is it they say  
About love that is lost?  
A far lesser cost,  
Than no love at all.  
But I sit here denying  
That you could love me,  
Without even trying  
Just one line to see.  
If you might be looking  
At me all the while.  
Hoping I'll smile  
At you invitingly.

So,  
Hello pretty lady.  
That's a nice dress you have on.  
And it tastefully fits on your frame.  
I've noticed how pretty  
You're looking tonight.

Do you mind  
If I ask you your name?

I was hoping you'd ask me  
'Cause I noticed you too.  
It's been a long time  
Since I've been  
With someone like you.  
Come sit down beside me.  
You can buy me a drink.  
But don't even think,  
That I'll go home with you.

Unless we share some good laughter,  
And feel that it's right.  
Then we might find ourselves making  
Some sweet love tonight.

You are such a sexy lady  
And you have me so turned on.  
And I'm praying like the devil  
That I won't leave here alone.

But I've got to turn to the side  
So you won't see me stand head on,  
Because I am so excited,  
Right down to the bone.

## **Sharing Dinner**

Let me help you with the dinner.

You do the veggies

I'll cook the steak.

You peel the potatoes.

I'll watch them simmer.

You make the soufflé,

And I'll make the cake.

You clean the table,

And I'll do the dishes.

Then later we'll satisfy

Each of our wishes.

## **She's All Right**

She's got, angel eyes,  
And a body that can make me shake.  
She can, hypnotize,  
She's in control of every move I make.  
She's got a whole lotta love,  
I thank the stars above.  
She's got a hold on me,  
And I don't want to be free.

She's a one-man woman  
I'm a one-woman man.  
And when it comes to good lovin'  
I've got all I can stand,  
She's alright...  
She's my wife...

She can, turn me on,  
With the tender way that she can touch.  
And when my, strength is gone,  
She's still the woman that I love so much.  
She's got a hold on me,  
And I don't want to be free.  
I thank the Lord above,  
We found lasting love...  
She's alright...  
She's my wife...

I've seen so many others  
Throw their lives away,  
Trying to enjoy  
A piece of yesterday.  
They think that freedom  
Comes from leaving lovers behind.  
Well I say it comes from working hard  
And walking the line...  
She's alright...  
She's my wife...

## **Ship Without A Pilot**

Put your arms around me.  
Tell me everything's all right.  
Tell me you won't leave me.  
Say you'll stay with me tonight.  
Because I can't take the pain  
Of ever losing you again.  
And if it means that I must beg,  
You tell me where and when.

In those days that you were gone,  
All I could do was think.  
I'd lie in bed just missing you,  
I hardly slept a wink.  
The tears would fall,  
I can't recall  
How many of them fell.  
But if each of them were wishes,  
They would fill a wishing well.

I wish that I could take back  
Every single word I said.  
Because when you left  
The joy in me had gone  
Completely dead.

What was it that could make me  
Say I didn't want you near.  
I've lost all recollection  
The memory replaced by fear,

That you will leave me now  
And never turn  
To walk back through my door.  
Leave my ocean of emotion  
With no bottom and no shore.

I'm a ship without a pilot.  
I'm a record without sound.  
I'm a photograph that has no light.  
A ball that isn't round.  
Without you here  
All meaning has been taken from my life.  
And if there is a God

I pray to him  
You'll stay with me tonight.

I'm sorry that you feel  
You have to look at me that way.  
All your things are in the bedroom now.  
I've packed them all away.  
And I wish that you would listen  
To these words I have prepared.  
But it seems you've made your mind up  
And our love cannot be spared.

I'm a ship without a pilot.  
I'm a record without sound.  
A photograph that has no light.  
A ball that isn't round.  
Without you here  
All meaning has been taken from my life.  
And if there is a God I pray to him  
You'll stay with me tonight.

Well I hope that you are happy  
In the new life that you choose.  
And that what you gain  
Will compensate  
For everything we lose.

But there is no one here  
To listen to the choking words I say.  
And I'm sitting here  
All by myself  
With nothing more to pray  
To the God that wouldn't listen  
To the pleadings that I made.  
Or to the woman  
Who just walked out my door  
And took my life away.

I'm a ship without a pilot.  
I'm a record without sound.  
I'm a photograph that has no light.  
A ball that isn't round.  
Without you here  
All meaning has been taken from my life.  
And if there is a God  
I pray to him

You'll stay with me tonight.



## **Special Day**

We're taking time to celebrate  
This very special day.  
To say how we appreciate  
The things you do and say.  
Blow out the candles on your cake  
And cut it with a knife.  
Then pass it out so we can shout  
And celebrate your life!  
Celebrate!  
Celebrate!  
Celebrate your life.  
Celebrate!  
Celebrate!  
Celebrate your life.  
Blow out the candles on your cake  
And cut it with a knife.  
Then pass it out so we can shout  
And celebrate your life!

## **The Pelvic Rock**

Push.... relax....  
Push.... relax....  
Push.... relax....  
To the pelvic rock.

Prop me with a pillow,  
Let me comb my hair.  
Help me with my breathing,  
But don't touch me there.  
My right foot's getting cold  
Could you please find me a sock.  
I believe it's time we started with,  
The pelvic rock.

Push.... relax....  
Push.... relax....  
Push.... relax....  
To the pelvic rock.

This morning brought the day  
That I've been waiting for.  
I'm going to celebrate  
When I can see the floor.  
I can hear the ticking of my  
Biological clock.  
I believe it's time we started with  
The pelvic rock.

Push.... relax....  
Push.... relax....  
Push.... relax....  
To the pelvic rock.

It has been nine months  
Since I was fancy free,  
And there was nothing that was  
Growing inside me.  
I pray the baby doesn't look like Mr. Spock.  
But I will not know until we've done  
The pelvic rock.

Push.... relax....  
Push.... relax....

Push.... relax....  
To the pelvic rock.

The contractions have seemed endless,  
My dilation's done.  
I don't give a damn  
If it's a girl or a son.  
Just tell me what you see  
From underneath this smock,  
And let me know when I can stop  
This pelvic rock.

Push.... relax....  
Push.... relax....  
Push.... relax....  
To the pelvic rock...

## **The Trouble I've Seen**

You don't know,  
The trouble I've seen,  
The faded lovers  
And broken dreams.  
You see me as a man  
Of only wealth and means.  
But you don't know,  
The trouble I've seen.

When I was younger  
I was riding high.  
Could pile my money  
Clear up to the sky.  
Lord, I was swimming  
In a sea of green.  
Never thought I'd know,  
The trouble I've seen.

But what goes up,  
Has to come down.  
Today you're king  
And then you lose your crown.  
I never thought  
That it would happen to me.  
But you don't know,  
The trouble I've seen.

I lost my job  
And then my house and my car.  
I started spending  
Days and nights in a bar.  
The bankers came  
And they all wiped me clean.  
I tell you, you don't know,  
The trouble I've seen.

My baby left me  
For another man.  
Took all my furniture  
And clothes in a Ford van.  
Left all her bills,  
I tell you she was mean.  
And you don't know,

The trouble I've seen.

Somehow I made it back  
To where I stand.  
I've got it all  
And I'm a happy man.  
You think my life  
Has been all peaches and cream.  
But you don't know,  
The trouble I've seen.

You don't know,  
The trouble I've seen,  
The faded lovers  
And the broken dreams.  
You see me as a man  
With only wealth and means.  
But you don't know,  
The trouble I've seen.

## **The Varicose Vigilantes - Incomplete**

They may be old  
And just a little bit slow  
Can't stand the cold,  
The sleet and the snow.  
So, they move to Miami  
For the Florida sun,  
To live out their days  
Until their time is done.  
But there's a cold wind  
Blowing on the surf and sand  
And a problem that is spreading  
Clear across the land  
The police can do nothing  
'Bout the dealers and junkies  
The only thing to stop  
Them is a vigilante.  
They're the varicose, varicose  
Vigilantes.

## **When I Sleep Alone**

To me you're like a glass of icy water  
In the heat.  
Clear and clean,  
I've never tasted purity so sweet.

And when I need a drink  
To quench the thirst of my desire,  
I know your love extinguishes  
All traces of the fire.

And though there might be nights  
When I don't come home until dawn.  
I can tell you when I sleep alone  
It's you that turns me on.

I know that it is hard for you  
To love a restless man.  
And if it helps I'll tell you  
I am doing all I can.

All I can to ease the pain that is  
Still locked up in my heart.  
All I can to find the strength  
To think of making a new start.

But when you've gone through everything  
That I've been forced to face.  
It's so easy to ignore the changes  
That are taking place.

It's so easy to ignore a woman  
Wishing for a home.  
But I tell you when I sleep alone  
It's you that turns me on.

But I've had responsibility  
So much that I got sick.  
And I let them pile it up so high it  
Finally got too thick.

So I chucked it all for chasing  
Lonely women until dawn.  
But when I sleep alone

It's always you that turns me on.

You say you're waiting for a man  
To fill your every need.  
You will save yourself for marriage,  
You think so romantically.  
And I don't know if I can change  
In time to be the one.  
But I know that when I sleep alone  
It's you that turns me on.

To me you're like a glass of icy water  
In the heat.  
Clear and clean  
I've never tasted purity so sweet.  
And when I need a drink  
To quench the thirst of my desire  
I know your love extinguishes  
All traces of the fire.

Even when I sleep alone.



## **You're Too Hot For Me**

You're too hot.  
You're too hot.  
You're just too hot for me.

You're too hot.  
You're too hot.  
You're so hot that I can barely breathe.

Now I will make no claims,  
I'm just a regular man.  
And since the day that I met you  
I've been doing all I can.  
But if you get too close to the fire,  
You will just get burned.  
I've played around with girls like you  
And I have learned.

That you're too hot.  
You're too hot.  
You're just too hot for me.  
You're too hot.  
You're too hot.  
You're so hot that I can barely breathe.

You treat your daddy's Porsche  
Like a Chevrolet.  
And the men you know,  
You drive them in the very same way.  
You go cruisin' down the freeway  
With the wind in your hair.  
Never smiling at their faces  
As they stop and stare.

You've got diamonds on your fingers,  
Gucci pumps on your feet.  
And there's a line that forms behind you  
When you walk down the street.

I stop breathing when I see you.  
Sweat runs down my face.  
My fingers start to tremble  
And my heart does race.

But you're too hot.  
Too hot.  
You're just too hot for me.  
You're too hot.  
Too hot.  
You are so hot that I can barely breathe.

And when I look at you  
I see that you're a burning fire.  
And I have to water down  
The flames of my desire.

You can burn right through me  
With your icy stare.  
And I know that you could make me  
Follow anywhere.

But all the places you are going  
I just couldn't survive.  
So I will have to leave you now.  
While I am still alive.

You're too hot.  
You're too hot.  
You're just too hot for me.  
You're too hot.  
You're too hot.  
You're so hot that I can barely breathe.

So goodbye pretty lady.  
I'll take one more kiss.  
Then I must be on my way  
Although I know I will miss,  
Your hard lovin' legs  
In the heat of the night.  
And the way that you can hold me  
When the timing's right.

Because if I don't leave you now  
There will be nothing left of me.  
But the burnt out shell  
Of my personality.  
Though I will never forget  
How you could look at me and say  
"C'mon pretty baby,  
It's time for us to play."

But you're too hot.

You're too hot.

You're just too hot for me.

## **Yuppie Blues**

Well I was born a yuppie.  
There was nothing I could do.  
My parents sent me off to prep school  
And to an Ivy League college, too.  
My mother drives a Beemer.  
And my sister,  
She has two.  
That's why I'm singing  
These LA Yuppie Blues.

I'm a yuppie.  
I'm a yuppie deep inside.  
And no matter how hard I try,  
This is a fact I cannot hide.

I love Dom Perrignon.  
I love caviar on ice.  
I love Christmas spent skiing at Aspen.  
I love Sushi served with rice.  
I love sailing in the islands.  
Getting leid on Waikiki  
But I'm afraid that there is something  
Keeping all of this from me.

That's why I'm singin',  
Singin' the LA Yuppie Blues.  
And if I don't get my break real soon,  
I'll have nothin' left to lose.

I used to have a job on Wall Street.  
Cleared five hundred K easily.  
Had a home with eight big bedrooms  
There was no moss that grew on me.

But I found I wasn't happy  
And I gave it all away.  
And moved to Hollywood.  
And now I'm living here today.  
And you hear me singing,  
The Blues.  
I've got the LA Yuppie Blues.

As you listen to my story,

You'll know that every word rings true.  
And they say you've got to live them  
If you're going to sing the blues.

And that's why I'm singing,  
Singing the LA Yuppie Blues.  
And if I don't get my break real soon,  
I'll have nothing left to lose.

So here's for all you musicians,  
And for all you actors too,  
Who have moved to the world of fantasy  
To make your dreams come true.

Well I wish you better luck  
Than the luck that's come to me.  
That you'll find someone to live with you  
And let you stay rent-free.

So you won't be singing,  
Singing the LA Yuppie Blues.  
And that you won't spend all your money,  
Be left with nothing left to lose.

FAITH

## **The Lady Of Faith**

The leaves had been falling,  
And something was calling,  
To the Prince as he lay in the trees,  
A voice from behind him,  
Came softly to find him,  
And beckoned the Prince to his knees.

He then raised his head upward,  
And brought his hands forward,  
Together, and started to pray.  
He said, "I've lived a good life,  
And I've tried to do right,  
But I'm so unhappy today.

The winds of change have carried me,  
Across a quiet sea.  
I've everything I'll ever need,  
And I'm everything I thought I'd be.

But things aren't as they should be,  
And I'm feeling so empty,  
In this kingdom they say is my own.  
And if you could just tell me,  
What it is that I don't see,  
And why I feel so alone.

I will give you possessions,  
Fulfill your obsessions,  
With everything I have to give.  
And there's nothing I won't do,  
If you'll point the way to,  
The fulfillment that I want to live.

The winds of change have carried me,  
Across a quiet sea.  
I've everything I thought I'd need,  
But there's such emptiness in me..."

Then the voice began talking,  
The Prince started walking,  
And he listened intently to hear,  
To the words that could guide him,  
Put comfort inside him,

And the message was perfectly clear...

"You've looked all about you,  
Far more than you need to,  
With contentment so close to your reach.  
And that's all I can tell you,  
Though it's more than I need to.  
It's the only thing that I can teach.

The winds of change will carry you,  
And faith is all you'll need.  
Everything will be clear to you,  
If you can just believe."

The Prince shook his head slowly,  
His shoulders hung lowly,  
And a tear ran along his young cheek.  
Then he raised his head proudly,  
And shouted quite loudly,  
"I am off to find all that I seek!"

He then called for his horses,  
And gathered his forces,  
Then marched in pursuit of his quest.  
He would search 'till he found it,  
Live his life around it,  
He was sure he was up to the test.

But the winds of change, they carried him,  
Across an angry sea,  
To places where he had never been,  
And a life he thought he'd never see.

The first place that he landed,  
Was the world Underhanded,  
Where everyone said with a smile,  
"I've got answers quite clearly,  
Though you must pay dearly.  
But you will be happy in style."

The Prince smiled at the kind words,  
That he thought his young mind heard,  
And he emptied his pockets of gold.  
It was easy deceiving,  
A sad heart believing,  
That true happiness could be sold.



But they sold to him his broken dreams,  
And they scattered upon the sea.  
And the Prince knew he must find the means,  
To put them back where they should be.

But the dreams that were taken,  
Had now been forsaken,  
And if he was to see them again,  
He would have to reclaim them,  
From demons who'd maim him,  
Far sooner than call him a friend.

So he set his sails westward,  
Toward far lands that he'd heard,  
Could get him back all that he'd lost.  
He would spend his life trying,  
Though there was no denying,  
There would be an immeasurable cost.

He would have to catch shadows,  
Find calm where the wind blows,  
And conquer the worst of his fears,  
Fight two headed witches,  
And a great sea that pitches,  
His ship as his destiny nears.

He sailed against the angry waves,  
And they sprayed against his face.  
He frowned as he recalled the days,  
When he'd first found his world out of place.

He thought back to what he'd had,  
Then he no longer felt sad,  
For he knew he'd lost nothing at all.  
Then he raised his eyes skyward,  
And brought his hands forward,  
Now suddenly feeling so small.

Then a light shone within him,  
And it circled around him,  
Then it warmed him deep into his soul.  
His life shattered like splinters,  
Through these many winters,  
Now suddenly feeling quite whole.

Then a voice from behind him,  
Came softly to find him,  
And discovered the Prince down on his knees.  
Though he found the Prince crying,  
There could be no denying,  
The Prince was now resting at ease.

"I see that you have finally found,  
The answer to your quest,  
That if you put your faith in God,  
You can put your mind at rest."

The Prince smiled at the kind words,  
That his body and mind heard,  
And he slowly stood back on his feet.  
"I have lost my resentment.  
I'm approaching contentment,  
Although still, I am not quite complete.

But I now understand,  
That I'm simply a man,  
Far less than the power above.  
And I'll go where he sends me,  
And be all that I can be.  
He'll guide me forever with His love."

Then he set out for the open sea,  
Heading toward the rising sun.  
And he felt as if he'd been set free,  
A new life just begun.

He returned toward his old lands,  
And guided by strong hands,  
The seas were now calm in his mind.  
He gave thanks for what he had,  
And he no longer felt sad,  
He'd be happy with whatever he would find.

He would run where the sun shines,  
Write verse filled with fine lines,  
Of the life he still had in his mind.  
He would go where the wind blows,  
Through the woods and green meadows,  
His eyes open for what he might find.

Then one day his whole life changed,

With a gift from high above.  
His world had now been re-arranged,  
Into one filled with love.

Because out of the blue,  
Came a woman so true,  
Even more than what he had dreamed of.  
She fit all the places,  
Of his empty spaces.  
His loneliness now only love.

After all of the years,  
And the so many tears,  
For the first time the Prince was content.  
And they'd laugh in the warm sun,  
Two hearts who'd become one,  
The great cost of love so well spent.

Together they lived happily,  
And they'd walk along the sea.  
A love that God had meant to be,  
One that would last eternally.

The leaves had been falling,  
And something was calling,  
To the Prince as he lay in the trees,  
A voice from behind him,  
Came softly to find him,  
And beckoned the Prince to his knees.

"I see you've found the answer,  
To all that you searched for,  
And I'm happy for you and your wife.  
You're among just a few,  
Who finally do,  
Find all that they need in their life.

The winds of change have carried you,  
Across the open sea.  
They've given you the chance to view,  
What will lead man to harmony."

The Prince smiled at the kind words,  
That his now older mind heard,  
And a sparkle came into his eye.  
He said "I feel so lucky,

To have faith and a Lady,  
Who'll be with me until I die.

There is one God above us,  
Who always will love us,  
And this faith I will always hold near.  
And I'll always be thankful,  
For my life which is so full,  
Of love and a wife who's so dear.

The winds of change have carried me,  
To all I'll ever need...

## CONTENTMENT

## Spotlight

I don't need to live in the spotlight,  
Have everybody know my name.  
Because to me it just wouldn't feel right,  
And my life just wouldn't be the same.  
I have everything that I've needed.  
There's nothing else I want to do.  
We could never be separated,  
'Cause all I want is you.

All...I ...Want  
All I want is you.  
All... I ...Need  
With you my happiness is guaranteed.

I used to spend my time with the sinners.  
Now I live my life like a saint.  
I was lost,  
Now I am a winner.  
Feel only love where there once was hate.

And All...I ...Want  
All I want is you.  
All... I ...Need  
With you my happiness is guaranteed.

And where you lead  
I will follow.  
I'm with you  
Every step of the way.  
Have no need  
For today or tomorrow,  
I've found a love  
That's always here to stay.

And where you lead  
I will follow.  
Put my whole world  
In your hands.  
It's where I'll spend  
All of my tomorrows.  
I've been delivered  
To the Promised Land.

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