

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- 9-9 -----

[Intro]

Steady repetition is a compulsion mutually reinforced
Now what does that mean?
Is there a just contradiction? Nothing much
Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep
If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord to hesitate

[Verse 1]

Got to punch
Right on target
Twisting tongues
Got a stripe
Down his back
All nine yards
Down her back

[Chorus]

Give me a couple
Don't give me a couple of pointers
Turn to lies and conversation fear

[Verse 2]

Got to punch
Right on target
Twisting tongues
Got a stripe
Down his back
All nine yards
Down her back

[Chorus]

Give me a couple
Don't give me a couple of pointers
Turn to lies and conversation
What is in my mind?
What is in my mind?
What is in my mind?

[Intro]

Steady repetition is a compulsion mutually reinforced
Now what does that mean?
Is there a just contradiction? Nothing much
Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep
If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord to hesitate
Hesitate

[Verse 3]

Got to punch
Right on target
Twist his tongue
He's got a stripe
Down her back
All nine yards
Down his back

[Chorus]

Give me a couple
Don't give me a couple of pointers
Turn to lies and conversation fear

[Outro]

Conversation fear
Conversation fear
Conversation fear

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- Catapult -----

[Verse 1]

When we were little boys
When we were little girls
It's nine o'clock, don't try to turn it off
Cowered in a hole
Open your mouth, a question

[Pre-Chorus]

Did we miss anything?
Did we miss anything?
Did we miss anything?
Did we miss anything?

[Chorus]

Catapult (Catapult)
Catapult
Catapult (Catapult)
Catapult

[Verse 2]

When we were little boys
When we were little girls
It's nine o'clock, don't try to turn it off
Cowered in a hole, open your mouth
We in step, in hand
Your mother remembers this

Hear the howl of the rope
A question

[Pre-Chorus]
Did we miss anything?
Did we miss anything?
Did we miss anything?
Did we miss anything?

[Chorus]
Catapult (Catapult)
Catapult
Catapult (Catapult)
Catapult

[Bridge]
Bush could be target
Barn could be target

[Chorus]
Catapult (Catapult)
Catapult
Catapult (Catapult)
Catapult

[Verse 3]
When we were little boys
When we were little girls
It's nine o'clock, don't try to turn it off
Cowered in a hole, open your mouth
We in step, in hand
Your mother remembers this
Hear the howl of the rope
A question

[Pre-Chorus]
Did we miss anything?
Did we miss anything?
Did we miss anything?
Did we miss anything?

[Chorus]
Catapult (Catapult)
Catapult
Catapult (Catapult)
Catapult

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- Laughing -----

[Verse 1]

Laoco \diamond n and her two sons
Pressured storm, try to move
No other more emotion bound
Martyred, misconstrued

[Chorus]

Lighted
In a room
Lanky room
Lighted, lighted
Laughing in tune
Lighted, lighted
Laughing

[Verse 2]

Laoco \diamond n and her two sons
Run the gamut, sated view
Know them more, emotion bound
Martyred, misconstrued

[Chorus]

Lighted
In a room
Lanky room
Lighted, lighted
Laughing in tune
Lighted, lighted
Laughing

[Bridge]

In a room
Lock the door
Latch the room
Lighted, lighted
Laughing

[Verse 3]

Laoco \diamond n and her two sons
Ran the gamut, settled new
Find a place fit to laugh
Lock the doors and latch the room

[Chorus]

Lighted
In a room
Lanky room
Lighted, lighted

Laughing in tune
Lighted, lighted
Laughing in tune

[Outro]
Lighted, lighted
Laughing in tunes
Lighted, lighted
Laughing in tunes

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- Moral Kiosk -----

[Verse 1]
Scratch the scandals in the twilight
Trying to shock, but instead
Idle hands all orient to her
Pass a magic pillow under head

[Chorus]
It's so much more attractive
Inside the moral kiosk
Inside cold dark fire twilight
Inside cold dark fire twilight

[Verse 2]
Scratch the scandals in the twilight
She was laughing like a Horae
Without being sour landslide
Take the steps to dash a roving eye

[Chorus]
It's so much more attractive
Inside the moral kiosk
Inside cold dark fire twilight
Inside cold dark fire twilight

[Verse 1]
Scratch the scandals in the twilight
Trying to shock but instead
Idle hands all orient to her
Pass a magic pillow under head

[Chorus]
It's so much more attractive
Inside the moral kiosk
Inside cold dark fire twilight
Inside cold dark fire twilight

[Outro]

Inside cold dark fire twilight
Inside cold dark fire twilight

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- Perfect Circle -----

[Verse 1]

Put your hair back, we get to leave
Eleven gallows on your sleeve
Shallow figure, winners paid
Eleven shadows way out of place

[Chorus]

Standing too soon, shoulders high in the room
Standing too soon, shoulders high in the room
Standing too soon, shoulders high in the room

[Verse 2]

Pull your dress on and stay real close
Who might leave you where I left off?
A perfect circle of acquaintances and friends
Drink another, coin a phrase

[Chorus 2]

Heaven assume, shoulders high in the room
Heaven assume, shoulders high in the room
Heaven assume, shoulders high in the room

[Verse 3]

Try to win and suit your needs
Speak out sometimes but try to win

[Chorus]

Standing too soon, shoulders high in the room
Standing too soon, shoulders high in the room
Standing too soon, shoulders high in the room
Standing too soon, shoulders high in the room
Standing too soon, shoulders high in the room

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- Pilgrimage -----

[Intro]

Take a turn
Take a turn
Take a fortune
Take a fortune

[Verse 1]

They called the clip
A two-headed cow
Your hate, clipped and distant
Your luck with pilgrimage
Rest assured, this will not last
Take a turn for the worst
Your hate, clipped and distant
Your luck, a two-headed cow

[Chorus]

The pilgrimage
Has gained momentum
Take a turn
Take a turn
Take a fortune
Take a fortune

[Verse 2]

Speaking in tongues
It's worth a broken lip
Your hate, clipped and distant
Your luck with pilgrimage
Rest assured, this will not last
Take a turn for the worst
Your hate, clipped and distant
Your luck, a two-headed cow

[Chorus]

The pilgrimage
Has gained momentum
Take a turn (Take a turn)
Take your turn (Take a turn)
Take a fortune (Take a turn)
Take a fortune

[Bridge]

(Ah) Pilgrimage
(Ah) Pilgrimage

[Verse 3]

Speaking in tongues
It's worth a broken lip
Your hate, clipped and distant
Your luck...
Rest assured, this will not last
Take a turn for the worst
Your hate, clipped and distant
Your luck, two-headed...

[Chorus]

The pilgrimage
Has gained momentum
Take a turn (Take a turn)
Take your turn (Take a turn)
Take a fortune (Take a turn)
Take your fortune

[Bridge]

(Ah) Pilgrimage
(Ah) Pilgrimage

[Chorus]

Pilgrimage
Has gained momentum
Take your turn (Take a turn)
Take your turn (Take a turn)
Take your fortune (Take a turn)
Take your fortune (Take a turn)
Take your turn (Take a turn)
Take your turn (Take a turn)
Take your fortune (Take a turn)
Take your fortune

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- Radio Free Europe -----

[Verse 1]

Decide yourself if radio's gonna stay
Reason, it could polish up the gray
Put that, put that, put that up your wall
That this isn't country at all

[Pre-Chorus 1]

Ray beam station
Beside yourself

[Verse 2]

Keep me out of country and the word
Deal the porch is leading us absurd
Push that, push that, push that to the hull
That this isn't nothing at all

[Pre-Chorus 2]

Straight off the boat
Where to go?

[Chorus]

Callin' out in transit
Callin' out in transit
Radio Free Europe
Radio

[Verse 3]
Beside defyin' media too fast
Instead of pushin' palaces to fall
Put that, put that, put that before all
That this isn't fortunate at all

[Pre-Chorus 1]
Ray beam station
Beside yourself

[Chorus]
Callin' on in transit
Callin' on in transit
Radio Free Europe
Radio

[Bridge]
Beside yourself
Callin' on a boat
Media's too fast

[Verse 4]
Keep me out of country and the word
Disappointers into us, absurd

[Pre-Chorus 2]
Straight off the boat
Where to go?

[Chorus]
Callin' on in transit
Callin' on in transit
Radio Free Europe
Radio Free Europe

[Outro]
Callin' on in transit
Callin' on in transit
Radio Free Europe
Radio Free Europe

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- Shaking Through -----

[Verse 1]

Could it be that one small voice
Doesn't count in the room
Yellow like a geisha gown
Denying all the way
Could this by three be ten
Honor marches on
Yellow like a geisha gown
Denial all the way

[Chorus]

Shaking through
Opportune
Shaking through
Opportune

[Verse 2]

Are we grown way too far
Taking after rain
Yellow like a geisha gown
Denying all the way

[Chorus]

Shaking through
Opportune
Shaking through
Opportune

[Bridge]

In my life

[Verse 3]

Ears that are still
Children of today on parade
Yellow like a geisha gown
Denying all the way

[Chorus]

Shaking through
Opportune
Shaking through
Opportune

[Outro]

Shaking through
Opportune
Shaking through
Opportune

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- Sitting Still -----

[Verse 1]

This name I got we all agreed
C could stop, stop it well read
We could bind it in the scythe
We could gather, throw a fit

[Chorus]

Up to par and Katie bar
The kitchen signs but not me in
Sit and try for the big kill
A waste of time sitting still

[Verse 2]

I'm the sun and you can read
I'm the sign and you're not deaf
We could bind it in the scythe
We could gather, throw a fit

[Chorus]

Up to par and Katie bars
The kitchen signs but not me in
Sit and try for the big kill
A waste of time sitting still
I can hear you
I can hear you
I can hear you

[Verse 3]

This name I got we all agreed
C could stop, stop it well read
We could bind it in the scythe
We could gather, throw a fit

[Chorus]

Up to par and Katie bars
The kitchen signs but not me in
Sit and try for the big kill
A waste of time sitting still
I can hear you
I can hear you
I can hear you

[Verse 4]

You can gather when I talk
Talk until you're blue
You could get away from me

Get away from me

[Chorus]

I'm up to par and Katie bars
The kitchen signs but not me in
Sit and try for the big kill
A waste of time sitting still
I can hear you
I can hear you
I can hear you

[Outro]

I can hear you
I can hear you
I can hear you
Can you hear me?

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- Talk About the Passion -----

[Verse]

Empty prayer, empty mouths
Combien reaction
Empty prayer, empty mouths
Talk about the passion
Not everyone can carry the weight of the world
Not everyone can carry the weight of the world

[Chorus]

Talk about the passion
Talk about the passion

[Verse]

Empty prayer, empty mouths
Combien reaction
Empty prayer, empty mouths
Talk about the passion
Combien
Combien
Combien de temps?

[Chorus]

Talk about the passion
Talk about the passion

[Verse 2]

Not everyone can carry the weight of the world
Not everyone can carry the weight of the world
Combien

Combien
Combien de temps?

[Chorus]
Talk about the passion
Talk about the passion
Talk about the passion
Talk about the passion
Talk about the passion

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- We Walk -----

[Verse 1]
Up the stairs to the landing, up the stairs into the hall
Take oasis, Marat's bathing

[Pre-Chorus]
We walk through the woods
We walk

[Verse 1]
Up the stairs to the landing, up the stairs into the hall
Take oasis, Marat's bathing

[Pre-Chorus]
We walk through the woods
We walk

[Chorus]
Take oasis
Take oasis
Take oasis
Take oasis

[Verse 1]
Up the stairs to the landing, up the stairs into the hall
Take oasis, Marat's bathing

[Pre-Chorus]
We walk through the woods
We walk

[Verse 1]
Up the stairs to the landing, up the stairs into the hall
Take oasis, Marat's bathing

[Verse 1]
Up the stairs to the landing, up the stairs into the hall

Take oasis, Marat's bathing

[Outro]

Up the stairs to the landing, up the stairs into the hall
Into the, oh, oh
Into the, oh, up
Up, up, up, up
Up, up, up, up

----- 1983 Murmur -----
----- West of the Fields -----

[Verse 1]

Long gone intuition
To assume are gone
When we try
I dream of a living jungle
Heed my way back home
When we die

[Chorus]

West of the fields, west of the fields
West of the fields, west of the fields
Long gone, long gone
Long gone, long gone
West of the fields

[Verse 2]

Dreams of Elysian
To assume are gone
When we try
Tell now what is dreaming
When we try and listen with your eyes
Oversimplify

[Chorus]

West of the fields, west of the fields
West of the fields, west of the fields
Long gone, long gone
Long gone, long gone
West of the fields

[Bridge]

The antelopes are strange
Trying to sicken me
The antelopes are strange
Trying to sicken me

[Verse 3]

Dreams of Elysian
To assume are gone
When we try
Tell now what is dreaming
When we try to listen to your eyes
When we die

[Chorus]
West of the fields, west of the fields
West of the fields, west of the fields
Long gone, long gone
Long gone, long gone
West of the fields
West of the fields, west of the fields
West of the fields, west of the fields
Long gone, long gone
Long gone, long gone
West of the fields

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- (Don't Go Back To) Rockville -----

[Verse 1]
Looking at your watch a third time
Waiting in the station for the bus
Going to a place that's far
So far away and if that's not enough
Going where nobody says hello
They don't talk to anybody they don't know

[Verse 2]
You'll wind up in some factory
That's full-time filth and nowhere left to go
Walk home to an empty house
Sit around all by yourself
I know it might sound strange but I believe
You'll be coming back before too long

[Chorus]
Don't go back to Rockville
Don't go back to Rockville
Don't go back to Rockville
And waste another year

[Verse 3]
At night, I drink myself to sleep
And pretend I don't care that you're not here with me
'Cause it's so much easier to handle
All my problems if I'm too far out to sea

But something better happen soon
Or it's gonna be too late to bring you back

[Chorus]

Don't go back to Rockville, don't go back to Rockville
Don't go back to Rockville and waste another year

[Verse 4]

It's not as though I really need you
If you were here, I'd only bleed you
But everybody else in town only wants to bring you down
And that's not how it ought to be
I know it might sound strange but I believe
You'll be coming back before too long

[Chorus]

Don't go back to Rockville
Don't go back to Rockville
Don't go back to Rockville
And waste another year
Don't go back to Rockville
Don't go back to Rockville
Don't go back to Rockville
And waste another year

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- 7 Chinese Bros. -----

[Verse 1]

The smell of sweet, short-haired boy
Woman offers, "Pull up a seat."
Take in one symphony now
We've just begun to battle
Wrap your heel in bones of steel
Turn the leg, a twist of color
Autumn waited, hold it to you
In the colored, come another

[Chorus]

Seven Chinese brothers swallowing the ocean
Seven thousand years to sleep away the pain
She'll return
She will return

[Verse 2]

The smell of sweet, short-haired boy
Woman offers, "Pull up a seat."
Take in one symphony now
We've just begun to battle

Wrap your heel in bones of steel
Turn the leg, a twist of color
Autumn waded seven seas
Swim the color, come another

[Chorus]

Seven Chinese brothers swallowing the ocean
Seven thousand years to sleep away the pain
She will return
She'll return
(She will return)
(She will return) Oh

[Verse 3]

The smell of sweet, short-haired boy
Woman offers, "Pull up a chair."
Take in one symphony, Mao
I guess we lost that battle
Wrap your heel in bones of steel
Turn the leg, a twist of color
Autumn waded seven seas
Swim the color, come another

[Chorus]

Seven Chinese brothers swallowing the ocean
Seven thousand years the Communi did reign
She will return
She'll return
She will return
She'll return

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- Camera -----

[Verse 1]

From the inside room
When the front room greeting becomes your special book
It was simple then
When the party lulls
If we fall by the side
Will you be remembered?
Will she be remembered?

[Chorus]

Alone in a crowd
A borrowed lantern bartered
If I'm to be your camera
Then who will be your face?

[Verse 2]

I fell by your bed once
I didn't wanna tell you
I should keep myself
In between the pages
Of the green light room
If we fall by the side
Will you be remembered?
Will she be remembered?

[Chorus]

Alone in a crowd
A bartered lantern borrowed
If I'm to be your camera
Then who will be your face?

[Verse 3]

From the inside room
When the front room greeting becomes your special book
It was simple then
When the party lulls
If we fall by the side
I still like you
Can you remember?

[Chorus]

Alone in a crowd
A bartered lantern borrowed
If I'm to be your camera
Then who will be your face?
Alone in a crowd
A bartered lantern borrowed
If I'm to be your camera
Then who will be your face?

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- Harborcoat -----

[Verse 1]

They crowded up to Lenin with their noses worn off
A handshake is worthy, if it's all that you've got
Metal shivs on wood pushed through our back
There's a splinter in your eye and it reads 'react'

[Verse 2]

They've shifted the statues for harboring ghosts
(Laoco \diamond n is host)
Reddened their necks and collared their clothes
(The library hollowed)

Then we ditched the books with the middles cut out
(Friendly harbor ghosts)
She gathered the corners and collared her gown
(She wanted to tell it to you)
She said...

[Chorus]

Ooh
(Please help me, please) Find my harbor coat
(Harborcoat is long away)
Can't go outside without it
(Harborcoat is gone, whoa-whoa-whoa-whoa)
(Please help me, please) Find my harbor coat
(Harborcoat is long away)
Can't go outside without it
(Harborcoat is gone, whoa-whoa-whoa-whoa)

[Verse 3]

They crowded up to Lenin with their noses worn off
(Tell her I will send hers ahead)
A handshake is worthy, if it's all that you've got
(You'll have done no wrong)
Metal shivs on wood pushed through our back
(Would I kiss her ass?)
There's a splinter in your eye and it reads 'react'
(Would I read the signs?)
R-E-A-C-T

[Chorus]

Ooh
(Please help me, please) Find my harbor coat
(Harborcoat is long away)
Can't go outside without it
(Harborcoat is gone, whoa-whoa-whoa-whoa)
(Please help me, please) Find my harbor coat
(Harborcoat is long away)
Can't go outside without it
(Harborcoat is gone, whoa-whoa-whoa-whoa)

[Verse 4]

They've shifted the statues for harboring ghosts
(With your feathers in)
Reddened their necks and collared their clothes
(You'll have done no wrong)
Then we danced the dance 'til the menace got out
(Friendly harbor ghosts)
She gathered the corners and collared her gown
(She went to tell her son)
She said

[Chorus]

Ooh

(Please help me, please) Find my harbor coat

(Harborcoat is long away)

Can't go outside without it

(Harborcoat is gone, whoa-whoa-whoa-whoa)

(Please help me, please) Find my harbor coat

(Harborcoat is long away)

Can't go outside without it

(Harborcoat is gone, whoa-whoa-whoa-whoa)

----- 1984 Reckoning -----

----- Letter Never Sent -----

[Verse 1: Michael Stipe]

It's been pretty simple so far

Vacation in Athens is calling me

And knock, knock, knock on wood

I thought I'd left you behind

[Chorus: Michael Stipe/Bill Berry]

Heaven is yours

Heaven is yours

Heaven is yours where I live

[Verse 2: Michael Stipe]

I followed the catacombs

Left my soul at home

This letter never sent

[Pre-Chorus: Mike Mills]

And it's so far

It's so dark

I'm so lost

[Chorus: Michael Stipe/Bill Berry/Mike Mills]

Heaven is yours (Another story)

Heaven is yours (Another story for a while)

Heaven is yours where I live (Someone, show me)

[Bridge: Michael Stipe/Mike Mills]

When I'm moving too fast

Where's my new address?

[Verse 3: Michael Stipe]

The water's receiving me now

The catacombs are filling in

If my soul was made of stone

No, not, not so dark, dark

[Pre-Chorus: Mike Mills]

And it's so far
It's so dark
I'm so lost
And it's so far
It's so dark
I'm so lost

[Chorus 1: Michael Stipe/Bill Berry/Mike Mills]

Heaven is yours (Another story)
Heaven is yours (Another story for a while)
Heaven is yours where I live (Someone, show me)
Heaven is yours (Another story)
Heaven is yours (Another story for a while)
Heaven is yours where I live (Someone, show me)

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- Little America -----

[Verse 1]

I can't see myself at thirty
I don't buy a lacquered thirty
Caught like flies, preserved for tomorrow's jewelry, again
Lighted in the amber yard
A green shellback, green shellback
Preserved for tomorrow's eyes, in a tree beer tar-black br'er sap

[Chorus]

The biggest wagon is the empty wagon is the noisiest
The consul, a horse, Jefferson, I think we're lost

[Verse 2]

Who will tend the farm museums?
Who will dust today's belongings?
Who will sweep the floor, hedging near the givens?
Rally 'round your leaders
It's the mediator season
Diane is on the beach, do you realize the life she's led?

[Chorus]

The biggest wagon is the empty wagon is the noisiest
The consul, a horse, oh man, I think we're lost

[Bridge]

The biggest wagon is the empty wagon is the noisiest
A matter, of course, Jefferson, drive it

[Verse 3]

Lighted in the amber yard
A green shellback, green shellback
Skylight, sty-tied, Nero pie-tied, in a tree tar-black br'er sap
Reason has harnessed the tame, a lodging, not stockader's game
Another Greenville, another Magic Mart
Jeffers, grab your fiddle

[Chorus]

The biggest wagon is the empty wagon is the noisiest
The consul, a horse, Jefferson, I think we're lost
The biggest wagon is the empty wagon is the noisiest
The consul, a horse, Jefferson, I think we're lost
Lost

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- Moon River -----

[Verse]

Moon River, wider than a mile
I'm crossing you in style someday
You dream maker
You heart-breaker
Wherever you're going
I'm going your way
Two drifters off to see the world
There's such a lot of world to see
We're after the same rainbow's end
Waiting round the bend
My Huckleberry friend
Moon River and me

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- Pretty Persuasion -----

[Verse 1]

It's what I want
Hurry and buy
All has been tried
Follow reason and buy

[Pre-Chorus]

Cannot shuffle in this heat
It's all wrong
Try to put that on your sleeve
It's all wrong, it's all wrong

[Chorus]

He's got pretty persuasion

She's got pretty persuasion
Goddamn, pure confusion
She's got pretty persuasion

[Verse 2]
It's what I want
Hurry and buy
All has been tried
Follow reasoning

[Pre-Chorus]
Cannot put that in this heat
It's all wrong
Try to wear that on my sleeve
It's all wrong, all wrong

[Chorus]
He's got pretty persuasion
She's got pretty persuasion
Goddamn, pure confusion
He's got pretty persuasion

[Bridge]
In the light, I saw
Quite a scene in there

[Verse 3]
It's what I want
Hurry and buy
All has been tried
Follow reason and buy

[Pre-Chorus]
Try to put that in this heat
It's all wrong
Cannot wear that on your sleeve
It's all wrong, all wrong

[Chorus]
He's got pretty persuasion
She's got pretty persuasion
Goddamn, pure confusion
He's got pretty persua...

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- Second Guessing -----

[Verse 1]
Why are you trying to second guess me?

I am tired of second guessing
What will be your look this season?
Who will be your book this season?

[Verse 2]
Why are you trying to second guess me?
I am tired of second guessing
What will be your look this season?
Who will be your book this season?

[Chorus]
Here we are
Here we are
Here we are

[Verse 3]
Why are you trying to second guess me?
I am tired of second guessing
What will be your look this season?
Be in my club, write a book this season

[Chorus]
Here we are
Here we are
Here we are
Here we are
Here we are
Here we are

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- So. Central Rain (I'm Sorry) -----

[Verse 1]
Did you never call? I waited for your call
These rivers of suggestion are driving me away
The trees will bend, the cities wash away
The city on the river, there is a girl without a dream

[Chorus]
I'm sorry
I'm sorry
I'm sorry
I'm sorry

[Verse 2]
Eastern to Mountain, third party call, the lines are down
The wise man built his words upon the rocks
But I'm not bound to follow suit
The trees will bend, the conversation's dimmed

Go build yourself another home, this choice isn't mine

[Chorus]
I'm sorry
I'm sorry

[Verse 3]
Did you never call? I waited for your call
These rivers of suggestion are driving me away
The ocean sang, the conversation's dimmed
Go build yourself another dream, this choice isn't mine

[Chorus]
I'm sorry
I'm sorry
I'm sorry
I'm sorry

----- 1984 Reckoning -----
----- Time After Time (Annelise) -----

[Verse 1]
Ask the girl of the hour
By the water tower's watch
If your friends took a fall
Are you obligated to follow?

[Chorus]
Time after time after time

[Verse 2]
When the bull's on his hooves
Will you gather friends by the tower?
If you try to refuse
Will they judge your worth by the hour?

[Chorus]
Time after time after time
Time after time after time

[Verse 3]
If you're tired and you've tried
You can find me in my room
You can stay if you want
But the third time you can't lose

[Chorus]
Time after time after time
Time after time after time

[Verse 4]

Ask the girl of the hour
By the water tower's watch
We can fight if you want
But who will turn out the lights?

[Chorus]

Time after time after time
Time after time after time

[Outro]

Time after time after time
Time after time after...

----- 1984 Reckoning -----

----- Wind Out (With Friends) (Ft. Bertis Downs IV & Jefferson Holt)

Windout - if you're out of wind
Windout - if you're really spent
Windout - if you're young and red
Yeah, tick tock, it's time o'clock
Once is good enough, you really go...
So find out - if you're really spent
Find out - if you're out of wind
Windout - if you're out of sin
Winding up
There's no doubt - that you're feeling fine
No doubt - that you're out of mind
No doubt - that you're young and red
Windout - if you're really spent
Find out - if you're young and red
Windout - if you're out of wind
If you're young and red
Tick tock time to clock my band
Once is good enough, you really go...
Windout, find out, no doubt
Windout, find out, no doubt
Windout, windout, windout

----- 1984 Reckoning -----

----- Windout -----

[Chorus 1]

Windout, if you're out of wind
Windout, if you're really spent
Windout, if you're young and red

[Chorus 2]

Yeah, tick tock, it's time o'clock
Once is good enough, you really go

[Verse 1]

So find out - if you're really spent
Find out - if you're out of wind
Windout - if you're out of sin

[Chorus 2]

[Verse 2]

There's no doubt - that you're feeling fine
No doubt - that you're out of mind
No doubt - that you're young and red
Windout - if you're really spent
Find out - if you're young and red
Windout - if you're out of wind
If you're young and red
Tick tock time to clock my band
Once is good enough, you really go

[Outro]

Windout, find out, no doubt[x2]
Windout, windout, windout

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Auctioneer (Another Engine) -----

[Verse 1]

She didn't want to get pinned down by her prior town
Get me to the train on time, here, take this nickel, make a dime
Take this penny and make it into a necklace when I leave
What is at the other end? I don't know, another friend
Another wife, another morning spent

[Chorus]

Listen, listen to the auctioneer
Another engine, another engine

[Verse 2]

We never wrote the reasons that I need explained
Some things are givens and others get away
This time, it's for myself, you call it what you may
Okay, we won't say goodbye so long, so much more

[Chorus]

And listen to the auctioneer
Another engine, another engine

[Bridge]

Listen to the bargain holler
Listen to the barter holler
Listen to the auctioneer

[Verse 3]

Get me to the train on time
Here, take this nickel, make a dime
Take this penny and make it into a necklace when I leave
What is at the other end?
I don't know, another friend
Another wife, another morning spent

[Chorus]

Listen, listen to the auctioneer
Another engine, another engine
Another engine, another engine

[Outro]

Do I stand the bargain holler? Listen to the barter holler

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Can't Get There from Here -----

[Verse 1]

When the world is a monster
Bad to swallow you whole
Kick the clay that holds the teeth in
Throw your trolls out the door
If you're needing inspiration
Philomath is where I go by dawn
Lawyer Jeff, he knows the lowdown
He's mighty bad to visit home

[Chorus]

(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)

[Verse 2]

When your hands are feeling empty
Stick head jumping off the ground, ground
Tris is sure to shirr the deer out
Brother Ray can sing my song

[Chorus]

(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here, here, here
(I've been there, I know the way)

[Bridge]

Hands down, Calechee bound
Landlocked, kiss the ground
Dirt of seven continents going 'round and 'round
Go on ahead, Mr. Citywide, hypnotized, suit-and-tied
Gentlemen, testify

[Verse 3]

If your world is a monster
Bad to swallow you whole
Philomath, they know the lowdown
Throw your trolls out the door

[Chorus]

(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)
Can't get there from here
(I've been there, I know the way)

[Thanks, Rick]

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Driver 8 -----

[Verse 1]

The walls you build up, stone by stone
The fields divided one by one
And the train conductor says, "take a break, Driver 8

Driver 8, take a break, we've been on this shift too long."

[Chorus]

And the train conductor says

(Driver 8) "Take a break, Driver 8

(Driver 8) Driver 8, take a break

We can reach our destination

But we're still a ways away."

(But it's still a ways away)

[Verse 2]

I saw a treehouse on the outskirts of the farm

The power lines have floaters so the airplanes won't get snagged

The bells are ringing through the town again

The children look up, all they hear is sky-blue bells ringing

[Chorus]

And the train conductor says

(Driver 8) "Take a break, Driver 8

(Driver 8) Driver 8, take a break

We can reach our destination

But we're still a ways away."

(But it's still a ways away)

But we're still a ways away

(But it's still a ways away)

[Bridge]

A way to shield the hated heat

A way to put myself to sleep

A way to shield the hated heat

A way to put myself, my children to sleep

[Verse 3]

He piloted this song in a plane like that one

She is selling faith on the Go Tell crusade

Locomotive 8, Southern Crescent, hear the bells ring again

The field to weed is looking thin

[Chorus]

And the train conductor says

(Driver 8) "Take a break, Driver 8

(Driver 8) Driver 8, take a break

We've been on this shift too long."

And the train conductor says

"Take a break, Driver 8

Driver 8, take a break

We can reach our destination

But we're still a ways away."

(But it's still a ways away)

But we're still a ways away
(But it's still a ways away)

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Feeling Gravitys Pull -----

[Verse 1]

I fell asleep and read just about every paragraph
Read the scene where gravity is pulling me around
Peel back the mountains, peel back the sky
Stomp gravity into the floor
It's a Man Ray kind of sky
Let me show you what I can do with it
Time and distance are out of place here

[Chorus]

Step up, step up
Step up, the sky is open-armed
When the light is mine
I felt gravity pull

[Verse 2]

Somewhere near the end, it said
"You can't do this." I said, "I can, too."
Ships sway and rivers shift
Oceans form and mountains drift
It's a Man Ray kind of sky
Let me show you what I can do with it

[Chorus]

Step up, step up
Step up, the sky is open-armed
When the light is mine
I felt gravity pull onto my eyes
Holding my head straight (Looking down)
This is the easiest task I ever had to do

[Verse 3]

I fell asleep and read just about every paragraph
Read the scene where gravity is pulling me around
Ships sway and rivers shift
Oceans form and mountains drift
It's a Man Ray kind of sky
Let me show you what I can do with it
Time and distance are out of place here

[Chorus]

Step up, step up
Step up, the sky is open-armed

When the light is mine
I felt gravity pull onto my eyes
Holding my head straight (Looking down)
This is the easiest task I ever had to do

[Outro]

Reason had harnessed the tame
Holding the sky in their arms
Gravity pulls me down

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Good Advices -----

[Verse 1]

When you greet a stranger
Look at his shoes
Keep your money in your shoes
Put your trouble behind
When you greet a stranger
Look at her hands
Keep your money in your hands
Put your travel behind

[Pre-Chorus]

Who are you going to call for?
What do you have to say?
Keep your hat on your head
Home is a long way away

[Chorus 1]

At the end of the day, I'll forget your name
I'd like it here if I could leave
And see you from a long way away

[Verse 2]

When you greet a stranger
Look at his shoes
Keep your memories in your shoes
Put your travel behind

[Pre-Chorus]

Who are you going to call for?
What do you have to say?
Keep your hat on your head
Home is a long way away

[Chorus 2]

At the end of the day
When there are no friends

When there are no lovers
Who are you going to call for?
What do you have to change?
A familiar face, a foreign place
I'll forget your name
I'd like it here if I could leave
And see you from a long way away

[Outro]
Who are you going to call for?
What do you have to say?
Keep your hat on your head
Home is a long way away

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Green Grow the Rushes -----

[Verse 1]
The wheelbarrow's fallen
Look at my hands
They've found some surplus cheaper hands
Rubbing palms and pick and choose
Who will they choose?
Here is the news

[Verse 2]
Look at that building
Look at this man
Haloed and whitewashed
Gone to find a cheaper hand
He'll offer a pound
Offer a pound

[Chorus]
Green grow the rushes go
Green grow the rushes go
Green grow the rushes go
The compass points the workers home

[Verse 3]
Pay for your freedom
Or find another gate
Guilt by associate
The rushes wilted a long time ago
Guilty as you go

[Verse 4]
Stay off that highway
Word is, it's not so safe

The grasses that hide the greenback
The amber waves of gain again
The amber waves of grain

[Chorus]

Green grow the rushes go
Green grow the rushes go
Green grow the rushes go
The compass points the workers home

[Outro]

La-la-la la la lye (Green grow the rushes go)
La-la-la la la lye (Green grow the rushes go)
La-la-la la la lye (Green grow the rushes go)

[Outro]

La-la-la la la lye (Green grow the rushes go)
La-la-la la la lye (Green grow the rushes go)
La-la-la la la lye (Green grow the rushes go)

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Kohoutek -----

[Intro]

Who will stand alone?

[Verse 1]

She carried ribbons, she wore them out
Courage built a bridge, jealousy tore it down
At least it's something you've left behind
And like Kohoutek, you were gone

[Chorus]

We sat in the garden, we stood on the porch
I won't deny myself, we never talked

[Verse 2]

She wore bangles, she wore bells on her toes
And she jumped like a fish
Like a flying friend, you were gone
Like Kohoutek, can't forget that

[Chorus]

Fever built a bridge, reason tore it down
If I am one to follow, who will stand alone?

[Bridge]

Maybe you're not the problem, scissors, paper, stone
If you stand and holler, these prayers will talk

[Verse 3]

She carried ribbons, she wore them out
Michael built a bridge, Michael tore it down
At least it's something you've left behind
Like Kohoutek, you were gone

[Chorus]

Michael built a bridge, Michael tore it down
If I stand and holler, will I stand alone?

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Life and How to Live It -----

[Verse 1]

Burn bright through the night, two pockets lead the way
Two doors to go between the wall was raised today
Two doors, two names to call your others and your own
Keep these books well stocked away and take your happy home

[Chorus]

My carpenter's out and running about and talking to the street
My pockets are out and running about and barking in the street
To tell what I have hidden there

[Verse 2]

Burn bright through the night, two pockets lead the way
Two doors to go between the wall was raised today
Raise the walls to chide its flaws, the carpenter should rest
So that when you tire of one side, the other serves you best

[Chorus]

My carpenter's out and running about and talking to the street
My pockets are out and running about and barking in the street
To tell what I have hidden there

[Bridge]

The hills ringing hear the words in time
Listen to the holler
Listen to my walls within my tongue
Can't you see you made my ears go tin?
The air quicken tension building inference and suddenly
Life and how to live it

[Verse 3]

Raise the walls to chide its flaws, the carpenter should rest
So that when you tire of one side, the other serves you best
Read about the wisdom lost, the knock-knock-knock
A secret knock, one hammer's locked, the other wisdom lost

[Chorus]

My carpenter's out and running about and talking to the street
My pockets are out and running about and barking in the street
To tell what I have hidden there
My carpenter's out and running about and barking in the...
Listen to the holler
My pockets are out and running about and barking in the street
To tell what I have hidden there

[Outro]

Listen, listen to the holler
I'm gonna write a book, it will be called Life and How to Live It

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Maps and Legends -----

[Intro]

He's not to be reached, he's to be reached
He's not to be reached, he's to be reached

[Verse 1]

Called the fool and the company
On his own, where he'd rather be
Where he ought to be
And he sees what you can't see, can't you see that?
(He sees what you can't see)

[Chorus]

Maybe he's caught in the legend
Maybe he's caught in the mood
Maybe these maps and legends
Have been misunderstood

[Verse 2]

Down the way, the road's divided
Paint me the places you've seen
Those who know what I don't know
Refer to the yellow, red, and green
(Can't you see that?)

[Chorus]

Maybe he's caught in the legend
Maybe he's caught in the mood
Maybe these maps and legends
Have been misunderstood

[Bridge]

He's not to be reached, he's to be reached

He's not to be reached, he's to be reached
He's not to be reached, he's to be reached
He's not to be reached, he's to be reached

[Verse 3]

The map that you've painted doesn't seem real
He just sings whatever he's seen
Point to the legend, point to the east
Point to the yellow, red, and green

[Chorus]

Maybe he's caught in the legend
Maybe he's caught in the mood
Maybe these maps and legends
Have been misunderstood
Have been misunderstood

[Outro]

Is he to be reached? He's not to be reached
Is he to be reached? He's not to be reached
Is he to be reached? He's not to be reached anymore

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Old Man Kensey -----

[Verse 1]

Old man Kensey
Wants to be a sign painter
First, he's got to learn to read
He's going to be a clown on TV
Flexes his elbow, taut and free
(That's my folly) I believe

[Chorus]

Drink up the lake
Kensey's awake
(If that's my folly)
That's my mistake

[Verse 2]

Old man Kensey
Wants to be a goalie
First, he's got to learn to count
He's going to be a clown on a circus mount
Letters to me signed in sopped up tar
(That's my folly) Kensey's going far

[Chorus]

John, Bill and Ed

Stand on your head
(If that's my folly)
I'm ready to go

[Verse 3]
Old man Kensey
Wants to be a dog catcher
First, he's got to learn to stand
He's gonna be a clown in a marching band
Letters to me signed, ransom, greed
(If that's my folly) I believe

[Chorus]
Drink up the lake
John, Bill and Ed
(If that's my folly)
That's my mistake
Kensey's awake
Stand on your head
(If that's my folly)
I'm ready to go

[Outro]
Drink up the lake
Stand on your head
(If that's my folly)
I'm ready to go

----- 1985 Fables of Reconstruction -----
----- Wendell Gee -----

[Verse 1]
That's when Wendell Gee
Takes a tug upon the string
That held the line of trees
Behind the house he lived in
He was reared to give respect
But somewhere down the line, he chose...

[Chorus]
To whistle as the wind blows (Gonna miss you, boy)
And whistle as the wind blows through the leaves (Gonna miss you, boy)

[Verse 2]
He had a dream one night
That the tree had lost its middle
So he built a trunk of chicken wire
To try to hold it up
But the wire, the wire turned to lizard skin

And when he climbed inside...

[Chorus]

There wasn't even time to say (Gonna miss you, boy)
Goodbye to Wendell Gee (Gonna miss you, boy)
So whistle as the wind blows (Gonna miss you, boy)
Whistle as the wind blows with me (Gonna miss you, boy)

[Chorus]

There wasn't even time to say (Gonna miss you, boy)
Goodbye to Wendell Gee (Gonna miss you, boy)
So whistle as the wind blows (Gonna miss you, boy)
And listen as the wind blows through the leaves (Gonna miss you, boy)

[Outro]

If the wind were colors (Gonna miss you, boy)
And if the air could speak (Gonna miss you, boy)
Then whistle as the wind blows (Gonna miss you, boy)
And whistle as the wind blows (Gonna miss you, boy)

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- (I Am) Superman -----

[Intro, translated from Japanese]

This is a special news report: Godzilla has been sighted in Tokyo Bay! The attack on it by the Self-Defense Force has been useless! He is heading towards the city!
AAAAAAAAAAGH--!

[Chorus]

I am, (I am) I am Superman
And I know what's happening
I am, (I am) I am Superman
And I can do anything

[Verse 1]

You don't really love that guy
You make it with, now, do you?
I know you don't love that guy
'Cause I can see right through you

[Chorus]

I am, (I am) I am Superman
And I know what's happening
I am, (I am) I am Superman
And I can do anything

[Verse 2]

If you go a million miles away
I'll track you down, girl

Trust me when I say I know
The pathway to your heart

[Verse 2]

If you go a million miles away
I'll track you down, girl
Trust me when I say I know
The pathway to your heart

[Chorus]

(I am, I am Superman)
(And I know what's happening)
I am, (I am) I am Superman
And I can do anything (Hey, hey)

[Outro]

I am, (I am) I am Superman
And I know what's happening (Hey, hey)
I am, (I am) I am Superman
And I can do anything

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- Begin the Begin -----

Birdie in the hand for life's rich demand
The insurgency began and you missed it
I looked for it and I found it
Myles Standish proud, congratulate me
A philanderer's tie, a murderer's shoe

Life's rich demand creates supply in the hand
Of the powers, the only vote that matters
Silence means security, silence means approval
Watching zenith on the TV, tiger run around the tree
Follow the leader, run and turn into butter

Let's begin again, begin the begin
Let's begin again like Martin Luther, Zen
The mythology begins the begin

Answer me a question, I can't itemize, I can't think clearly
Look to me for reason, it's not there
I can't even rhyme in the begin
A philanderer's tie, a murderer's shoe
Example, the finest example is you

A birdie in the hand for life's rich demand
The insurgency began and you missed it
I looked for it and I found it

Miles Standish proud, congratulate me

A philanderer's tie, a murderer's shoe
Let's begin again, begin the begin
Let's begin again

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- Cuyahoga -----

[Verse 1]

Let's put our heads together
And start a new country up
Our father's father's father tried
Erased the parts he didn't like
Let's try to fill it in
Bank the quarry river, swim
We knee-skinned it you and me
We knee-skinned that river red

[Chorus]

This is where we walked
This is where we swam
Take a picture here
Take a souvenir

[Verse 2]

This land is the land of ours
This river runs red over it
We knee-skinned it you and me
We knee-skinned that river red
And we gathered up our friends
Bank the quarry river, swim
We knee-skinned it you and me
Up underneath the river bed

[Chorus]

This is where we walked
This is where we swam
Take a picture here
Take a souvenir
Cuyahoga
Cuyahoga, gone

[Bridge]

Let's put our heads together
And start a new country up
Up underneath the river bed
We'll burn the river down

[Chorus]

This is where they walked, swam
Hunted, danced and sang
Take a picture here
Take a souvenir
Cuyahoga
Cuyahoga, gone

[Verse 3]

Rewrite the book and rule the pages
Saving face, secured in faith
Bury, burn the waste behind you
This land is the land of ours
This river runs red over it
We are not your allies
We cannot defend

[Chorus]

This is where they walked
This is where they swam
Take a picture here
Take a souvenir
Cuyahoga
Cuyahoga, gone

[Outro]

Cuyahoga
Cuyahoga, gone

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- Fall On Me -----

[Verse 1: Michael Stipe]

There's the problem, feathers, iron
Bargain buildings, weights and pulleys
Feathers hit the ground
Before the weight can leave the air

[Pre-Chorus 1: Michael Stipe]

Buy the sky and sell the sky
And tell the sky, and tell the sky

[Chorus: Michael Stipe/Mike Mills]

Don't fall on me (What is it up in the air for?)
Fall on me (If it's there for long)
Fall on me (It's over, it's over me)

[Verse 2: Michael Stipe]

There's the progress

We have found a way to talk around the problem
Building towers
Foresight isn't anything at all

[Pre-Chorus 2: Michael Stipe]
Buy the sky and sell the sky
And bleed the sky and tell the sky

[Chorus]
Don't fall on me (What is it up in the air for?)
Fall on me (If it's there for long)
Fall on me (It's over, it's over me)
Fall on me

[Bridge: Mike Mills]
Well, I would keep it above
But then it wouldn't be sky anymore
So, if I send it to you
You've got to promise to keep it home

[Pre-Chorus 3: Michael Stipe]
Buy the sky and sell the sky
And lift your arms up to the sky
And ask the sky and ask the sky

[Chorus: Michael Stipe/Mike Mills/Bill Berry]
Don't fall on me (What is it up in the air for?) (It's gonna fall)
Fall on me (If it's there for long) (It's gonna fall)
Fall on me (It's over, it's over me) (It's gonna fall)
Don't fall on me (What is it up in the air for?) (It's gonna fall)
Fall on me (If it's there for long) (It's gonna fall)
Fall on me (It's over, it's over me) (It's gonna fall)
Fall on me
Don't fall on me (What is it up in the air for?) (It's gonna fall)
Fall on me (If it's there for long) (It's gonna fall)
Fall on me (It's over, it's over me) (It's gonna fall)
Fall on me

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- Hyena -----

[Verse 1]
Night time fell at the opening
In the final act of the beginning of time
Hyena, take your role, the stage is set
The town is safe again tonight

[Chorus]
Hyena (I see the day ahead)

Hyena (And all that I've cried through)
Hyena (God knows you're doing that, don't you?)

[Verse 2]

Hyena, sister, look to your hand
Man, you serve communal interest
She'll tell you when and where and how and why you'd hurt
A beautiful young lady

[Chorus]

Hyena (I see the day ahead)
Hyena (And all that I've cried through)
Hyena (God knows you're doing that, don't you?)
Oh

[Verse 3]

The only thing to fear is fearlessness
The bigger the weapon, the greater the fear
Hyena is ambassador to here
Nighttime fell like the closing
Meager pay, but recognition
Hyena crawls on his belly out
The town is safe again tonight, oh

[Chorus]

Hyena (I see the changes, man)
Hyena (Going on across the way)
Hyena (I see my road ahead)
Hyena (Don't know if I should stay)

[Outro]

Hyena (I see you holding him)
Hyena (And all that i've cried through)
Hyena (God knows you're doing that, don't you?)
Oh

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- I Believe -----

[Verse 1]

When I was young and full of grace
And spirited a rattlesnake
When I was young and fever fell
My spirit, I will not tell
You're on your honor not to tell
I believe in coyotes and time as an abstract
Explain the change, the difference between
What you want and what you need, there's the key
Your adventure for today, what do you do

Between the horns of the day?

[Chorus]

I believe my shirt is wearing thin
And change is what I believe

[Verse 2]

When I was young and give and take
And foolish said my fool awake
When I was young and fever fell
My spirit, I will not tell
You're on your honor, on your honor
Trust in your calling, make sure your calling's true
Think of others, the others think of you
Silly rule golden words make
Practice, practice makes perfect
Perfect is a fault and fault lines change

[Chorus]

I believe, my humor's wearing thin
And change is what I believe in
I believe my shirt is wearing thin
And change is what I believe

[Verse 3]

When I was young and full of grace
And spirited a rattlesnake
When I was young and fever fell
My spirit, I will not tell
You're on your honor, on you're honor
I believe in example, I believe my throat hurts
Example is the checker to the key

[Chorus]

I believe, my humor's wearing thin
And I believe the poles are shifting
I believe my shirt is wearing thin
And change is what I believe in

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- Just a Touch -----

[Verse 1]

Oh well, what in the world? Women in black
Don't you remember? Sonny's packed
A day in the life, well, nobody laughed
Look to the days, how long can this last?

[Chorus]

Kevin heard it on the radio, Hugh informed word of mouth
Carla read it in the news, caught it all, just a touch

[Verse 2]

You set the pace of what was to come
I have to carry on now that you're gone
A day in the life, nobody laughed
Look to the days, how long can this last?

[Chorus]

Kevin heard it on the radio, Hugh informed word of mouth
Oh, Carla read it in the news, caught it all, just a touch

[Bridge]

There's someone in our dreams, in our pre-assembled dream
Lord, Dave, William

[Verse 3]

Well, what in the world? Women in black
Don't you remember? Sonny's, Tyrone's packed
A day in the life, well, nobody laughed
Look to the days, how long can this last?

[Chorus]

Kevin heard it on the radio, Hugh informed word of mouth
Carla read it in the news, caught it all, just a touch

[Outro]

Can't see where to worship Popeye, love Al Green
I can't see
I'm so young, I'm so goddamn young

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- Swan Swan H -----

Swan, swan, hummingbird, hurrah
We are all free now
What noisy cats are we
Girl and dog, he bore his cross
Swan, swan, hummingbird, hurrah
We are all free now
A long, low time ago
People talk to me

Johnny Reb, what's the price of fans
Forty apiece or three for one dollar?
Hey, Captain, don't you want to buy
Some bone chains and toothpicks
Night wings, or hair chains?

Here's your wooden greenback, sing
Wooden beams and dovetail sweep
I struck that picture ninety times

I walked that path a hundred ninety
Long, low time ago, people talk to me
A pistol hot, cup of rhyme
The whiskey is water, the water is wine
Marching feet, Johnny Reb
What's the price of heroes?

Six of one, half dozen the other
Tell that to the captain's mother
Hey, captain, don't you want to buy
Some bone chains and toothpicks?
Night wings, or hair chains?
Swan, swan, hummingbird, hurrah
We're all free now
What noisy cats are we

Long, low time ago, people talk to me
A pistol hot cup of rhyme
The whiskey is water, the water is wine

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- The Flowers of Guatemala -----

[Verse 1]
I've took a picture that I'll have to send
People here are friendly and content
People here are colorful and bright
The flowers often bloom at night

[Chorus]
Amanita is the name
The flowers cover everything
The flowers cover everything

[Verse 2]
There's something here I find hard to ignore
There's something that I've never seen before
Amanita is the name, they cover over everything

[Chorus]
The flowers cover everything
They cover over everything (Amanita is the name)
The flowers cover everything

[Bridge]

Look into the sun
Don't look into the sun

[Chorus]
The flowers cover everything
They cover over everything
The flowers cover everything
The flowers cover everything
They cover over everything
The flowers cover everything

[Outro]
There's something that I've never seen before
The flowers often bloom at night
Amanita is the name, they cover over everything

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- These Days -----

[Verse 1]
I'm not feeding off you, I will rearrange your scales
If I can, and I can
March into the ocean, march into the sea, had a hat
I put it down and it sunk, reached down
Yanked it up, slapped it on my head

[Chorus]
All the people gather
Fly to carry each his burden, we are young despite the years
We are concerned, we are hope despite the times
All of a sudden, these days, happy throngs, take this joy
Wherever, wherever

[Verse 2]
I wish to eat each one of you, and you, me, you
If I can, and I can
We have many things in common, name three (three, three, three)
I had a hat and it sunk, reached down
Yanked it up, slapped it on my head

[Chorus]
All the people gather
Fly to carry each his burden, we are young despite the years
We are concerned, we are hope despite the times
All of a sudden, these days, happy throngs, take this joy
Wherever, wherever you go

[Verse 3]
And I'm not feeding off you, I will rearrange your scales

If I can, and I can
I wish to eat each one of you, and you, me, you
I had a hat and it sunk, reached down
Yanked it up, slapped it on my head

[Chorus]

All the people gather
Fly to carry each his burden, we are young despite the years
We are concerned, we are hope despite the times
All of a sudden, these days, happy throngs, take this joy
Wherever, wherever you...
Carry each his burden, we are young despite the years
We are concerned, we are hope despite the times
All of a sudden, these days, happy throngs, take this joy
Wherever, wherever you go

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- Underneath the Bunker -----

I will hide and you will hide
And we shall hide together here
Underneath the bunkers in the night
I have water, I have rum
Wait for dawn and dawn shall come
Underneath the bunkers in the night

----- 1986 Lifes Rich Pageant -----
----- What If We Give It Away? -----

[Verse 1]

On the outside, underneath the wall
All the money couldn't buy
You're mistaken, no one's standing there
For the record, no one tried

[Chorus]

Oh, I try to
What if we give it away?

[Verse 2]

Overlooking with a hollow eye
What's pretending isn't right
Eye for order, a hand for what's in line
Couldn't follow, couldn't write

[Chorus]

Oh, I try to
What if we give it away?

[Bridge]

And our life is fine here
Stitch it on your tie here

[Verse 3]

Here's the trailer, Tom, a year has come and gone
We're not moving, wasn't right
Take the order, sew it on your tie
We couldn't follow, couldn't try

[Chorus]

Oh, I try to
What if we give it away?

[Outro]

What if we give it away?

----- 1987 Document -----

----- Disturbance At The Heron House -----

[Verse 1]

They're going wild, the call came in
At early morning predawn then
The followers of chaos, out of control
They're numbering the monkeys
The monkeys and the monkeys
The followers of chaos, out of control

[Chorus]

The call came in to party central
A meeting of the green and simple
Trying to tell us something we don't know

[Verse 2]

They're meeting at the monument
The call came in, the monument
To liberty and honor under the honor roll
They gathered up the cages
The cages and courageous
The followers of chaos, out of control

[Chorus]

The call came in to party central
A meeting of the green and simple
Trying to tell us something we don't know

[Verse 3]

Disturbance at the Heron House
A stampede at the monument

To liberty and honor under the honor roll
Just a gathering of the grunts and greens
The cogs and grunts and hirelings
A meeting of a mean idea to hold

[Outro]

When feeding time has come and gone
They'll lose their heart and head for home
Try to tell us something we don't know
We don't know, everyone allowed
(Ooh) everyone allowed
(Ooh) Everyone allowed

----- 1987 Document -----
----- Exhuming McCarthy -----

[Verse 1]

You're beautiful, more beautiful than me
You're honorable, more honorable than me
Loyal to the Bank of America

[Hook]

It's a sign of the times
It's a sign of the times

[Chorus]

You're sharpening stones, walking on coals
To improve your business acumen
Sharpening stones, walking on coals
To improve your business acumen

[Verse 2]

Vested interest, united ties
Landed gentry, rationalize
Look who bought the myth
By Jingo, buy America

[Hook]

It's a sign of the times
It's a sign of the times

[Chorus]

You're sharpening stones, walking on coals
To improve your business acumen
Sharpening stones, walking on coals
To improve your business acumen

[Verse 3]

Enemy sighted, enemy met

I'm addressing the realpolitik
Look who bought the myth
By Jingo, buy America

[Bridge]
"Let us not assassinate this man further
Senator, you've done enough
Have you no sense of decency, sir?
At long last, have you left no sense of decency?"

[Hook]
(It's a sign of the times)
(It's a sign of the times)

[Chorus]
You're sharpening stones, walking on coals
To improve your business acumen
Sharpening stones, walking on coals
To improve your business acumen

[Verse 4]
Enemy sighted, enemy met
I'm addressing the realpolitik
You've seen start and you've seen quit (I'm addressing the table of content)
I always thought of you as quick

[Outro]
Exhuming McCarthy (Meet me at the book burning)
(Meet me at the book burning)
Exhuming McCarthy (Meet me at the book burning)
Exhuming McCarthy (Meet me at the book burning)
(Meet me at the book burning)
Exhuming McCarthy (Meet me at the book burning)

----- 1987 Document -----
----- Finest Worksong -----

[Verse 1]
The time to rise has been engaged
You'd better best to rearrange
I'm talking here to me alone
I listen to the finest worksong

[Chorus]
Your finest hour
Your finest hour

[Verse 2]
Another chance has been engaged

To throw Thoreau and rearrange
You are following this time
I beg you not beg to rhyme

[Chorus]

(Oh) Your finest hour
(Oh) Your finest hour

[Verse 3]

Take your instinct by the reins
You'd better best to rearrange
What we want and what we need
Has been confused, been confused

[Chorus]

(Oh) Your finest hour
(Oh) Your finest hour

[Verse 4]

Take your instinct by the reins
Better best to rearrange
What we want and what we need
Has been confused, been confused

[Chorus]

(Oh) Your finest hour
(Oh) Your finest hour

[Outro]

(Oh) Your finest hour
(Oh) Your finest hour

----- 1987 Document -----
----- Fireplace -----

[Verse 1]

Crazy, crazy world
Crazy, crazy times
Crazy, crazy world
Crazy, crazy times

[Chorus 1]

Hang up your chairs to better sweep
Clear the floor to dance
Shake the rug into the fireplace

[Verse 1]

Crazy, crazy world
Crazy, crazy times

Crazy, crazy world
Crazy, crazy times

[Chorus 2]

Hang up your chairs to better sweep
Clear the floor to dance
Sweep the floor into the fireplace

[Chorus 3]

Hang up your chairs to better sweep
Clear the floor to dance
Throw the chairs into the fireplace

[Chorus 3]

Hang up your chairs to better sweep
Clear the floor to dance
Throw the walls into the fireplace

----- 1987 Document -----

----- It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine) -----

[Verse 1]

That's great, it starts with an earthquake
Birds and snakes, an aeroplane
Lenny Bruce is not afraid
Eye of a hurricane, listen to yourself churn
World serves its own needs, don't misserve your own needs
Speed it up a notch, speed, grunt, no, strength
The ladder starts to clatter with fear of height, down, height
Wire in a fire, representing seven games
And a government for hire and a combat site
Left of west and coming in a hurry
With the Furies breathing down your neck
Team by team, reporters baffled, trumped, tethered, cropped
Look at that low plane, fine, then
Uh oh, overflow, population, common food
But it'll do, save yourself, serve yourself.
World serves its own needs, listen to your heart bleed
Tell me with the Rapture and the reverent in the right, right
You vitriolic, patriotic, slam fight, bright light
Feeling pretty psyched

[Chorus]

It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's the)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's the)
It's the end of the world as we know it
And I feel fine

[Verse 2]

Six o'clock, TV hour, don't get caught in foreign tower
Slash and burn, return, listen to yourself churn
Lock him in uniform, book burning, blood letting
Every motive escalate, automotive incinerate
Light a candle, light a votive, step down, step down
Watch your heel crush, crushed, uh-oh
This means no fear, cavalier renegade and steering clear
A tournament, a tournament, a tournament of lies
Offer me solutions, offer me alternatives, and I decline

[Chorus]

It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
And I feel fine
(I feel fine)

[Chorus]

It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
And I feel fine

[Verse 3]

The other night I dreamt of knives, continental drift divide Mountains sit in a
line, Leonard Bernstein
Leonid Brezhnev, Lenny Bruce and Lester Bangs
Birthday party, cheesecake, jelly bean, boom!
You symbiotic, patriotic, slam but neck
Right? Right!

[Chorus]

It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
And I feel fine

[Bridge]

It's the end of the world as we know it
It's the end of the world as we know it
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
And I feel fine

[Chorus]
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
And I feel fine

[Outro]
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
It's the end of the world as we know it
(It's time I had some time alone)
And I feel fine

----- 1987 Document -----
----- King Of Birds -----

[Verse 1]
A thumbnail sketch, a jeweler's stone
A mean idea to call my own
Old man don't lay so still you're not yet young
There's time to teach, point to point
Point observation, children carry reservations

[Chorus]
Standing on the shoulders of giants
Leaves me cold
Leaves me cold
A mean idea to call my own
A hundred million birds fly

[Verse 2]
Singer sing me a given
Singer sing me a song
Standing on the shoulders of giants
Everybody's looking on

[Chorus]
Standing on the shoulders of giants

Leaves me cold
Leaves me cold
A mean idea to call my own
A hundred million birds fly

[Bridge]

Away
Away

[Verse 3]

I am king of all I see
My kingdom for a voice
Old man don't lay so still, you're not yet young
There's time to teach, point to point
Point observation, children carry reservations

[Chorus]

Standing on the shoulders of giants
Leaves me cold
Leaves me cold
A mean idea to call my own
A hundred million birds fly

[Bridge]

Away
Away

[Outro]

Everybody hit the ground
Everybody hit the ground
Everybody hit the ground

----- 1987 Document -----
----- Lightnin' Hopkins -----

[Hook]

Ohhh, oh ooh oh

[Verse 1]

When I lay myself to sleep
Pray that I don't go too deep
Lightning won, lightning won
Because it's cold down, gold down there, crow

[Verse 2]

Flat lands low lands on the track
Shows the water, pan the track
Lightning won, lightning won
Close up hands to silhouette, crow

[Hook]
Ohhh, oh ooh oh
Ohhh, oh ooh oh

[Bridge]
Lightning won, lightning won

[Hook]
Ohhh, oh ooh oh
Ohhh, oh ooh oh

[Verse 3]
Hound bark on the track
Hound crow hold onto your hat
Lightning won, lightning won
The lowlands, timberlands, badlands, birdlands

[Hook]
Ohhh, oh ooh oh
Ohhh, oh ooh oh

[Outro]
Ohhh, oh ooh oh
Ohhh, oh ooh oh

----- 1987 Document -----
----- Oddfellows Local 151 -----

[Verse 1]
Oddfellows Local 151 behind the firehouse
Where Peewee sits to prove a sage, to teach
Peewee gathered up his proof, reached up to scratch his head
Fell down and hit the ground again

[Chorus]
Firehouse
Firehouse

[Verse 2]
Why do the heathens rage behind the firehouse
Where Peewee sits upon the wall to preach?
This boy and girl that gather pearls of wisdom
Falling from his mouth
Wash off the blood, wash off the rum

[Chorus]
Firehouse
Firehouse

[Verse 3]

Oddfellows Local 151 behind the firehouse
Where Peewee sits upon the wall to preach
This boy and girl that gather pearls of wisdom
Falling from his mouth
Wash off the blood, wash off the 151

[Chorus]

Firehouse
Firehouse
Firehouse
Firehouse

[Outro]

Ooh, ooh, ooh
Firehouse

----- 1987 Document -----
----- Strange -----

[Verse 1]

There's something strange going on tonight
There's something going on that's not quite right
Michael's nervous and the lights are bright
There's something going on that's not quite right

[Verse 2]

There's something going on that wasn't here before
Keep your eyes glued to the floor
There's something strange going on tonight
There's something going on that's not quite right, uh-huh

[Verse 3]

There's something strange going on tonight
There's something going on that's not quite right
Michael's nervous and the lights are bright
There's something going on that's not quite right

[Bridge]

There's something going on that wasn't here before
Keep your eyes glued to the floor
No one's gonna save your life
There's something going on that's not quite right, uh-huh

[Verse 5]

There's something going on that wasn't here before
Keep your eyes glued to the floor
No one's gonna save your life

There's something going on that's not quite right, uh-huh

----- 1987 Document -----
----- The One I Love -----

[Instrumental Intro]

[Verse 1]

This one goes out to the one I love
This one goes out to the one I've left behind
A simple prop to occupy my time
This one goes out to the one I love

[Chorus]

Fire!
Fire!

[Verse 2]

This one goes out to the one I love
This one goes out to the one I've left behind
A simple prop to occupy my time
This one goes out to the one I love (Love)

[Chorus]

Fire! (She's comin' down on her own, now)
Fire! (She's comin' down on her own)

[Solo]

[Verse 3]

This one goes out to the one I love (Love)
This one goes out to the one I've left behind
Another prop has occupied my time
This one goes out to the one I love (Love)

[Chorus]

Fire! (She's comin' down on her own, now)
Fire! (She's comin' down on her own)
Fire! (She's comin' down on her own, now)
Fire! (She's comin' down on her own)

----- 1987 Document -----
----- Welcome To The Occupation -----

[Verse 1]

Hang your collar up inside
Hang your dollar on me
Listen to the water still
Listen to the cause where you are

[Chorus 1]
Fed and educated
Primitive and wild
Welcome to the occupation

[Verse 2]
Here we stand and here we fight
All your fallen heroes
Held and dyed and skinned alive
Listen to the Congress fire

[Chorus 2]
Offering the educated
Primitive and loyal
Welcome to the occupation

[Verse 3]
Hang your collar up inside
Hang your freedom higher
Listen to the buyer still
Listen to the Congress

[Chorus 3]
Where we propagate confusion
Primitive and wild
Fire on the hemisphere below

[Instrumental bridge]

[Verse 4]
Sugar cane and coffee cup
Copper, steel and cattle
An annotated history
The forest for the fire

[Chorus 4]
Where we open up the floodgates
Freedom reigns supreme
Fire on the hemisphere below

[Outro]
Listen to me
Listen to me
Listen to me
Listen to me
Listen to me
Listen to me
Listen to me

----- 1988 Green -----
----- Get Up -----

[Intro]

Sleep delays my life (get up, get up)
Where does time go? (get up, get up, get up)
I don't know

[Bridge]

Sleep, sleep, sleepy head (get up, get up, get up)
Wake it up, up (get up, get up)
You've got all your life (way up ahead)
(Get up, get up, get up)

[Chorus]

Dreams they complicate my life (Dreams they complement my life)
I've seen you laying pined (get up, get up)
I've seen you laying pined (get up, get up)

[Verse]

Life is rough, rough (get up, get up, get up)
I've seen you laying down (get up)
With the loving kind (get up, get up)
I know life is hard, hard (where goes your time?)
Where to turn? Where to turn? (get up)

[Bridge]

Dreams they complicate my life (Dreams they compliment my life)
Dreamtime

[Chorus]

Dreams they complicate my life (Dreams they compliment my life)
This time, no escape, I wake up (get up, get up)
(get up, get up, get up, get up, get up, get up, get up)

----- 1988 Green -----
----- Hairshirt -----

I am not the type of dog that could keep you waiting
For no good reason
Run a carbon-black test on my jaw
And you will find it's all been said before
I can swing my megaphone
And long arm the rest
It's easier and better to just beat it from the chest
Of desire
I could walk into this room
And the waves of conversation are enough

To knock you down in the undertow
So alone, so alone in my life
Feed me banks of light and hang your hairshirt
On the lowest rung, it's a beautiful life
And I can hang my hairshirt away up high in the attic
Of the wrong dog's life chest
Or bury it at sea
All my life I've searched for this
Here I am, here I am
In your life
It's a beautiful life, my life
It's a beautiful life, your life

----- 1988 Green -----
----- I Remember California -----

[Verse 1]

I remember redwood trees, bumper cars and wolverines
The ocean's Trident submarines
Lemons, limes and tangerines
I remember this
I remember traffic jams
Motor boys and girls with tans
Nearly was and almost rans
I remember this

[Bridge]

And history is made
History is made to seem unfair

[Verse 2]

I recall that you were there
Golden smile and shining hair
I recall it wasn't fair
Recollect it wasn't fair
Remembering it wasn't fair outside

[Chorus]

Low ebb, high tide
The lowest ebb and highest tide
A symbol wave I must confide
I guess we took us for a ride
I guess it's just a gesture

[Verse 3]

I remember this defense
Progress fails pacific sense
All those sweet conspiracies
I remember all these things

I remember traffic jams
Motor boys and girls with tans
Nearly was and almost rans
I remember this, this

[Chorus]

Low ebb, high tide
The lowest ebb and highest tide
I guess we took us for a ride
I guess it's just a gesture

[Outro]

At the end of the continent
At the edge of a continent

----- 1988 Green -----
----- Orange Crush -----

[Verse]

(Follow me, don't follow me)
I've got my spine, I've got my orange crush
(Collar me, don't collar me)
I've got my spine, I've got my orange crush
(We are agents of the free)
I've had my fun and now it's time
To serve your conscience overseas (Over me, not over me)
Coming in fast, over me

[Verse]

(Follow me, don't follow me)
I've got my spine, I've got my orange crush
(Collar me, don't collar me)
I've got my spine, I've got my orange crush
(We are agents of the free)
I've had my fun and now it's time
To serve your conscience overseas (Over me, not over me)
Coming in fast, over me

[Chorus]

High on the roof
Thin the blood
Another one came on the waves tonight
Coming in, you're home

[Interlude]

"We would circle and we'd circle and we'd circle
To stop and consider and centered on the pavement
Stacked up all the trucks jacked up and our wheels
In slush and orange crush in pocket and all

This here county, hell, any county, it's just like heaven here
And I was remembering and I was just in a different county and all
Then this whirlybird that I headed for I had my goggles pulled off;
I knew it all, I knew every back road and every truck stop"

[Verse]

(Follow me, don't follow me)
I've got my spine, I've got my orange crush
(Collar me, don't collar me)
I've got my spine, I've got my orange crush
(We are agents of the free)
I've had my fun and now it's time
To serve your conscience overseas (Over me, not over me)
Coming in fast, over me

[Chorus]

High on the roof
Thin the blood
Another one came on the waves tonight
Coming in, you're home
High on the roof
Thin the blood
Another one came on the waves tonight
Coming in, you're home

----- 1988 Green -----
----- Pop Song 89 -----

[Verse 1]

Hello, I saw you, I know you, I knew you
I think I can remember your name (name)
Hello, I'm sorry, I lost myself
I think I thought you were someone else

[Chorus]

Should we talk about the weather?
(Hi, hi, hi)
Should we talk about the government?
(Hi, hi, hi, hi)

[Verse 2]

Hello, how are you? I know you, I knew you
I think I can remember your name, name
Hello, I'm sorry I lost myself
I think I thought you were someone else

[Chorus]

Should we talk about the weather?
(Hi, hi, hi)

Should we talk about the government?
(Hi, hi, hi, hi)

[Verse 3]
Hello my friend, are you visible today?
You know I never knew that it could be so strange, strange
Hello, I'm sorry, I lost myself
I think I thought you were someone else

[Chorus]
Should we talk about the weather?
(Hi, hi, hi)
Should we talk about the government?
(Hi, hi, hi, hi)

[Outro]
(Hi, hi)
(Hi, hi, hi)
(Hi, hi)
(Hi, hi, hi)
(Hi, hi)
(Hi, hi, hi)

----- 1988 Green -----
----- Stand -----

[Chorus]
Stand in the place where you live
Now face north
Think about direction
Wonder why you haven't before
Now stand in the place where you were
Now face west
Think about the place where you live
Wonder why you haven't before

[Verse 1]
If you are confused, check with the sun
Carry a compass to help you along
Your feet are going to be on the ground
Your head is there to move you around

[Chorus]
Stand in the place where you live
Now face north
Think about direction
Wonder why you haven't before
Now stand in the place where you were

Now face west
Think about the place where you live
Wonder why you haven't before

[Verse 2]
Your feet are going to be on the ground
Your head is there to move you around
If wishes were trees, the trees would be falling
Listen to reason, the season is calling

[Chorus]
Stand in the place where you live
Now face north
Think about direction
Wonder why you haven't before
Now stand in the place where you were
Now face west
Think about the place where you live
Wonder why you haven't before

[Verse 3]
If wishes were trees, the trees would be falling
Listen to reason, reason is calling
Your feet are going to be on the ground
Your head is there to move you around

[Bridge]
So stand (Stand!)
Now face north
Think about direction
Wonder why you haven't before
Now stand (Stand!)
Now face west
Think about the place where you live
Wonder why you haven't

[Chorus]
Stand in the place where you live
Now face north
Think about direction
Wonder why you haven't before
Now stand in the place where you were
Now face west
Think about the place where you live
Wonder why you haven't before

[Outro]
Stand in the place where you are
Now face north

Stand in the place where you are
Now face west
Your feet are going to be on the ground
(Stand in the place where you are)
Your head is there to move you around, so stand

----- 1988 Green -----
----- The Wrong Child -----

[Verse 1]

I've watched the children come and go
A late long march into spring
I sit and watch those children
Jump in the tall grass
Leap the sprinkler
Walk in the ground
Bicycle clothespin spokes
The sound, the smell of swingset hands
I will try to sing a happy song
I'll try and make a happy game to play
Come play with me I whispered to my new found friend
Tell me what it's like to go outside
I've never been
Tell me what it's like to just go outside
I've never been
And I never will

[Chorus]

And I'm not supposed to be like this
I'm not supposed to be like this
But it's okay

[Verse 3]

Hey, those kids are looking at me
I told my friend myself
Those kids are looking at me
They're laughing and they're running over here
They're laughing and they're running over here

[Bridge]

What do I do?
What can I do?
What should I do?
What do I say?
What can I say?

[Chorus]

I said I'm not supposed to be like this
Let's try to find a happy game to play[x2]

[Outro]

I'm not supposed to be like this
But it's okay, okay

----- 1988 Green -----
----- Turn You Inside-Out -----

[Intro]

Divide your cultured pearls in haste
I'm looking for to lay to waste
Of all the things I cannot taste
And this not the recent race

[Chorus 1]

They spoke loud
"I believe in what you do
I believe in watching you"
It's what you do
"I believe in what you do
I believe in watching you"

[Chorus 2]

I could turn you inside-out
What I choose not to do
I could turn you inside-out
What I choose not to do

[Chorus 3]

Given the choice
Given the heart
Given the tool
Given the word
Given the cheers

[Chorus 1]

They spoke loud
"I believe in what you do
I believe in watching you"
It's what you do
"I believe in what you do
I believe in watching you"

[Chorus 2]

I could turn you inside-out
What I choose not to do
I could turn you inside-out
What I choose not to do

[Chorus 3]
Given the choice
Given the heart
Given the tool
Given the word
Given the cheer

----- 1988 Green -----
----- Untitled -----

[Verse 1]
This world is big (This world is big)
And so awake (And so awake)
I stayed up late (I stayed up late)
To hear your voice
This light is here (This light is here)
To keep you warm (To keep you warm)
This song is here (This song is here)
To keep you strong

[Verse 2]
(I made a list) I made a list
(Of things to say) Of things to say
But all I want to say (But all I want)
All I really want to say is
(Yes, all I want)

[Chorus]
(I made a list) Hold her
(Of things to say) And keep him strong
(But all I want) While I'm away from here
(Yes, all I want)
(This world is big) Hold her
(And so alone) And keep her strong
(I stayed up late) While I'm away from here
(To hear your voice)
(This light is here) Hold him
(To keep you warm) And him strong
(This song is here) While I'm away from here
(To keep you strong)

[Bridge]
I've seen the world and so awake (Keep him strong)
And stay up late to hear me sing
Just hold her
I've seen the world and so awake (Keep him strong)
And stay up late to hear me sing
Just hold him

[Outro]

(I've seen the world) Hold her
(And so awake) And keep her strong
(So stay awake) While I'm away from here
(To hear me sing)
(I've seen the world) And hold him
(And so awake) And keep him strong
(So stay awake) while I'm away from here
(To hear me sing)

----- 1988 Green -----
----- World Leader Pretend -----

[Verse 1]

I sit at my table and wage war on myself
It seems like it's all, it's all for nothing
I know the barricades and I know the mortar in the wall breaks
I recognize the weapons, I've used them well

[Chorus]

This is my mistake, let me make it good
I raised the wall and I will be the one to knock it down

[Verse 2]

I've a rich understanding of my finest defenses
I proclaim that claims are left unstated, I demand a rematch
I decree a stalemate, I divine my deeper motives
I recognize the weapons, I've practiced them well
I fitted them myself

[Chorus]

It's amazing what devices you can sympathize (Empathize)
This is my mistake, let me make it good
I raised the wall and I will be the one to knock it down

[Bridge]

Reach out for me and hold me tight
Hold that memory, let my machine talk to me
Let my machine talk to me

[Verse 3]

This is my world and I am the World Leader Pretend
This is my life and this is my time
I have been given the freedom to do as I see fit
It's high time I raised the walls that I've constructed

[Chorus]

It's amazing what devices you can sympathize (Empathize)
This is my mistake, let me make it good

I raised the wall and I will be the one to knock it down

[Outro]

You fill in the mortar, you fill in the harmony
You fill in the mortar, I raised the wall
And I'm the only one, I will be the one to knock it down

----- 1988 Green -----
----- You Are The Everything -----

[Verse 1]

Sometimes I feel like I can't even sing
(Say, say, the light) I'm very scared for this world, I'm very scared for me
(Say, say, the light) Eviscerate your memory, here's a scene
You're in the back seat laying down
(Say, say, the light) The windows wrap around to sound of the travel and the engine
(Say, say, the light)

[Chorus]

All you hear is time stand still in travel
And feel such peace and absolute, the stillness still
That doesn't end but slowly drifts into sleep
The stars are the greatest thing you've ever seen
And they're there for you, for you alone
You are the everything

[Verse 2]

I think about this world a lot and I cry (Say, say, the light)
And I've seen the films and the eyes
(Say, say, the light) But I'm in this kitchen, everything is beautiful
(Say, say, the light) And she is so beautiful, she is so young and old
(Say, say, the light) I look at her and I see the beauty of the light of music

[Chorus]

The voices talking somewhere in the house, late spring
And you're drifting off to sleep with your teeth in your mouth
You are here with me, you are here with me
You have been here and you are everything

[Verse 5]

Sometimes I feel like I can't even sing
(Say, say, the light) I'm very scared for this world, I'm very scared for me
(Say, say, the light) Eviscerate your memory, here's a scene
You're in the back seat laying down
(Say, say, the light) The windows wrap around to sound of the travel and the engine
(Say, say, the light)

[Chorus]

All you hear is time stand still in travel

And feel such peace and absolute, the stillness still
That doesn't end but slowly drifts into sleep
The stars are the greatest thing you've ever seen
And they're there for you, for you alone
You are the everything

[Outro]

For you alone you are the everything

----- 1991 Out of Time -----

----- Belong -----

Her world collapsed early Sunday morning
She got up from the kitchen table
Folded the newspaper and silenced the radio
Those creatures jumped the barricades
And have headed for the sea, sea

Those creatures jumped the barricades and have headed for the sea
She began to breathe, to breathe at the thought of this freedom
Stood and whispered to her child, belong
She held the child and whispered
With calm, calm; belong

She stood and whispered to her child, belong
She held the child and whispered
With calm, calm; belong

Those barricades can only hold for so long
Her world collapsed early Sunday morning
She took the child held tight, opened the window
A breath, this song, how long?
And knew, knew; belong

----- 1991 Out of Time -----

----- Country Feedback -----

[Verse 1]

This flower is scorched, this film is on
On a maddening loop, these clothes
These clothes don't fit us right and I'm to blame
It's all the same, it's all the same

[Chorus 1]

You come to me with a bone in your hand
You come to me with your hair curled tight
You come to me with positions
You come to me with excuses
Ducked out in a row

You wear me out, you wear me out

[Verse 2]

We've been through fake-a-breakdown, self-hurt
Plastics, collections
Self-help, self-pain
EST, psychics, fuck all
I was central, I had control
I lost my head
I need this, I need this
A paperweight, junk garage
A winter rain, a honey pot
Crazy, all the lovers have been tagged
A hotline, a wanted ad
It's crazy what you could've had

[Chorus 2]

It's crazy what you could've had
It's crazy what you could've had
I need this, I need this
It's crazy what you could've had
Crazy what you could've had
I need it, I need this
It's crazy what you could've had
It's crazy what you could've had
I need this, I need this, I
Need this
It's crazy what you could've had
I need this, I need this
It's crazy what you could've had
Crazy what you could've had
I need this, I need this
(It's crazy what you could've had)
(Crazy what you could've had)

----- 1991 Out of Time -----

----- Endgame -----

[Instrumental]

----- 1991 Out of Time -----

----- Half A World Away -----

[Verse 1]

This could be the saddest dusk I've ever seen
I turn to a miracle, high-alive
My mind is racing, as it always will
My hands tired, my heart aches
I'm half a world away, here in my head

[Chorus]

And I had sworn to go it alone and hold it along
And haul it along and hold it
Go it alone and hold it along
And hold

[Verse 2]

Oh, lonely deeps and hollows
Are half a world, half a world away
My shoes are gone, my life is spent
I had too much to drink
I didn't think, I didn't think of you
I guess that's all I needed

[Chorus]

To go it alone and hold it along
And haul it along and hold it
Blackbirds, backwards, forwards and fall
And hold

[Verse 3]

Oh, this lonely world is wasted
Pathetic eyes, high-alive
Blind eye that turns to see
The storm it came up strong
It shook the trees and blew away our fear
I couldn't leave it here

[Chorus]

To go it alone, hold it along
Haul it along and hold it
Go it alone and hold it along
And hold
Go it alone and hold it along
Haul it along and hold it
Blackbirds, backwards, forwards and fall
And hold

[Outro]

Oh, this could be the saddest dusk I've ever seen
Turn to a miracle, high-alive
My mind is racing, as it always will
My hands tired, my heart aches
I'm half a world away to go

----- 1991 Out of Time -----
----- Losing My Religion -----

[Intro]

[Verse 1]

Oh, life is bigger
It's bigger than you and you are not me
The lengths that I will go to the distance in your eyes
Oh no, I've said too much, I set it up

[Pre-Chorus]

That's me in the corner, that's me in the spotlight
Losing my religion
Trying to keep up with you and I don't know if I can do it
Oh no, I've said too much, I haven't said enough

[Chorus]

I thought that I heard you laughing
I thought that I heard you sing
I think I thought I saw you try

[Verse 2]

Every whisper of every waking hour I'm choosing my confessions
Trying to keep an eye on you
Like a hurt, lost and blinded fool, fool
Oh no, I've said too much, I set it up

[Pre-Chorus]

Consider this, consider this, the hint of the century
Consider this the slip that brought me to my knees, failed
What if all these fantasies come flailing around?
Now I've said too much

[Chorus]

I thought that I heard you laughing
I thought that I heard you sing
I think I thought I saw you try

[Bridge]

But that was just a dream
That was just a dream

[Pre-Chorus]

That's me in the corner, that's me in the spotlight
Losing my religion
Trying to keep up with you and I don't know if I can do it
Oh no, I've said too much, I haven't said enough

[Chorus]

I thought that I heard you laughing
I thought that I heard you sing

I think I thought I saw you try

[Outro]

But that was just a dream
Try, cry, why try?
That was just a dream, just a dream
Just a dream, dream

----- 1991 Out of Time -----
----- Low -----

[Verse 1]

Dusk is dawn is day
Where did it go?
I've been laughing
Fast and slow
Moving in a still frame
Howling at the moon
Morning found me laughing
Up and down, down
Low, low, low
Night suits me fine
And morning suits me fine
I've been so happy, happy
Way up high, high

[Pre-Chorus]

In between
Down below
Low, low, low
Low, low, low

[Chorus]

I skipped the part about love
It seems so silly and low
Low, low, low
Low, low, low

[Verse 2]

I said the morning
It isn't your time
Barefoot naked
I can see your lines
It doesn't bother me
If you are right
Your grass is grassy wet
Your light white is bright
Light white, light

[Chorus]

I skipped the part about love
It seems so shallow and low
Low, low, low
Low, low, low

[Bridge]

You and me
We know about time
We know how things go
They come and go, they live and grow
They pass and go and glow and glow
Up and down, high and low
Low, low, low
Low, low, low

[Chorus]

I skipped the part about love
It seems so silly and low
I skipped the part about love
It seems so shallow and low
Low, low, low
Low, low, low

[Outro]

I like your hands
All full of glory
All full of glory

----- 1991 Out of Time -----
----- Me in Honey -----

[Verse 1]

I sat there looking ugly, looking ugly and mean
I knew what you were saying, you were saying to me
Baby's got some new rules, baby said she's had it with me

[Chorus 1]

It seems a shame to waste your time on me
It seems a lot to waste your time for me
Left me to love
What it's doing to me

[Verse 2]

There's a lot of honey in this world, baby, this honey's for me
You've got to do what you do, do it with me

[Chorus 2]

It seems a shame to waste your time for me

Left me to love
What it's doing to me

[Verse 3]

Knocked silly, knocked flat, sideways down
These things they pick you up and they turn you around
Say your piece, say you're sweet for me

[Chorus 3]

It's all the same to share the pain with me
It's all the same to save the shame for me
Left me to love
What it's doing to me

[Verse 4]

Baby's got some new rules, baby says she's had it with me
There's a fly in the honey and baby's got a baby with me

[Chorus 4]

That's a part, that's a part of me
Left me to love
What it's doing to me
Left me to love
What it's doing to me

[Outro]

What about me?
What about me?

----- 1991 Out of Time -----
----- Near Wild Heaven -----

[Verse 1]

Whenever we hold each other
We hold each other
There's a feeling that's gone
Something has gone wrong
And I don't know how much longer I can take it
House made of heart, break it
Take my head in your hands and shake it
In this near wild heaven
Not near enough

[Chorus]

(Living inside, living inside, living inside)
Near wild heaven
(Living inside, living inside, living inside)
Near wild heaven

[Verse 2]

Whatever it takes I'm giving
It's just a gift I'm given
Try to live inside
Trying to move inside
And I always thought that it would make me smarter
But it's only made me harder
My heart thrown open wide
In this near wild heaven
Not near enough

[Chorus]

(Living inside, living inside, living inside)
Near wild heaven
(Living inside, living inside, living inside)
Near wild heaven
(Living inside, living inside, living inside)
Near wild heaven
(Living inside, living inside, living inside)
Near wild heaven

[Bridge]

(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) I'm holding my hands together
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) Holding my feet together
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) Holding myself together
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) In this near wild heaven
Not near enough
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba)
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) Near wild heaven
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba)
Near wild heaven

[Chorus]

(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) (Living inside, living inside, living inside)
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) Near wild heaven
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) (Living inside, living inside, living inside)
Near wild heaven

[Outro]

(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) (Living inside, living inside, living inside)
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) Near wild heaven
(Ba-ba-ba-ba ba ba) (Living inside, living inside, living inside)
Near wild heaven

----- 1991 Out of Time -----
----- Radio Song (Ft. ♦KRS-One) -----

[Intro: KRS-One]

Hey, I can't find nothing on the radio

Yo, turn to that station

[Refrain: Michael Stipe]

The world is collapsing around our ears
I turned up the radio, but I can't hear it

[Verse 1: Michael Stipe and KRS-One]

When I got to the house and I called you out
I could tell that you had been crying, crying
It's that same sing song on the radio
It makes me sad
I meant to turn it off
To say goodbye
To leave in quiet
See ya!
That radio song
Hey, hey, hey
Hup, hup

[Pre-Chorus: Michael Stipe]

I've everything to show (Everything to show)
I've everything to hide (Everything to hide)
Look into my eyes
Listen

[Verse 2: Michael Stipe and KRS-One]

When I got to the show
Yo, ho, ho
I could tell that you had been crying, crying
It's that same sing song and the DJ sucks
DJ sucks!
It makes me sad
I tried to turn it off
Turn it off!
To say goodbye, my love
That radio song
Hey, hey, hey (Hey, hey)

[Refrain: Michael Stipe]

The world is collapsing around our ears
I turned up the radio, but I can't hear it
Yeah

[Ad-lib: KRS-One]

Yeah
Baby, baby, baby, baby
Hup, hup

[Interlude: Michael Stipe and KRS-One]

I tried to sing along
But damn that radio song
Yeah
Hey, hey, hey
Hey, hey, hey
Hey, hey, hey

[Refrain: Michael Stipe]
I've everything to show
(Everything to show)
I've everything to hide
(Everything to hide)
Look into my eyes, listen to the radio
I turned up the radio, but I can't hear it
No, I can't hear it

[Interlude: Michael Stipe and KRS-One]
Hey, hey, hey
Say what?
Hey, hey, hey
Let me do that with you
Hey, hey, hey
Hey, hey, hey
Hey, hey, hey
Yeah, boom!
Hey, hey, hey
Say what, say what, say what?
Hey, hey, hey
Check it out!

[Outro: KRS-One]
What are you saying? What are you playing?
Who are you obeying day out and day in?
Huh! Baby, baby, baby, baby
That stuff is driving me crazy
DJs communicate to the masses
Sex and violent classes
Now our children grow up prisoners
All their lives, radio listeners!

----- 1991 Out of Time -----
----- Shiny Happy People -----

[Intro]
Shiny happy people laughing

[Verse 1]
Meet me in the crowd, people, people
Throw your love around, love me, love me

Take it into town, happy, happy
Put it in the ground where the flowers grow
Gold and silver shine

[Chorus]
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people laughing

[Verse 2]
Everyone around, love them, love them
Put it in your hands, take it, take it
There's no time to cry, happy, happy
Put it in your heart where tomorrow shines
Gold and silver shine

[Chorus]
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people laughing

[Bridge]
Whoa, here we go

[Chorus]
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people laughing
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people laughing
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people laughing

[Outro]
Shiny happy people holding hands
Shiny happy people holding hands
People, happy people
People

----- 1991 Out of Time -----
----- Texarkana -----

[Verse 1]
20,000 miles to an oasis
20,000 years will I burn
20,000 chances I've wasted
Waiting for the moment to turn

[Chorus]

I would give my life to find it
I would give it all
Catch me if I fall

[Verse 2]

Walking through the woods, I have faced it
Looking for something to learn
30,000 thoughts have been wasted
Never in my time to return

[Chorus]

I would give my life to find it
I would give it all
Catch me if I fall

[Bridge]

All my life
Waiting to find

[Verse 3]

40,000 stars in the evening
Look at them fall from the sky
40,000 reasons for living
40,000 tears in your eyes

[Chorus]

I would give my life to find it
I would give it all
Catch me if I fall

[Outro]

Catch me if I fall
Catch me if I fall
Catch me if I fall, catch me if I fall (Catch me if I fall)
Catch me if I fall, catch me if I fall
Catch me if I fall, catch me if I fall

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- Drive -----

[Verse 1]

Smack, crack, bushwhacked
Tie another one to your racks, baby
Hey kids, rock and roll
Nobody tells you where to go, baby

[Chorus]

What if I ride, what if you walk?
What if you rock around the clock?
Tick-tock, tick-tock
What if you did, what if you walk?
What if you tried to get off, baby?

[Verse 2]
Hey, kids, where are you?
Nobody tells you what to do, baby
Hey kids, shake a leg
Maybe you're crazy in the head, baby

[Chorus]
Maybe you did, maybe you walked
Maybe you rocked around the clock
Tick-tock, tick-tock
Maybe I ride, maybe you walk
Maybe I drive to get off, baby

[Bridge]
Hey kids, shake a leg
Maybe you're crazy in the head, baby
Ollie, Ollie, Ollie, Ollie, Ollie
Ollie, Ollie in come free, baby
Hey, kids, where are you?
Nobody tells you what to do, baby

[Verse 3]
Smack, crack, shack-a-lack
Tie another one to your backs, baby
Hey kids, rock and roll
Nobody tells you where to go, baby

[Chorus]
Maybe you did, maybe you walk
Maybe you rock around the clock
Tick-tock, tick-tock
Maybe I ride, maybe you walk
Maybe I drive to get off, baby

[Outro]
Hey kids, where are you?
Nobody tells you what to do, baby
Hey kids, rock and roll
Nobody tells you where to go, baby
Baby
Baby

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----

----- Everybody Hurts -----

[Verse 1]

When the day is long
And the night, the night is yours alone
When you're sure you've had enough
Of this life, well, hang on

[Chorus]

Don't let yourself go
'Cause everybody cries
And everybody hurts
Sometimes

[Verse 2]

Sometimes everything is wrong
Now it's time to sing along
When your day is night alone (Hold on, hold on)
If you feel like letting go (Hold on)
If you think you've had too much
Of this life, well, hang on

[Chorus]

'Cause everybody hurts
Take comfort in your friends
And everybody hurts

[Bridge]

Don't throw your hand
Oh, no
Don't throw your hand
If you feel like you're alone
No, no, no, you're not alone

[Verse 3]

If you're on your own in this life
The days and nights are long
When you think you've had too much
Of this life to hang on

[Chorus]

Well, everybody hurts
Sometimes, everybody cries
And everybody hurts
Sometimes
And everybody hurts
Sometimes

[Outro]

So, hold on, hold on
Hold on, hold on
Hold on, hold on
Hold on, hold on
Everybody hurts
No, no, no, no, no, you're not alone

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- Find the River -----

[Verse 1]
Hey now, little speedyhead
The read on the speed-meter says
You have to go to task in the city
Where people drown and people serve
Don't be shy, you're just dessert
Is only just light years to go

[Chorus 1]
Me, my thoughts are flower strewn
With ocean storm, bayberry moon
I have got to leave to find my way
Watch the road and memorize
This life that passed before my eyes
And nothing is going my way

[Verse 2]
The ocean is the river's goal
A need to leave the water knows
We're closer now than light years to go

[Chorus 2]
I have got to find the river
Bergamot and vetiver
Run through my head and fall away
Leave the road and memorize
This life that passed before my eyes
And nothing is going my way

[Verse 3]
There's no one left to take the lead
But I tell you and you can see
We're closer now than light years to go
Pick up here and chase the ride
The river empties to the tide
Fall into the ocean

[Chorus 3]
The river to the ocean goes

A fortune for the undertow
None of this is going my way
There is nothing left to throw
Of Ginger, lemon, indigo
Coriander stem and rose of hay

Strength and courage overrides
The privileged and weary eyes
Of river poet search naiveté
Pick up here and chase the ride
The river empties to the tide
All of this is coming your way

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- Ignoreland -----

[Verse 1]

These bastards stole their power from
The victims of the us v. them years
Wrecking all things virtuous and true
The undermining social democratic
Downhill slide into abysmal
Lost lamb off the precipice into
The trickle down run-off pool

[Pre-Chorus 1]

They hypnotized the summer
1979
Marched into the capital
Brooding duplicitous, wicked and able, media-ready
Heartless and labeled, super U.S. citizen, super achiever
Mega ultra power dosing, relax, defense, defense, defense, defense
Yeah, yeah, yeah

[Chorus]

(Yeah, yeah, yeah) Ignoreland
(Yeah, yeah, yeah) Ignoreland
(Yeah, yeah, yeah)

[Verse 2]

The information nation took
Their clues from all the sound-bite gluttons
1980, '84, '88
'92 too, too
How to be what you can be
Jump jam junking your energies
How to walk in dignity
With throw-up on your shoes

[Pre-Chorus 2]

They amplified the autumn
1979

Calculate the capital

Up the republic my skinny ass, TV tells a million lies
The paper's terrified to report, anything that isn't handed
On a presidential spoon, I'm just profoundly frustrated
By all this, so fuck you, man

[Chorus]

(Fuck 'em)

(Yeah, yeah, yeah) Ignoreland

(Yeah, yeah, yeah) Ignoreland

[Bridge]

If they weren't there we would have created them
Maybe, it is true
But I'm resentful all the same
Someone's got to take the blame

[Verse 3]

I know that this is vitriol
No solution, spleen-venting
But I feel better having screamed
Don't you?

[Pre-Chorus 3]

They desecrate the winter
1979

Capital collateral

Brooding duplicitous, wicked and able, media-ready
Heartless and labeled, super U.S. citizen, super achiever
Mega ultra power dosing, relax, defense, defense, defense, defense
Yeah, yeah, yeah

[Chorus]

(Yeah, yeah, yeah) Ignoreland

(Yeah, yeah, yeah) Ignoreland

(Yeah, yeah, yeah) Ignoreland

(Yeah, yeah, yeah)

[Outro]

(I didn't do the revolution, thank you)

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----

----- Man on the Moon -----

[Verse 1]

Mott the Hoople and the Game of Life

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Andy Kaufman in the wrestling match
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Monopoly, Twenty-one, Checkers, and Chess
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Mister Fred Blassie in a breakfast mess
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Let's play Twister, let's play Risk
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
See you in heaven if you make the list
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

[Pre-Chorus 1]

Now, Andy, did you hear about this one?
Tell me, are you locked in the punch?
Andy, are you goofing on Elvis? Hey, baby
Are we losing touch?

[Chorus]

If you believed they put a man on the moon
Man on the moon
If you believed there's nothing up his sleeve
Then nothing is cool

[Verse 2]

Moses went walking with the staff of wood
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Newton got beamed by the apple good
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Egypt was troubled by the horrible asp
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Mister Charles Darwin had the gall to ask
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

[Pre-Chorus 2]

Now, Andy, did you hear about this one?
Tell me, are you locked in the punch?
Hey, Andy, are you goofing on Elvis? Hey, baby
Are you having fun?

[Chorus]

If you believed they put a man on the moon
Man on the moon
If you believed there's nothing up his sleeve
Then nothing is cool

[Verse 3]

Here's a little agit for the never-believer
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Here's a little ghost for the offering
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Here's a truck stop instead of Saint Peter's
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah
Mister Andy Kaufman's gone wrestling (wrestling bears)
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

[Pre-Chorus 1]
Now, Andy, did you hear about this one?
Tell me, are you locked in the punch?
Hey, Andy, are you goofing on Elvis? Hey, baby
Are we losing touch?

[Chorus]
If you believed they put a man on the moon
Man on the moon
If you believed there's nothing up his sleeve
Then nothing is cool

[Outro]
If you believed they put a man on the moon
Man on the moon
If you believed there's nothing up his sleeve
Then nothing is cool
If you believed they put a man on the moon
Man on the moon
If you believed there's nothing up his sleeve
Then nothing is cool
If you believed they put a man on the moon
Man on the moon
If you believed there's nothing up his sleeve
Then nothing is cool

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- Monty Got A Raw Deal -----

[Verse 1]
Monty, this seems strange to me
The movies had that movie thing
But nonsense has a welcome ring
And heroes don't come easily
Now, nonsense isn't new to me
I know my head, I know my feet
But mischief knocked me in the knees
So, just let go
Just let go
I saw the ocean meet the man
I saw you buried in the sand
A friend was there to hold your hand

Said, walk on by
So, I went walking through the street
I saw you strung up in a tree
A woman knelt there said to me
Said, hold your tongue
Hold your tongue

[Chorus]
You don't owe me anything
You don't want this sympathy (Waste your breath)
Don't you waste your breath (Waste your breath)
For the silver screen

[Verse 2]
That nonsense doesn't mean a thing
They tried to bust you in a sting
But virtue isn't everything
So, don't waste time
Now, here's a rhyme that you can steal
Put this on your reel to reel
Mischief threw a rotten deal
Monty's laying low
He is laying low
Just let go
Just let go

[Chorus]
You don't owe me anything
You don't want this sympathy (Waste your breath)
Don't you waste your breath (Waste your breath)
Monty, this seems strange to me

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- New Orleans Instrumental No. 1 -----

[Instrumental]

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- Nightswimming -----

[Verse 1]
Nightswimming deserves a quiet night
The photograph on the dashboard, taken years ago
Turned around backwards so the windshield shows
Every streetlight reveals the picture in reverse
Still, it's so much clearer
I forgot my shirt at the water's edge
The moon is low tonight

[Verse 2]

Nightswimming deserves a quiet night
I'm not sure all these people understand
It's not like years ago
The fear of getting caught
Of recklessness and water
They cannot see me naked
These things, they go away
Replaced by everyday

[Verse 3]

Nightswimming, remembering that night
September's coming soon
I'm pining for the moon
And what if there were two
Side by side in orbit
Around the fairest sun?
That bright, tight forever drum
Could not describe nightswimming

[Verse 4]

You, I thought I knew you
You, I cannot judge
You, I thought you knew me
This one laughing quietly
Underneath my breath
Nightswimming

[Outro]

The photograph reflects
Every streetlight a reminder
Nightswimming deserves a quiet night
Deserves a quiet night

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- Star Me Kitten -----

Keys cut, three for the price of one
And nothing's free, but guaranteed for a lifetime's use
I've changed the locks, and you can have one

You, you know the other two
The brakes have worn so thin that you could hear
I hear them screeching through the door from our driveway

Hey, love, look into your glove-box heart
What is there for me inside? This love is tired
I've changed the locks, have I misplaced you?

Have we lost our minds?
Will this never end?
It could depend on your take

You, me, we used to be on fire
If keys are all that stand between
Can I throw in the ring? No gasoline, just fuck me, kitten
You are wild and I'm in your possession
Nothing's free, so fuck me, kitten

I'm in your possession, so fuck me, kitten

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- Sweetness Follows -----

[Verse 1]
Readying to bury your father and your mother
What did you think when you lost another?
I used to wonder why did you bother
Distanced from one, blind to the other
Listen here, my sister and my brother
What would you care if you lost the other?
I always wonder why did we bother
Distanced from one, blind to the other

[Chorus]
Oh, oh, but sweetness follows

[Verse 2]
It's these little things, they can pull you under
Live your life filled with joy and wonder
I always knew this altogether thunder
Was lost in our little lives

[Chorus]
Oh, oh, but sweetness follows
Oh, oh, but sweetness follows

[Verse 3]
It's these little things, they can pull you under
Live your life filled with joy and thunder
Yeah, yeah, we were all together
Lost in our little lives

[Chorus]
Oh
Oh
Oh
Oh, oh, but sweetness follows

Oh, oh, oh, but sweetness follows

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- The Sidewinder Sleeps Tonite -----

[Verse 1]

This here is the place where I will be staying
There isn't a number, you can call the pay phone
Let it ring a long, long, long, long time
If I don't pick up, hang up, call back, let it ring some more
Oh
If I don't pick up, pick up
The sidewinder sleeps, sleeps, sleeps in a coil

[Chorus]

Call me when you try to wake her up
Call me when you try to wake her
Call me when you try to wake her up
Call me when you try to wake her
Call me when you try to wake her up
Call me when you try to wake her
Oh

[Verse 2]

There are scratches all around the coin slot
Like a heartbeat, baby trying to wake up
But this machine can only swallow money
You can't lay a patch by computer design
It's just a lot of stupid, stupid signs
Tell her
Tell her she can kiss my ass
Then laugh and say that you were only kidding
That way she'll know that it's really, really, really, really me

[Chorus]

Call me when you try to wake her up
Call me when you try to wake her
Call me when you try to wake her up
Call me when you try to wake her
Call me when you try to wake her up
Call me when you try to wake her
Oh

[Verse 3]

Baby, instant soup doesn't really grab me
Today I need something more sub-sub-sub-substantial
A can of beans or black-eyed peas, some Nescafe and ice
A candy bar, a falling star, or a reading from Doctor Seuss

[Chorus]

Call me when you try to wake her up
Call me when you try to wake her
Call me when you try to wake her up
Call me when you try to wake her
Call me when you try to wake her up
Call me when you try to wake her

[Verse 4]

The cat in the hat came back
Wreaked a lot of havoc on the way
Always had a smile and a reason to pretend
But their world has flat backgrounds
And little need to sleep but to dream
The sidewinder sleeps on his back

[Chorus]

Call me when you try to wake her up
(Call me when you try to wake her)
Call me when you try to wake her up
(Call me when you try to wake her)
I can always sleep standing up
(Call me when you try to wake her)
Oh
Call me when you try to wake her up
(Call me when you try to wake her)
Call me when you try to wake her up
(Call me when you try to wake her)
I can always sleep standing up
(Call me when you try to wake her)
Oh

[Outro]

Call me when you try to wake her up
(Call me when you try to wake her)
I can always sleep standing up
(Call me when you try to wake her)
I can always sleep standing up
(Call me when you try to wake her)
We've got to boogie, boogie, move on this one

----- 1992 Automatic for the People -----
----- Try Not To Breathe -----

[Verse 1]

I will try not to breathe
I can hold my head still with my hands at my knees
These eyes are the eyes of the old
Shivering and fold

I will try not to breathe
This decision is mine
I have lived a full life
And these are the eyes that I want you to remember

[Pre-Chorus]

Oh
I need something to fly over my grave again
I need something to breathe

[Verse 2]

I will try not to burden you
I can hold these inside
I will hold my breath until all these shivers subside
Just look in my eyes
I will try not to worry you
I have seen things that you will never see
Leave it to memory me
I shudder to breathe

[Chorus]

I want you to remember
Oh (You'll never see)
I need something to fly (Something to fly)
Over my grave again (You'll never see)
I need something to breathe (Something to breathe)
Baby, don't shiver now
Why do you shiver now? (I have seen things you will never see)
I need something to fly (Something to fly)
Over my grave again (I have seen things you will never see)
I need something to breathe

[Verse 3]

I will try not to worry you
I have seen things that you will never see
Leave it to memory me
Don't dare me to breathe

[Chorus]

I want you to remember
Oh (You'll never see)
I need something to fly (Something to fly)
Over my grave again (You'll never see)
I need something to breathe (Something to breathe)
Baby, don't shiver now
Why do you shiver? (I have seen things you will never see)
I need something to breathe (Something to breathe)
(I have seen things you will never see)
I want you to remember

----- 1994 Monster -----
----- Bang and Blame -----

[Verse 1]

If you could see yourself now, baby
It's not my fault
You used to be so in control
You're going to roll right over this one
Just roll me over, let me go
You're laying blame
Take this as no, no, no, no, no

[Chorus]

You bang, bang, bang, bang, bang
And blame, blame, blame
You bang, bang, bang, bang, bang
It's not my thing, so let it go

[Verse 2]

If you could see yourself now, baby
The tables have turned
The whole world hinges on your swings
Your secret life of indiscreet discretions
I'd turn the screw and leave the screen
Don't point your finger
You know that's not my thing

[Chorus]

You came to bang, bang, bang, bang, bang
And blame, blame, blame
You bang, bang, bang, bang, bang
It's not my thing, so let it go now

[Verse 3]

You've got a little worry
I know it all too well
I've got your number
But so does every kiss and tell
Who dares to cross your threshold
Or happens on you way
Stop laying blame
You know that's not my thing

[Chorus]

You know that's not my thing
You came to bang, bang, bang, bang, bang
And blame, blame, blame
You bang, bang, bang, bang, bang

It's not my thing, so let it go
You bang, bang, bang, bang, bang
And blame, blame, blame
You bang, bang, bang, bang, bang
It's not my thing, so let it go

[Outro]

You kiss on me, tug on me
Rub on me, jump on me
You bang on me, beat on me
Hit on me, let go on me
You let go on me

----- 1994 Monster -----
----- Circus Envy -----

[Verse 1]

Here comes that awful feeling again
Welcome the ugly animal
I hold my breath to watch you swing
My high rope acrobat ball and chain
I'm not afraid, I messed it, messed it, messed it, messed it up

[Chorus]

I've got my telescope head in the haystack
I'm getting tired of your dodgeball circus act
Put pepper in my coffee, I forgot to bark
On command

[Verse 2]

Here comes that awful feeling again
Make way for monster jealousy
The strong man kicked sand into my breakfast cereal bowl
I'd spelled your name with Oatios
He messed it, messed it, messed it, messed it up

[Chorus]

I've got my telescope head in the haystack
I'm getting tired of your dodgeball circus act
Put pepper in my coffee, I forgot to bark
On command

[Bridge]

And you're mean, mean, mean
And you tease, tease, tease me

[Verse 3]

If I were you I'd really run from me
I'd really, really wish that I were you

When I get loose I'll climb a tree and drop a load on your head
This monster in me makes me retch
You messed it, messed it up

[Chorus]

I've got my telescope head in the haystack
I am tired of your dodgeball circus act
Put pepper in my coffee, I forgot to bark
Put pepper in my coffee, I forgot to bark
On command

[Outro]

And you're mean, mean, mean
And you tease, tease, tease me
Do you smell jealousy?
Do you smell jealousy?
Jealousy
Jealousy

----- 1994 Monster -----
----- Crush with Eyeliner -----

[Verse 1]

I know you
I know you've seen her
She's a sad tomato
She's three miles of bad road
Walking down the street
Will I never meet her?
She's a real woman-child
Oh, my kiss breath turpentine

[Chorus]

I am smitten
I'm the real thing (I'm the real thing)
Have you seen her come around?
My crush with eyeliner

[Verse 2]

I'm in like
I'm infatuated
It's all too much pressure
She's all that I can take
What position should I wear?
Cop an attitude? (You faker)
How can I convince her? (Faker)
That I'm invented, too, yeah

[Chorus]

I am smitten
I'm the real thing (I'm the real thing)
We all invent ourselves
And you know me

[Verse 3]
She's a sad tomato
She's three miles of bad road
She's her own invention (She's her own invention)
That gets me in the throat
What can I make myself be?
Life is strange, yeah (Life is strange)
What can I make myself be? (Fake her)
To make her mine?

[Chorus]
I am smitten
I'll do anything (I'll do anything)
A kiss breath turpentine
My crush with eyeliner

[Chorus]
I am smitten
You know me (Yeah, you know me)
I could be your Frankenstein
My crush with eyeliner

[Chorus]
I am smitten
I'm the real thing (I'm the real thing)
Won't you be my valentine?
My crush with eyeliner

----- 1994 Monster -----
----- I Don't Sleep, I Dream -----

[Verse 1]
I'm looking for an interruption
Do you believe?
You looking to dig my dreams
Be prepared for anything
You come into my little scene
Hooray, hooray, hip-hip, hooray
There's one thing I can guarantee
You won't have to dig, dig too deep

[Chorus]
Said leave me to lay, but touch me deep
I don't sleep, I dream

I'll settle for a cup of coffee, but you know what I really need

[Verse 2]

Are you looking to drive my dreams?
You here to run my screens?
You come, deliver my demons
Hooray, hooray, hip-hip, hooray
Are you coming to ease my headache?
Do you give good head?
Am I good in bed?

[Chorus]

Said leave me to lay, but touch me deep
I don't sleep, I dream
I'll settle for a cup of coffee, but you know what I really need

[Verse 3]

I'm looking for an interruption
Can you believe?
Some medicine for my headache
Hooray, hooray, hip-hip, hooray
I'm pitching for a new direction
Pinch me when I wake
Don't tell me my dreams are fake

[Chorus]

Said leave me to lay, but touch me deep
I don't sleep, I dream
I'll settle for a cup of coffee, but you know what I really need
Said leave me to lay, but touch me deep
I don't sleep, I dream
I'll settle for a cup of coffee, but you know what I really need

----- 1994 Monster -----

----- I Took Your Name -----

[Verse 1]

I wore the clothes you wanted
I took your name
If there is some confusion, who's to blame?
I signed your living will
I smiled your face
I'm ready to close the book on NASA in outer space

[Chorus]

If there is some confusion
Who's to blame?
Who's to blame?

[Verse 2]

I sequenced your arrival
I sealed your fate
I pushed the button and erased your master tape
I wrote the sales pitch
I threw the brake switch
I dragged your big-ass daddy Roth car out of that ditch

[Chorus]

If there is some confusion
Who's to blame?
Who's to blame?

[Verse 3]

I crossed your great divide
I stirred your ocean's tide
I called your bluff until I blew your circuits wide
I'll be your albatross
Devil, dog, Jesus, God
I don't want to be Iggy Pop, but if that's what it takes, hey

[Chorus]

If there is some confusion
Who's to blame?
Who's to blame?

----- 1994 Monster -----
----- King of Comedy -----

[Verse 1]

Make your money with a suit and tie
Make your money with shrewd denial
Make your money expert advice
If you can wing it
Make your money with a power ply
Make your money with a buyout bribe
You can lie
As long as you mean it

[Chorus 1]

I'm not king of comedy
Grease the pig, give a squeeze
(Squeeze me)

[Verse 2]

Make your money with exploitation
Make it holy illumination
Say a prayer at every station
Don't forget to ask for mercy

Make your money with a pretty face
Make it easy with product placement
Make it charged with controversy
I'm straight, I'm queer, I'm bi

[Chorus 2]
I'm not king of comedy
I'm not your magazine
I'm not your television

[Verse 3]
Make your money, make it rich
Make it young and make it quick
Make your money on the jukebox, baby
Let's pick up sticks
Make your enemies make your moves
Make your critics fumble through
Make it smart and make it schmooze
Make it look easy

[Chorus 2]
I'm not king of comedy
I'm not your magazine
I'm not your television
I'm not your movie screen

[Outro]
I'm not commodity
I'm not commodity
I'm not commodity
(All together now)

----- 1994 Monster -----
----- Let Me In -----

[Verse 1]
Yeah, all those stars drip down like butter
And promises are sweet
We hold out our pans with our hands to catch them
We eat them up, drink them up, up, up, up

[Chorus]
Hey, let me in
Hey, let me in

[Verse 2]
I only wish that I could hear you whisper down
Mister fisher moved to a less peculiar ground
He gathered up his loved ones and he brought them all around

To say goodbye, nice try

[Chorus]

Hey, let me in
Yeah, yeah, yeah
Hey, let me in
Let me in

[Verse 3]

I had a mind to try to stop you
Let me in, let me in
And I've got tar on my feet and I can't see all the birds
Look down and laugh at me, clumsy, crawling out of my skin

[Chorus]

Hey, let me in
Yeah, yeah, yeah
Hey, let me in
Hey, let me in
Yeah, yeah, yeah
Hey, let me in

----- 1994 Monster -----
----- Star 69 -----

[Verse 1]

You don't have to take the bar exam to see
What you've done is Ignoramus 103
What've I got to hang my hat on, you don't have a pot to pee in
All this just to be your friend, I was there until the end
Extortion and arson, petty larceny

[Chorus]

I know you called, I know you called
I know you called
I know you called, I know you called
I know you hung up my line, star 69

[Verse 2]

I know all about the warehouse fire
I know squirrels didn't chew the wires
Three people have my number, the other two were with me
I don't like to tell-tale but I'm not your patsy
This time you have gone too far with me

[Chorus]

I know you called, I know you called
I know you called
I know you called, I know you called

I know you hung up my line, star 69

[Verse 3]

Why'd you put your quarter down on me?
This reads like some dark Inside Edition, Hard Copy
I can't be your character witness, I can't be your alibi
Doorbell rings, it's the FBI, we learned Spy vs. Spy
You, my friend, are guilty as can be

[Chorus]

I know you called, I know you called
I know you called
I know you called, I know you called
I know you hung up my line
I know you called, I know you called
I know you called
I know you called, I know you called
I can't be your alibi, star 69

----- 1994 Monster -----

----- Strange Currencies -----

[Verse 1]

I don't know why you're mean to me
When I call on the telephone
And I don't know what you mean to me
But I want to turn you on, turn you up, figure you out
I wanna take you on

[Chorus]

These words, "You will be mine"
These words, "You will be mine", all the time

[Verse 2]

The fool might be my middle name
But I'd be foolish not to say
I'm going to make whatever it takes
Bring you up, call you down, sign your name, secret love
Make it rhyme, take you in, and make you mine

[Chorus]

These words, "You will be mine"
These words, "You will be mine," all the time, oh

[Bridge]

I tripped and fell, did I fall
What I want to feel, I want to feel it now

[Verse 3]

And now with love come strange currencies
And here is my appeal
I need a chance, a second chance, a third chance, a fourth chance
A word, a signal, a nod, a little breath
Just to fool myself, to catch myself, to make it real, real

[Chorus]

These words, "You will be mine"
These words, "You will be mine," all the time, oh

[Outro]

These words, "You will be mine"
These words, they haunt me, hunt me down, catch in my throat, make me pray
Say, love's confined, oh

----- 1994 Monster -----
----- Tongue -----

[Verse 1]

Call my name, here I come
Ninety to nothing, watch me run
You call
I am ashamed to say
Ugly girls know their fate
Anybody can get laid
You want a room with a fire escape
I want to tell you how much I hate this
Don't leave that stuff all over me

[Chorus]

It pains me
Please just leave it

[Verse 2]

I should toss that vanity license plate
Toss that make-up painted face
Box those poems, chocolate cake
Scratch that name on the record player
Please just leave me be
Don't lay that stuff all over me
It crawls all over
All over me

[Bridge]

Call my name, here I come
Your last ditch lay, will I never learn?
Caramel turn on a dusty apology
It crawls all over me
You turn all over

[Chorus]

It pains me
Please just leave it

----- 1994 Monster -----

----- What's the Frequency, Kenneth? -----

[Verse 1]

"What's the frequency, Kenneth?" is your Benzedrine, uh-huh
I was brain-dead, locked out, numb, not up to speed
I thought I'd pegged you an idiot's dream
Tunnel vision from the outsider's screen

[Chorus]

I never understood the frequency, uh-huh
You wore our expectations like an armored suit, uh-huh

[Verse 2]

I'd studied your cartoons, radio, music, TV, movies, magazines
Richard said, "Withdrawal in disgust is not the same as apathy"
A smile like the cartoon, tooth for a tooth
You said that irony was the shackles of youth

[Chorus]

You wore a shirt of violent green, uh-huh
I never understood the frequency, uh-huh

[Guitar Solo]

[Verse 3]

"What's the frequency, Kenneth?" is your Benzedrine, uh-huh
Butterfly decal, rear-view mirror, dogging the scene
You smile like the cartoon, tooth for a tooth
You said that irony was the shackles of youth

[Chorus]

You wore a shirt of violent green, uh-huh
I never understood the frequency, uh-huh
You wore our expectations like an armored suit, uh-huh
I couldn't understand
You said that irony was the shackles of youth, uh-huh
I couldn't understand
You wore a shirt of violent green, uh-huh
I couldn't understand
I never understood, don't fuck with me, uh-huh

----- 1994 Monster -----

----- You -----

[Verse 1]

Let the sun beat through the clouds, let me kiss you on the mouth
All my childhood toys with chew marks in your smile
Let me hold your syrup close to mine
Let me watch you, Hollywood and Vine
And I want you like the movies, touch me now

[Chorus]

I love you crazy, just keep on
I love you madly, just keep watch
You wipe my lips, you turn me on
My attentions are turned to you

[Verse 2]

Did I dream you were a tourist in the Arizona sun?
I can see you there with Luna moths and watermelon gum
I woke up in the sleeping bag with nowhere else to run
You're standing in the bathroom telling me its all in fun

[Chorus]

I love you crazy, just keep on
I love you madly, just keep watch
You wipe my lips, you turn me on
My attentions are turned to you

[Verse 3]

I can whisper in your ear, I can write a calendar year
I can wing around your Saturn smile or shout at the moon
I walked the tension wire line and I learned to disrespect the signs
And I want you like a Pisces rising, even though

[Chorus]

I love you crazy, just keep on
I love you madly, just keep watch
You wipe my lips, you turn me on
My attentions are turned to you

[Outro]

You
You
You

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- Be Mine -----

[Introduction]

Uh, speed zone up here, Tim

[Verse 1]

I never thought of this as funny
It speaks another world to me
I wanna be your Easter bunny
I wanna be your Christmas tree
I'll strip the world that you must live in
Of all its godforsaken greed
I'll ply the tar out of your feathers
I'll pluck the thorns out of your feet

[Chorus]

You and me
You and me

[Verse 2]

And if I choose your sanctuary
I want to wash you with my hair
I want to drink of sacred fountains
And find the riches hidden there
I'll eat the lotus and peyote
I want to hear the caged bird sing
I want the secrets of the Temple
I want the finger with the ring

[Chorus]

You and me
You and me
You and me

[Verse 3]

And if you make me your religion
I'll give you all the room you need
I'll be the drawing of your breath
I'll be the cup if you should bleed
I'll be the sky above the Ganges
I'll be the vast and stormy sea
I'll be the lights that guide you inward
I'll be the visions you will see
The visions you will see
You will see
You will see

[Chorus]

You and me
You and me
You and me
You and me
You and me
You and me

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- Binky the Doormat -----

[Verse 1]

This is horror movie stuff
The muffin is peach, you're 'making love'
You mean this opera involves handcuffs?
I lay defeated
Yeah, sour milk mouth, horseradish sweet
She's a girl and she's loving me
But distance is my tendency
I am defeated

[Chorus]

Have you lost your place? (Go away, go away)
I wore my doormat face (Go away, go away)
(Go away, go, go, go)
I hung my this or that (Go away, go away)
(Go away, go away)
I laid my welcome mat (Go away, go away)

[Verse 2]

If I'm your oyster, where's the war?
You leave me gasping, tattered and torn
Oh, I know you can't find a fork
I am just a little acorn
Well, acorns grow to mighty trees
You've got sauce, but you don't have knees
Now look who's asking pretty please
I lay defeated

[Chorus]

Have you lost your place? (Go away, go away)
I wore my doormat face (Go away, go away)
(Go away, go, go, go)
I hung my this or that (Go away, go away)
(Go away, go away)
I laid my welcome mat (Go away, go away)

[Verse 3]

Call your bathroom friends around
I will fake a little frown
I will be your little clown
Easily defeated
Yeah, shut the door and open wide
Seconal and astroglide
Fuck with me and traumatize
Don't you see I love your hide?

All the beauty that's trapped inside
Can't you see I love your hide?
Can't you see I love your hide?
Can't you see it?

[Chorus]
Have you lost your place? (Go away, go away)
I wore my doormat face (Go away, go away)
(Go away, go, go, go)
I hung my this or that (Go away, go away)
(Go away, go away)
I laid my welcome mat (Go away, go away)
(Go away, go, go, go)
I hung my this or that (Go away, go away)
(Go away, go away)
I laid my welcome mat (Go away, go away)
(Go away, go, go, go)
Go away, go away (Go away, go away)
Go away, go away (Go away, go away)
Go away, go away (Go away, go away)

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- Bittersweet Me -----

[Verse 1]
I move across, innocence lost
All flashing pulsar
I move across the earth in my new pattern shirt
I pass satellites
"You're so bitter," your complaint
I can't give you anything
I don't know who you're living for
I don't who you are anymore

[Pre-Chorus]
I'd sooner chew my leg off
Than be trapped in this
How easy you think of all of this as bittersweet me

[Chorus]
I couldn't taste it
I'm tired and naked
I don't know what I'm hungry for
I don't know what I want anymore

[Verse 2]
I move across, candy floss
I move like a tank
I move across the room with a heart full of gloom

I'm stronger than you think
Oh, my peer, your veneer
Is wearing thin and cracking
The surface informs the underneath
The underneath is lacking

[Pre-Chorus]
I'd sooner chew my leg off
Than be trapped in this
How easy you think of all of this as bittersweet me

[Chorus]
I couldn't taste it
I'm tired and naked
I don't know what I'm hungry for
I don't know what I want anymore

[Verse 3]
You move across, innocence lost
All static and desire
You're blue in the face from navel gaze
You set yourself on fire
You strip down and lay yourself out
I know you can't fake it
But are you tired and naked?
Oh, are you tired and naked?

[Pre-Chorus]
I'd sooner chew my leg off
Than be trapped in this
How easy you think of all of this as bittersweet me

[Chorus]
I couldn't taste it
I'm tired and naked
I don't know what I'm hungry for
I don't know what I want anymore
I couldn't taste it
I'm tired and naked
I don't know what I'm hungry for
I don't know what I want anymore
I couldn't taste it
I'm tired and naked
I don't know what I'm hungry for
I don't know what I want anymore

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- Departure -----

[Verse 1]

Just arrived Singapore, San Sebastian, Spain, 26-hour trip
Salt Lake City, come in spring over the salt flats
A hailstorm brought you back to me
Salt Lake City, come in spring over the salt flats
A hailstorm brought you back to me

[Chorus]

Here it comes
I'm carried away
Here it comes
I'm carried away
Here it comes, bad

[Verse 2]

Departure, godspeed, bless his heart, good Lord
What a fuck-up, what a fighter
A free-fall, motorcycle, hang-glider
Hung on the line like a, a poison spider
Win a eulogy from William Greider
A car crash, ptomaine, disposable lighter
A bus plunge, avalanche, RV, vinegar cider
Free-fall, motorcycle, hang-glider

[Chorus]

Here it comes
I'm carried away
Here it comes
I'm carried away
Here it comes, bad, bad

[Bridge]

Go, go, go, go, yeah
Go, go, go, go, yeah
There's so much
Go, go, go, yeah

[Verse 3]

Well, everybody is young forever
There's so much to tell you, so little time
I've come a long way since, uh, whatever
Shit, I still see that word and think of you
But there is so much that I can't do, yeah
There's so much
And you will be young forever
There is so much that I can't do
There is so much that I can't do

[Chorus]

Here it comes
I'm carried away
Here it comes
I'm carried away
Here it comes, bad, bad
Here it comes
I'm carried away
Here it comes
I'm carried away
Here it comes, bad, bad

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- E-Bow the Letter (Ft. ♦Patti♦Smith) -----

[Verse 1: Michael Stipe]

Look up and what do you see? All of you and all of me
Fluorescent and starry, some of them, they surprise
The bus ride, I went to write this, 4:00 a.m, this letter
Fields of poppies, little pearls all the boys and all the girls
Sweet-toothed, each and every one a little scary
I said your name, I wore it like a badge of teenage film stars
Hash bars, cherry mash and tinfoil tiaras
Dreaming of Maria Callas, whoever she is
This fame thing, I don't get it
I wrap my hand in plastic to try to look through it
Maybelline eyes and girl-as-boy moves
I can take you far, this star thing, I don't get it

[Chorus: Patti Smith and Michael Stipe]

I'll take you over, there
I'll take you over, there
Aluminum, tastes like fear
Adrenaline, it pulls us near
I'll take you over
It tastes like fear
I'll take you over

[Verse 2: Michael Stipe]

Will you live to 83? Will you ever welcome me?
Will you show me something that nobody else has seen?
Smoke it, drink, here comes the flood, anything to thin the blood
These corrosives do their magic slowly and sweet
Phone, eat it, drink, just another chink
Cuts and dents, they catch the light
Aluminum, the weakest link
I don't want to disappoint you, I'm not here to anoint you
I would lick your feet, but is that the sickest move?
I wear my own crown of sadness and sorrow
And who'd have thought tomorrow would be so strange?

My loss, and here we go again

[Chorus: Patti Smith and Michael Stipe]

I'll take you over, there
I'll take you over, there
Aluminum, tastes like fear
Adrenaline, it pulls us near
I'll take you over
It tastes like fear, pulls us near
I'll take you over

[Verse 3: Michael Stipe]

Look up and what do you see?
All of you and all of me, florescent and starry
And some of them, they surprise
I can't look it in the eyes, seconal, Spanish fly, absinthe, kerosene
Cherry-flavored neck and collar
I can smell the sorrow on your breath
The sweat, the victory and sorrow, the smell of fear
I got it

[Chorus: Patti Smith and Michael Stipe]

I'll take you over, there
Aluminum, tastes like fear
Adrenaline, it pulls us near
I'll take you over, take you there
Aluminum, tastes like fear
Adrenaline, it pulls us near
I'll take you over, take you there
It tastes like fear, pulls us near
I'll take you over, take you there
It tastes like fear, pulls us near

[Outro: Patti Smith and Michael Stipe]

Pulls us near
It tastes like fear
Tastes like fear
Pulls us near
Pulls us near
Near, near
Over, over, over, over
And nearer and nearer
Over, over, over, yeah
Oh, oh
I'll take you over
Yeah
I'll take you over, I'll take you there
Oh, over
I'll take you there

Over, baby
I'll take you over
There, there
I'll take you there
There, baby

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- Electrolite -----

[Verse 1]
Your eyes are burning holes through me
I'm gasoline
I'm burning clean
Twentieth century, go to sleep
You're plasticine
That is obscene
That is obscene

[Chorus]
You are the star tonight
Your sun electric outta sight
Your light eclipsed the moon tonight
Electrolite
You're out of sight

[Verse 2]
If I ever want to fly
Mulholland Drive
I am alive
Hollywood is under me
I'm Martin Sheen
I'm Steve McQueen
I'm Jimmy Dean

[Chorus]
You are the star tonight
Your sun electric outta sight
Your light eclipsed the moon tonight
Electrolite
You're out of sight

[Verse 3]
If you ever want to fly
Mulholland Drive
Up in the sky
Stand on a cliff and look down there
Don't be scared
You are alive
You are alive

[Chorus]

You are the star tonight
Your sun electric outta sight
Your light eclipsed the moon tonight
Electrolite
You're out of sight

[Verse 4]

Twentieth century, go to sleep
Really deep
We won't blink
Your eyes are burning holes through me
I'm not scared
I'm out of here
I'm not scared
I'm out of here

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- How the West Was Won and Where It Got Us -----

[Verse 1]

Blood from a stone, water from wine
Born under an ill-placed sign
A stroke of bad luck, wrong place, wrong time
This flyer is out of line

[Chorus]

The story is a sad one, told many times
The story of my life in trying times
Just add water, stir in lime
How the west was won and where it got us
Ahh

[Verse 2]

The canary got trapped in the uranium mine
A stroke of bad luck, now the bird has died
A marker to mark where my tears run dry
I cross it, bless it, alkaline

[Chorus]

The story is a sad one, told many times
The story of my life in trying times
Just add water, stir in lime
How the west was won and where it got us
Ahh

[Verse 3]

I didn't wear glasses because I thought it might rain

Now I can't see anything
I made a mistake, chalked it up to design
I cracked through time/space, godless and dry
I point my nose to the northern star
And watch the decline from a hazy distance

[Chorus]
The story is a sad one, told many times
The story of my life in trying times
Just add water, stir in lime
How the west was won and where it got us
Ahh

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- Leave -----

[Verse 1]
Nothing could bring me closer
Nothing could bring me near
Where is the road I follow
To leave it? Leave
It's under, under, under my feet
The sea spread out there before me
Where do I go when the land touches sea?
There is my trust in what I believe

[Chorus]
That's what keeps me, that's what keeps me
That's what keeps me down
To leave it, leave it
Leave it all behind

[Verse 2]
Shifting the dream
Nothing could bring me further from my old friend time
Shifting the dream, it's changing the scene
I know where I marked the signs
I suffer the dreams of a world gone mad
I like it like that and I know it
I know it well, ugly and sweet
I temper madness with an even extreme
That's what keeps me, that's what keeps me
That's what keeps me down
I say that I'm a bantam lightweight
I say that I'm a phantom airplane that never left the ground

[Chorus]
That's what keeps me, that's what keeps me
That's what keeps me down

To leave, leave it
Leave it all behind

[Verse 3]

Lift me, lift me
I attain my dream
I lost myself, I lost the
Heartache calling me
I lost myself in sorrow
I lost myself in pain
I lost myself in gravity
Memory, leave, leave, leave

[Chorus]

That's what keeps me, that's what keeps me
That's what keeps me down
To leave it, leave it
Leave it all behind
That's what keeps me, that's what keeps me
That's what keeps me down
To leave it, leave it
Leave it all behind

[Verse 4]

Lift my hands, my eyes are still
I'll walk into the sea
Shoot myself in a different place
And leave it
I've longed for this to take me
I've longed for my release
I've waited for the calling
To leave, leave

[Outro]

Leave, leave
Leaving
Leaving, leaving

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- Low Desert -----

[Verse 1]

It happened fast, it's over quick
A little dust and the engine kicks
Did your hands drift down off the wheel?
Roll out, hit your windshield
An eyelash or a little bit of sleep? Time stands still
Just call it now and you're on your way

[Chorus]

Hey
Hey hey
Hey

[Verse 2]

All the ashtrays, cities and the freeway drives
Broken casino and water-slides
Eighteen-wheeler, payback dice
Gravity pulls on the power line
Jet stream cuts the desert sky, this is a land could eat a man alive
Say you'll leave it all behind

[Chorus]

Hey
Hey hey
Hey

[Verse 3]

There's a radio tower that's egging you on
Back to the place where you never belong
Where people thrive on their own contempt
Whatever meaning is long gone, spent
If you had to guess or make a bet
Would you place yourself inside of it?
The mountains yawn, the clouds let out a sigh
"Tricked again," let go, okay

[Chorus]

Hey
Hey hey
Hey
Hey hey
Hey

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----

----- New Test Leper -----

[Verse 1]

I can't say that I love Jesus
That would be a hollow claim
He did make some observations
And I'm quoting them today
"Judge not lest ye be judged"
What a beautiful refrain
The studio audience disagrees
Have his lambs all gone astray?

[Chorus]

Call me a leper
Call me a leper
Call me a leper

[Verse 2]

"You are lost and disillusioned"
What an awful thing to say
I know this show doesn't flatter
It means nothing to me
I thought I might help them understand
But what an ugly thing to see
"I am not an animal"
Subtitled under the screen

[Chorus]

Call me a leper
Call me a leper
Call me a leper

[Verse 3]

When I tried to tell my story
They cut me off to take a break
I sat silent five commercials
I had nothing left to say
The talk show host was index-carded
All organized and blank
The other guests were scared and hardened
What a sad parade
What a sad parade

[Chorus]

Call me a leper
Call me a leper
Call me a leper

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- So Fast, So Numb -----

[Verse 1]

You're moving through the rough waters, motel boy
And swimming in your sleep
How could I be so blind, mis-sighted
Not to see there's something wounded deep?
Anyone could scratch your surface now
It's all amphetamine
You're blasting yourself into the present
To blur some past indignity, say that

[Pre-Chorus 1]

You say that you hate it
You want to re-create it

[Chorus]
I've been around, I've been your lover
I let it go at Kill Devil Hills
You're coming onto something so fast, so numb
That you can't even feel

[Verse 2]
You're drinking raw adrenal, baby
And do-si-do, saddo
You're eating cartilage, shark-eyes, shark-heart, all present tense
And boy, your blood is running cold
Listen! This is now, this is here this is me
This is what I wanted you to see
That was then, that was that that is gone, that is past
You cast yourself, cast passed by, thrown down fast

[Pre-Chorus 1]
You say, you say that you hate it
You want to re-create it

[Chorus]
I've been around, I've been your lover
I let it go at Kill Devil Hills
You're coming onto something so fast, so numb
That you can't even feel

[Bridge]
You love it, you hate it
You want to re-create it
Now! This is here, this is me
This is what I wanted you to see
That was then, that was that, that is gone
That is what I wanted you to feel

[Pre-Chorus 2]
You love it, you hate it
I'm spitting out the bitter pill

[Chorus]
I've been around, I've been your lover
I let it go at Kill Devil Hills
You're coming onto something so fast, so numb
That you can't even feel, whoa
I've been around, I've been your lover
I played it out to the hilt, whoa
You're coming onto something so fast, so numb

That you can't even feel
You've played around, you played me lover
I let it go at Kill Devil Hills, whoa
You're moving so hard, so fast, so numb
That you can't even feel

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- The Wake-Up Bomb -----

[Verse 1]

I look good in a glass pack, I look good and mean
I look good in metallic sick wraparound and blackout tease
I scud along the horizon, I drink some sweet tree tea
I get high in my low-ass boot-cut jean, I like being seen
I look good with my drink-eat-no-sleep, take-a-leap longevity
I get high on my attitude, latitude, 1973
Oh, I'm in deep

[Pre-Chorus]

My head's on fire and high esteem
Carry my dead, bored, been there, done that, anything

[Chorus]

Oh, the wake-up bomb
Oh, the wake-up bomb
Oh, the wake-up bomb
Oh, the wake-up bomb
My head's on fire and high esteem
Get drunk and sing along to Queen
Practice my T-Rex moves and make the scene
Carry my dead, bored, been there, done that, anything

[Verse 2]

I had to knock a few buildings over, I make an ugly mess
I had to blow a gasket, drop transmission, I had to decompress
I had to write the great American novel, I had a neutron bomb
I had to teach the world to sing by the age of 21
I wake up (Wake up), I wake up (Wake up)
I threw up when I saw what I'd done

[Chorus]

Oh, the wake-up bomb
Oh, the wake-up bomb
My head's on fire and high esteem
Get drunk and sing along to Queen
Practice my T-Rex moves and make the scene
Oh, I'd rather be anywhere than doing anything

[Bridge]

I've had enough, I've seen enough, I've had it all, I'm giving up
I won the race, I broke the cup, I drank it all, I spit it up
I've had enough, I've seen enough, I've had it all, I'm giving up
I won the race, I broke the cup, I drank it all, I spit it up
Yeah, atomic, supersonic, what a joke, oh, I'm dumb
See you, d-don't want to be you, you lunch meat, pond scum

[Outro]

My head's on fire in high esteem
Get drunk and sing along to Queen
Practice my T-Rex moves and make the scene
Yeah, I'd rather be anywhere doing anything
Yeah, I'd rather be anywhere doing anything
Yeah, I'd rather be anywhere doing anything

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- Undertow -----

[Verse 1]

I know what I wanted, I know what I wanted
I know how I wanted this to be
Go down to the water, drink down of the water
Walk up off the water, leave it be
But this is not my dream, sister, it is cold in heaven
And I'm not sprouting wings

[Chorus]

I'm drowning me
I'm drowning me
Yeah

[Verse 2]

Brother, can you see those birds? They don't look to heaven
But they don't need religion, they can see
They go down to the water, drink down on the water
Fly up off the water, leave them be
But this is not my time, sister, it is cold in heaven
And no one's coming after me

[Chorus]

I'm drowning me
(Breathing ourselves)
I'm drowning me
(Breathing ourselves)
Yeah

[Verse 3]

You know I am tired, cold and bony tired
Nothing's going to save me, I can see

I can't say I'm fearful, I can't say I'm not afraid
But I am not resisting, I can see
Now, I don't need a heaven, and I don't need religion
I am in the place where I should be
I am breathing water, I am breathing water
You know a body's got to breathe

[Chorus]

I'm drowning me
(Breathing ourselves, breathing ourselves)
I'm drowning me
(Breathing ourselves)
I'm drowning me
(Breathing ourselves, breathing ourselves)
I'm drowning me
(Breathing ourselves)

----- 1996 New Adventures in Hi-Fi -----
----- Zither -----

[Instrumental]

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Airportman -----

[Verse]

He moves efficiently
Beyond security
Great opportunity awaits
Airport fluorescent
Creature of habit
Labored breathing and shallow skin
Recycled air
Moving sidewalks
Great opportunity blinks
Great opportunity blinks
Great opportunity blinks
Great opportunity blinks
Discounted
The people mover
The people mover
Discounted

----- 1998 Up -----
----- At My Most Beautiful -----

[Chorus]

I've found a way to make you
I've found a way

A way to make you smile

[Verse 1]

I read bad poetry
Into your machine
I save your messages
Just to hear your voice
You always listen carefully
To awkward rhymes
You always say your name
Like I wouldn't know it's you
At your most beautiful

[Chorus]

I've found a way to make you
I've found a way
A way to make you smile

[Verse 2]

At my most beautiful
I count your eyelashes secretly
With every one, whisper I love you
I let you sleep
I know your closed eye watching me
Listening
I thought I saw a smile

[Chorus]

I've found a way to make you
I've found a way
A way to make you smile

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Daysleeper -----

[Verse 1]

Receiving department, 3 A.M
Staff cuts have socked up the overage
Directives are posted, no callbacks, complaints
Everywhere is calm
Hong Kong is present, Taipei awakes
All talk of circadian rhythm

[Chorus]

I see today with a newsprint fray
My night is colored headache gray
Daysleeper
Daysleeper
Daysleeper

[Verse 2]

The bull and the bear are marking their territories
They're leading the blind with their international glories
I am the screen, the blinding light
I'm the screen, I work at night

[Chorus]

I see today with a newsprint fray
My night is colored headache gray
Don't wake me with so much
Daysleeper

[Bridge]

I cried the other night
I can't even say why
Fluorescent flat caffeine lights
It's furious balancing
I am the screen, the blinding light
I'm the screen, I work at night

[Chorus]

I see today with a newsprint fray
My night is colored headache gray
Don't wake me with so much
The ocean machine is set to nine
I'll squeeze into heaven and Valentine
My bed is pulling me, gravity
Daysleeper
Daysleeper
Daysleeper
Daysleeper
Daysleeper

----- 1998 Up -----

----- Diminished / I'm Not Over You -----

"Diminished"

[Verse 1]

I watched you fall
I think I pushed
Maybe I'm crazy
Maybe diminished
Maybe I'm innocent
Maybe I'm finished
Maybe I blacked out
How do I play this?

[Chorus]

I will give my best today
I will give myself away
I have never hurt anything
Is the jury wavering?
Do they know I sing?

[Verse 2]

Maybe I'm crazy
Maybe diminished
How do I
How do I play this?
Jealous lover, self defense
Protective brother, chemical
Dependence
I'll consult the I Ching
I'll consult the TV
Ouija, Oblique Strategies
I'll consult the law books for
Precedents
Can I charm the jury?

[Chorus]

I will give my best today
I will give myself away
I have never hurt anything
Is the justice wavering?
Does she know I sing
That song?
Sing along (I will never hurt anything)
Sing along (I will never hurt anything)
Sing along (I will never hurt anything)

[Verse 3]

I watched you fall
I think I pushed
Maybe they'll see me
Maybe they'll say
"I can see the truth in his statement
Smallpox blanket? No way."
Can I charm the jury, my defense?
Maybe I'm crazy
Maybe diminished
Maybe I loved you
Baby I loved you
Baby I loved you
Baby I loved you
Baby I'm finished

[Chorus]

I will give my best today
I will give myself away
I have never hurt anything
Is the justice wavering?
Does she know I sing
That song?
Sing along (I will never hurt anything)
Sing along (I will never hurt anything)
Sing along (I will never hurt anything)

[Outro]

I have given myself away
I have given my best today
I have never hurt anything
Is the justice wavering?
Does she know I loved you?
Does she know I loved you?
Does she know I sing?

"I'm Not Over You"

[Verse]

I feel great, I lied to save your feelings
Truth convened, my head smashed through the ceiling
I lost an arm, no one harmed, you
Diplomatically alarmed
I sulked away to lick my thin skin

[Chorus]

And I'm not over you
I'm not over you
I'm not over you

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Falls To Climb -----

[Verse 1]

I'll take the position
Assume the missionary part
You work by committee
You had me pegged from the start
I'll be pounce pony
Phoney maroney
Pony before the cart
I'll be pounce pony
This ceremony
Only fills my heart

[Chorus]

Who cast the final stone?

Who threw the crushing blow?
Someone has to take the fall
Why not me?

[Verse 2]
A punch toy volunteer
A weakling on its knee
Is all you want to hear
And all you want to see
Romantically, you'd martyr me
And miss this story's point
It is my strength, my destiny
This is the role that I have chosen

[Chorus]
Who cast the final stone?
Who threw the crushing blow?
Someone has to take the fall
Why not me?

[Verse 3]
Gentlemen mark your opponents
Fire into your own ranks
Pick the weakest as strategic move
Square off to meet your enemy
For each and every gathering
A scapegoat falls to climb
As I step forward, silently
Deliberately mine

[Chorus]
Who cast the final stone?
Who threw the crushing blow?
Someone has to take the fall
Why not me? Why not me?
Had consequence chose differently
Had fate its ugly head
My actions make me beautiful
And dignify the flesh
Me. I am free. Free

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Hope -----

[Verse 1]
You want to go out Friday
And you want to go forever
You know that it sounds childish
That you've dreamed of alligators

You hope that we are with you
And you hope you're recognized
You want to go forever
You see it in my eyes
I'm lost in the confusion
And it doesn't seem to matter
You really can't believe it
And you hope it's getting better

[Verse 2]

You want to trust the doctors
Their procedure is the best
But the last try was a failure
And the intern was a mess
And they did the same to Matthew
And he bled till Sunday night
They're saying don't be frightened
But you're weakened by the sight of it
You lock into a pattern
And you know that it's the last ditch
You're trying to see through it
And it doesn't make sense
But they're saying don't be frightened
And they're killing alligators
And they're hog-tied and accepting of
The struggle

[Verse 3]

You want to trust religion
And you know it's allegory
But the people who are followers
Have written their own story
So you look up to the heavens
And you hope that it's a spaceship
And it's something from your childhood
You're thinking don't be frightened

[Verse 4]

You want to climb the ladder
You want to see forever
You want to go out Friday
And you want to go forever
And you want to cross your DNA
To cross your DNA with something reptile
And you're questioning the sciences
And questioning religion
You're looking like an idiot
And you no longer care
And you want bridge the schism

A built-in mechanism to protect you
And you're looking for salvation
And you're looking for deliverance
You're looking like an idiot
And you no longer care
Because you want to climb the ladder
You want to go forever
And you want to go out Friday
You want to go forever

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Lotus -----

[Intro]
Hey, hey!
Hey, hey!

[Verse 1]
I was hell, sarcastic silver swell
That day it rained
Tough spun, hard won, no
Ocean flower aquarium
Badlands, give a hand
Honey dip, flim flam
Hey hey, hey hey
That cat can walk like a big bad man

[Chorus]
So happy to show us
Oh, I ate the lotus
Say, haven't you noticed?
Oh, I ate the lotus

[Verse 2]
Storefront window, I reflect
Just last week I was merely heck
Tip the scale, I was hell
It picked me up, then I fell
Who's this stranger? Crowbar spine
Dot, dot, dot, and I feel fine
Let it rain, rain, rain
Bring my happy back again

[Chorus]
So happy to show us
Oh, I ate the lotus
Say, haven't you noticed?
Oh, I ate the lotus
Oh, I ate the lotus

[Verse 3]

Let it rain, rain, rain
Save me from myself again
Wash away my ugly sins
Opposing thumb, dorsal fin
That monkey died for my grin
Bring my happy back again
Let it rain, rain, rain
Bring my happy back again

[Chorus]

So happy to show us
Oh, I ate the lotus
Say haven't you noticed?
Oh, I ate the lotus
Oh, I ate the lotus
Oh, I ate the lotus
Oh, I ate the lotus

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Parakeet -----

[Verse 1]

You wake up in the morning
And fall out of your bed
Mean cats eat parakeets
And this one's nearly dead
You dearly wish the wind would shift
And greasy window slide
Open for the parakeet
Who's colored bitter lime

[Chorus]

Open the window
And lift into your dreams
Baby, baby
You can barely breathe

[Verse 2]

A broken wrist
An accident
You know that something's wrong
You fold the leavings of your past
No one knows you've gone
The sunspot flares of the early
Nineties light up your wings
And scan the shortwave radio
It's tracking outer rings

[Chorus]

Open the window
To lift into our dreams
Baby, baby
You can start to breathe

[Verse 3]

The tectonic dispatcher shifts
To smooth the ocean floor
And flattens out to warmer winds
Of Brisbane's sunny shore
Where Buddhas tend to mending wrists
A tea made from the leaves
Of eucalyptus fragrances
And coriander seeds

[Chorus]

Open the window
To lift into a dream
Baby, baby
You can start to breathe
Open the window
To lift into a dream
Baby, baby
You can start to breathe

[Outro]

You wake up in the morning
To warm Pacific breeze
Where mean cats chew on licorice
And cannot climb the trees

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Sad Professor -----

[Verse 1]

If we're talking about love
Then I have to tell you
Dear readers, I'm not sure where I'm headed
I've gotten lost before
I've woke up stone drunk
Face down in the floor

[Chorus]

Late afternoon, the house is hot
I started, I jumped up
Everyone hates a bore
Everybody hates a drunk

[Verse 2]

This may be a lip invention
Professors muddled in their intent
To try to rope in followers
To float their malcontent
As for this reader
I'm already spent

[Chorus]

Late afternoon, the house is hot
I started, I jumped up
Everyone hates a sad professor
I hate where I wound up

[Verse 3]

Dear readers, my apologies
I'm drifting in and out of sleep
Long silence presents the tragedies
Of love. Note the age. Get afraid
The surface hazy with attendant thoughts
A lazy eye metaphor on the rocks

[Chorus]

Late afternoon, the house is hot
I started, I jumped up
Everyone hates a bore
Everybody hates a drunk
Everyone hates a sad professor
I hate where I wound up
I hate where I wound up

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Suspicion -----

[Verse 1]

Now my suspicion's on the rise
I have known, I have known your kind
Please don't talk, don't make me think
Order up another drink
Let me let imagination drive

[Chorus]

Can't you see
I need nothing too deep
Imagination come alive
Suspicion
Tonight, I'll dream tonight

[Verse 2]

Listen to the devils in my ear
Tell me what, what I want to hear
You're so funny, you're so fine
You're so perfect, you're so mine
That I never had an opportunity to hide
No, I've never had a chance

[Chorus]

Can't you see
I need nothing too deep
Imagination come alive
Suspicion
Tonight, I'll dream tonight

[Verse 3]

Look into my eyes
They hypnotize, the lights, the drinks
Let the music carry you away
My eyes are blurred
My sights are limited
Am I sensing a familiar twinge?

[Chorus]

Please don't speak
Make me think
It's all too deep
Imagination
Come alive, suspicion
Step down, I'll dream tonight
Step down, I'll dream
You're so naked baby
Carry me away
Dream, dream

----- 1998 Up -----
----- The Apologist -----

[Verse 1]

They call me the apologist
And now that I'm at peak
You know at first it really hurt
We joke about these things
I've skirted all my differences
But now I'm facing up
I wanted to apologize for
Everything I was so

[Chorus]

I'm sorry, so sorry
So sorry, so sorry
So sorry, so sorry
So sorry

[Verse 2]

Did you understand me right?
The people here are good
They tell me what I should have done
And offer what I could
I'm good, all is good
All's well, no complaints
When I feel regret
I get down on my knees and pray

[Chorus]

I'm sorry, so sorry
So sorry, so sorry
So sorry, so sorry
So sorry, so sorry

[Post-Chorus]

I live a simple life
Unfettered by complex sweets
You think this isn't me?
Don't be weak
There I go
I'm so sorry

[Bridge]

Thank you for being there for me
Thank you for listening, goodbye
I can forfeit selfishness
I hope for you that you apply
This happiness
This peacefulness
This peacefulness

[Chorus]

I'm sorry, so sorry
So sorry, so sorry
So sorry, so sorry
So sorry

[Post-Chorus]

I live a simple life
Unfettered by complex sweets
You think this isn't me?
You're so sweet

I'm so sorry

[Outro]

Thank you for being there for me
Thank you for listening, goodbye

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Walk Unafraid -----

[Verse 1]

As the sun comes up, as the moon goes down
These heavy notions creep around
It makes me think, long ago
I was brought into this life a little lamb
A little lamb
Courageous, stumbling
Fearless was my middle name

[Pre-Chorus 1]

But somewhere there I lost my way
Everyone walks the same
Expecting me to step
The narrow path they've laid
They claim to

[Chorus]

Walk unafraid
I'll be clumsy instead
Hold my love me or leave me high

[Verse 2]

Say "keep within the boundaries if you want to play."
Say "contradiction only makes it harder."
How can I be
What I want to be?
When all I want to do is strip away
These stilled constraints

[Pre-Chorus 2]

And crush this charade
Shred this sad masquerade
I don't need no persuading
I'll trip, fall, pick myself up and

[Chorus]

Walk unafraid
I'll be clumsy instead
Hold my love me or leave me high

[Verse 3]

If I have a bag of rocks to carry as I go
I just want to hold my head up high
I don't care what I have to step over
I'm prepared to look you in the eye
Look me in the eye

[Pre-Chorus 3]

And if you see familiarity
Then celebrate the contradiction
Help me when I fall to

[Chorus]

Walk unafraid
I'll be clumsy instead
Hold my love me or leave me high
Walk unafraid
I'll be clumsy instead
Hold my love me or leave me high

----- 1998 Up -----
----- Why Not Smile -----

[Verse 1]

The concrete broke your fall
To hear you speak of it
I'd have done anything
I would do anything
I feel like a cartoon brick wall
To hear you speak of it

[Chorus]

You've been so sad
It makes me worry
Why not smile?
You've been sad for a while
Why not smile?

[Verse 2]

I would do anything
To hear you speak of it
Why not smile?

[Outro]

You've been sad for a while
You've been sad for a while

----- 1998 Up -----
----- You're In the Air -----

[Verse 1]

You wanted a challenge that's calling you higher
I landed on my feet by crawling
I remember standing alone trying to forget you idling
I hate to admit that that's my reference point
But there it is you say you want me

[Chorus]

I'm what you found, I'm upside down
You're in the air, you're in the air and I am breathing

[Verse 2]

Brighten the stars
The weather is lifting the heavens love a love like this
It's pulling you higher twist it and turn this around
It lights from within it dribbles your chin
Now brings a smile, I'm lost again
I'm lost again

[Chorus]

I'm what you found, I'm upside down
You're in the air, you're in the air and I am breathing you

[Verse 3]

I want the stars to know they've won if only to beguile
The sky has opened up again in heavens reconciled
I want you naked, I want you wild, I want the stars to know they win
Give me that smile, just give it me, just turn it on, I'm lost again

[Chorus]

I'm what you found, I'm upside down, you're in the air
I'm what you found, I'm upside down, you're in the air
I'm what you found, I'm upside down
You're everywhere, you're in the air and I am breathing you

----- 2001 Reveal -----

----- All the Way to Reno (You're Gonna Be a Star) -----

[Verse 1]

Hummin'
All the way to Reno
You've dusted the non-believers
And challenged the laws of chance
Now sweeter
You're so sugar sweet
You may as well have had Kick Me
Fastened on your sleeve

[Chorus]

You know what you are
You're gonna be a star
You know what you are
You're gonna be a star

[Verse 2]

"Wing" is written on your feet
Your Achilles' heel
Is the tendency
To dream
But you've know that from the beginning
You didn't have to go so far
You didn't have to go

[Chorus]

You know what you are
You're gonna be a star
You know what you are
You're gonna be a star

[Bridge]

You know who you are
You know who you are
You know who you are

[Verse 3]

Hummin'
All the way to Reno
You've written your own directions
And whistled the rules have changed

[Chorus]

You know what you are
You're gonna be a star (star)
You know what you are
You're gonna be a star (star)
You know what you are
You're gonna be a star (star)
You know what you are
You're gonna be a star (star)

[Outro]

Hummin'
All the way to Reno
All the way to Reno
All the way to Reno
You're gonna be a star, you are, you are
You're gonna be a star

You're gonna be a star, you are, you are
You're gonna be a star

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- Beach Ball -----

[Verse 1]
Tonight's alive
The beachball's set to fly
Those well tequilaed guys
Who smile at strangers
♦ tes souhaits
♦ tes amours ch♦ri
You give a little sneeze
And dance the rhu-rhu-rhu-rhu-rhumba

[Chorus]
This life is sweet
You're dancing in the street
Who knows who you might meet?
Who to find

[Verse 2]
The little week ends here
Thursday has an ear
The coffee klatch career
She talks to strangers
And kissing by the sea
Particular to me
'ti punch, mojito, sling
And dance the rhu-rhu-rhu-rhu-rhumba

[Chorus]
This life is sweet
You're dancing in the street
Who knows who you might meet?
Who to find

[Verse 3]
We flash the seaside sky
With starfish butterflies
To cast a spell and welcome locals
Weekenders and strangers

[Outro]
You'll do fine
You'll do fine
You'll do fine

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- Beat a Drum -----

[Verse 1]

The sun reflected in
The back of my eye
I knocked my head against the sky
The dragonflies are busy buzzing me
A seahorse as if we were in the sea

[Verse 2]

Half way from coal
Half way to diamond
My fall knocked a mean chip out of me
I'm gathering as far as I can reach
Perched up on a precipice
And this is what I've seen

[Chorus]

This is all I want
It's all I need
This is all I am
This is all I want
It's all I need

[Verse 3]

A bluejay hectors from the felled Catalpa tree
Doctorate in science and a theologians dream
Dragonflies are trying to lecture me
A seahorse as if we were in the sea

[Chorus]

This is all I want
It's all I need
This is all I am
This is all I want
It's all I need

[Verse 4]

Beat a drum for me
Like a butterfly wing
Tropical storm across the ocean
But don't explain I'm sure I'll want to know
Don't forget we're just half way from coal

[Chorus]

This is all I want
It's all I need
This is all I am

This is all I want
It's all I need

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- Chorus and the Ring -----

[Verse 1]
Hey there now young wholly, swing along
Quote the scriptures, keep them guessing
Which pit you crawled from
Just defy it, just deny it
Was it fun?
Your time has come
What have you done?
What have you done?

[Chorus]
That's when the insults start to sting
You can't remember anything
The chorus chime in, the Greek chorus
The machine of God singing

[Verse 2]
It's the poison that in measures brings
Illuminating vision
It's the knowing with a wink that we expect in Southern women
It's the wolf that knows which root to dig to save itself
It's the octopus that crawled back to the sea

[Chorus]
That's when the insults start to sting
You can't remember anything
The chorus chime in, the Greek chorus
The machine of God ring

[Verse 3]
Hammered, shooting plywood in the backyard
Laughing cause the racket makes the blackbirds sing
Write the holy terror
Suck the marrow from the bones
Singe your own wings burning books
You got the chorus and the ring

[Chorus]
That's when the insults start to sting
You can't remember anything
The chorus chime in, the Greek chorus
The machine sings
That's when the insults start to sting

You can't remember anything
The chorus chime in, the Greek chorus
The machine sings
That's when the calibration brittle
As a stick gets you the gold ring
And the tar museum Che Guevara wink
Gold ring
Gold ring

[Outro]

Sing
Sing
Sing
Sing

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- Disappear -----

I dragged my feet across the seat
Jumped out the passenger side
The only thing worth looking for
Is what you find inside
But that had not yet appeared
Lost, invisible here
Tel Aviv and Agadir
Taroudant and Olomouc
Before I learned to see
The vanishing point appears

I looked for you and everywhere
I looked for you and everywhere

There is a calm I haven't come to yet
I spent half my life figuring what comes next
I telescoped in, I finally win
I finally win the prize
That now my eyes see a comic's
Perfect timing squeeze
I'm head-first fighting everything
The crushing force of memory
Embracing all I've been
The vanishing point appears

I looked for you and everywhere
I looked for you and everywhere
Tell me why you're here
I came to disappear

Look at this face

Can you believe it?
Am I living in the beautiful vacuum?
Because I can't see it
The vanishing point appears

I looked for you and everywhere
I looked for you and everywhere
Tell me why you're here
I came to disappear
Tell me why you're here
I came to disappear
I came to disappear

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- Imitation of Life -----

[Verse 1]
Charades, pop skill
Water hyacinth, named by a poet
Imitation of life
Like a koi in a frozen pond
Like a goldfish in a bowl
I don't want to hear you cry

[Chorus]
That's sugarcane that tasted good
That's cinnamon, that's Hollywood
Come on, come on, no one can see you try

[Verse 2]
You want the greatest thing
The greatest thing since bread came sliced
You've got it all, you've got it sized
Like a Friday fashion show teenager
Freezing in the corner
Trying to look like you don't try

[Chorus]
That's sugarcane that tasted good
That's cinnamon, that's Hollywood
Come on, come on, no one can see you try

[Post-Chorus]
No one can see you cry

[Chorus]
That's sugarcane that tasted good
That's freezing rain, that's what you could
Come on, come on, no one can see you try

[Bridge]

This sugarcane, this lemonade
This hurricane, I'm not afraid
Come on, come on, no one can see me cry
This lightning storm, this tidal wave
This avalanche, I'm not afraid
Come on, come on, no one can see me cry

[Chorus]

That's sugarcane that tasted good
That's who you are, that's what you could
Come on, come on, no one can see you cry
That's sugarcane that tasted good
That's who you are, that's what you could
Come on, come on, no one can see you cry

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- I've Been High -----

[Verse 1]

Have you seen?
Have not; will travel
Have I missed the big reveal?
Do my eyes
Do my eyes seem empty?
I've forgotten how this feels

[Chorus]

I've been high
I've climbed so high
The light, sometimes it washes over me

[Verse 2]

Have you been?
Have done; will travel
I fell down on my knees
Was I wrong?
I don't know, don't answer
I just needed to believe

[Chorus]

I've been high
I've climbed so high
The light, sometimes it washes over me

[Verse 3]

So I dive into a pool
So cool and deep that if I sink I sink

And when I swim I fly, so high
What I want
All I really wanted
Just to live my life on high
And I know
I know you want the same
I can see it in your eyes

[Chorus]
I've been high
I've climbed so high
The light, sometimes it washes over me

[Outro]
Washes over me
I close my eyes
So I can see
Make my make believe, believe in me

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- I'll Take the Rain -----

[Verse 1]
The rain came down
The rain came down
The rain came down on me
The wind blew strong
The summer song
Fades to memory

I knew you when
I loved you then
The summer's young and helpless
You laid me bare
You marked me there
The promises we made

[Chorus]
I used to think
As birds take wing
They sing through life so why can't we?
You cling to this
You claim the best
If this is what you're offering
I'll take the rain
I'll take the rain

[Verse 2]
The nighttime creases

Summer schemes
And stretches out to stay
The sun shines down
You came around
You love easy days
But now the sun
The winter's come
I wanted just to say
That if I hold
I'd hope you'd fold
Open up inside, inside of me

[Chorus]
I used to think
As birds take wing
They sing through life so why can't we?
You cling to this
You claim the best
If this is what you're offering
I'll take the rain
I'll take the rain

[Verse 3]
This winter song
I'll sing along
I've searched its still refrain
I'll walk alone
I've given this, take wing
Celebrate the rain

[Chorus]
I used to think
As birds take wing
They sing through life so why can't we?
You cling to this
You claim the best
If this is what you're offering
I'll take the rain
I'll take the rain

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- Saturn Return -----

[Verse 1]
Easy to poke yourself square in the eye
Harder to like yourself, harder to try
These are Elvis poses
Postcards and neoprene
Roses a dollar a stem

Everyone sleeping or pulling the long haul and
Keys in the cooler it's three AM

[Chorus]
And saturn is beckoning no-one
Is off on its own
Is offering up

[Verse 2]
Late shift convenience store, burn out the lights
Telescope roof towards the north-western sky
You pulled the ladder and no-ones the wiser
You find your sights and discover

[Chorus]
Saturn is orbiting nothing
Is off on its own
Is breaking from home

[Verse 3]
Harder to like yourself, harder to try
Easy to take off

[Verse 4]
You found the ladder in the pattern of your wrist
You've seen and you've marked horizons
Mother was difficult, she made you cry
Cover the mirror, look to the sky
You climb into your rocketship trying
Lift up and hold out your hands

[Chorus]
Saturn is orbiting nothing
Is off on its own
Is breaking from home
Saturn is orbiting nothing
Is off on its own
Is breaking from home

[Verse 5]
Saturn return when you chase down its moons
Throw them into a new gravity
Harder to look yourself square in the eye
Easy to poke yourself, easy as pie
Easy to take off, harder to fly
Harder to wake Galileo

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- She Just Wants to Be -----

[Verse 1]

It's not that she walked away
Her world got smaller
All the usual places
The same destinations
Only something's changed
It's not that she wasn't rewarded
With pomegranate afternoons
And Mingus, Chet Baker and chess
It's not stampede and fortune
Of prim affectations
She's off on her own
But she knows now
Is greater than the whole
Of the past
Is greater and now she knows

[Chorus]

She just wants to be somewhere
She just wants to be
She just wants to be somewhere
She just wants to be

[Verse 2]

It's not that the transparency
Of her earlier incarnations
Now looked back on
Were rich and loaded
With beautiful vulnerability
But now she knows

[Pre-Chorus]

Now is greater
Now is greater
And she knows that

[Chorus]

She just wants to be somewhere
She just wants to be
She just wants to be somewhere
She just wants to be

[Pre-Chorus]

Now is greater
And she knows that

[Chorus]

She just wants to be somewhere

She just wants to be
She just wants to be somewhere
She just wants to be
She just wants to be somewhere
She just wants to be
She just wants to be somewhere
She just wants to be

[Verse 3]
It's not like if angels
Could truly look down
Stir up the trappings
A light on the ground
Remind us of what, when, why or who
The how's up to us
Me and you
And now is greater than the whole
Of the past
Is greater and now she knows that

[Outro]
Now she knows

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- Summer Turns to High -----

[Verse 1]
Mercury is rising still
Turn the fan on high
I won't step on my own shadow
No-one wants to cry
Someone put a pox on me
I spit in their eyes

[Chorus]
Summer turns to high

[Verse 2]
Lift my bed sheet keep in sandles
Circle search and there are candles
Summer's here but night is raising hopes and dragonflies
If those hopes are overshadowed by cotton-candy, caramel-wafer

[Chorus]
Summer turns to high
Summer turns to high
Summer turns to high
Summer turns to high

[Verse 3]

After wine and nectarines the fireflies in turn
Move like syrup through the evening with the sweet reign
I won't fight for can't happen
I'm preoccupied

[Chorus]

Summer turns to high
Summer turns to high
Summer turns to high
Summer turns to high

----- 2001 Reveal -----
----- The Lifting -----

[Verse 1]

Grounded 5 a.m
The night lite is comforting
But gravity is holding you
Once settled into sleep
You have watched on repeat
The story of your life
Across the ceiling
And in review

[Chorus]

You've said the air was singing
It's calling you you don't believe
These things you've never seen

[Verse 2]

"good morning, how are you?
The weather's fine, the sky is blue
It's perfect for our seminar
Now close your eyes
And start to breathe
Allow the noise to recede
Allow yourself to drift and fly away
But you just stay

[Chorus]

You've said the air was singing
It's calling you you don't believe
These things you've never seen

[Verse 3]

Did you hear these voices calling
Locked into a conference room

"we're only what our minds assume
And rationale is leaving you
This conceit these systems of belief
Your counselor agrees
"you've always mark these boundaries now you're free
And with relief

[Chorus]
You've said the air was singing
It's calling you you don't believe
These things you've never seen
You've said the air was singing
It's calling you you don't believe
These things you've never seen

[Bridge]
Never, never, never, never
Never, never, never, never
Never, never, never, never
Never, never, never, never
Never, never, never

[Outro]
Once you had a dream
Of oceans, and sunken cities
Memories of things you've never known

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- Aftermath -----

[Verse 1]
Now the radio stutters. snaps to life
Some sour song that sets it right
And when London falls
He'd like to call
But the stars collide
They're beautiful and much maligned
In a universe where you see the worst
And it's up to you to fix it

[Chorus]
Now you've worked it out
And you see it all
And you've worked it out
And you see it all
And you want to shout
How you see it all

[Verse 2]

It's easy to dismiss the "what's it all about" crowd
There is no doubt, it's this, here, now
And you close your eyes
He's not coming back
So you work it out, overfeed the cat
And the plants are dry and they need to drink
So you do your best. and you flood the sink
Sit down in the kitchen and cry

[Chorus]

Now you've worked it out
And you see it all
And you've worked it out
And you see it all
And you want to shout
How you see it all

[Verse 3]

Now the universe left you for a runners lap
It feels like home when it comes crashing back
And it makes you laugh
And it makes you cry
When London falls
And you're still alive
The radio stutters
It makes you laugh
And the aftermath
Open up your eyes
You're so alive

[Chorus]

Now you've worked it out
And you see it all
And you've worked it out
And you see it all
And you want to shout
How you see it all

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- Around the Sun -----

[Verse 1]

I want the sun to shine on me
I want the truth to set me free
I wish the followers would lead
With a voice so strong it could knock me to my knees

[Chorus]

Hold on world cause you don't know what's coming

Hold on world cause I'm not jumping off
Hold onto this boy a little longer
Take another trip around the sun

[Verse 2]

If I jumped into the ocean to believe
If I climbed a mountain would I have to reach?
Do I even dare to speak? To dream? Believe?
Give me a voice so strong
I can question what I have seen

[Chorus]

Hold on world cause you don't know what's coming
Hold on world cause I'm not jumping off
Hold onto this boy a little longer
Take another trip around the sun

[Outro]

Around the sun
Around the sun
Around the sun
Let my dreams set me free
Believe, believe
Now now now now now now

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- Electron Blue -----

[Verse 1]

You're on your ear, the ocean's near
The light has started to fade
Your high is timed, you found the climb
It's hard to focus on more than what's in front of you
Electron Blue
Adventure rings with a page and
When it dawns on you
It sings blue
Your buzz beginning to wane

[Chorus]

Adventure has laid its claim on you
It's all you want to do
You
You know where to run
You run Electron Blue

[Verse 2]

And who am I?
I'm just a guy

I've got a story like everyone
But in your eyes
You looked surprised
And didn't know where to run
I looked to her
She's found the cure
Her future's already begun

[Chorus]
Tomorrow's gaining speed on you
It's all you want to do
You
You know where to run
You run Electron Blue
You
You know where to run
You run electron blue

[Verse 3]
So bide your time
You'll feel the climb
Your high it builds like a lightning storm
It sings like pearls
You know that girl
And no one is any the wiser
So as if on cue
Electron Blue

[Chorus]
Tomorrow's gaining speed on you
It's all you want to do
You
You know where to run
You run Electron Blue
You
You know where to run
You run electron blue
You
You know where to run
You run electron blue

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- Final Straw -----

[Verse]
As I raise my head to broadcast my objection
As your latest triumph draws the final straw
Who died and lifted you up to perfection?
And what silenced me is written into law

[Chorus]

I can't believe where circumstance has thrown me
And I turn my head away
If I look I'm not sure that I could face you
Not again. not today. not today

[Verse]

If hatred makes a play on me tomorrow
And forgiveness takes a back seat to revenge
There's a hurt down deep that has not been corrected
There's a voice in me that says you will not win

[Chorus]

And if I ignore the voice inside
Raise a half glass to my home
But it's there that I am most afraid
And forgetting doesn't hold. it doesn't hold

[Bridge]

Now I don't believe and I never did
That two wrongs make a right
If the world were filled with the likes of you
Then I'm putting up a fight. I'm putting up a fight
Putting up a fight. make it right. make it right

[Verse]

Now love cannot be called into question
Forgiveness is the only hope I hold
And love- love will be my strongest weapon
I do believe that I am not alone

[Chorus]

For this fear will not destroy me
And the tears that have been shed
It's knowing now where I am weakest
And the voice in my head. in my head
Then I raise my voice up higher
And I look you in the eye
And I offer love with one condition

[Outro]

With conviction, tell me why
Tell me why
Tell me why
Look me in the eye
Tell me why

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----

----- High Speed Train -----

[Verse 1]

When I look into your eyes
Your drop like an anchor eyes
I scudded and clipped the sky
Just shy of making it
And you almost got away
I told you I was afraid
Did I really want to try
You're holding me to my claim

[Chorus]

I jump on a high speed train
I'll never look back again
I flail like the antelope
Who jumped from the building

[Verse 2]

And you caught me on the sly
You've taken me by surprise
You've mirrored my best disguise and
Turned it back on me

[Chorus]

I jump on a high speed train
I'll never look back again
I flail like the antelope
Who jumped from the building

[Chorus]

I jump on a high speed train
I'll never look back again
I flail like the antelope
Who jumped from the building

[Verse 3]

I'll bring you a big bouquet
I picked it myself today
It compliments your eyes
There's love at the end of the line

[Chorus]

I jump on a high speed train
I'll never look back again
I flail like the antelope
Who jumped from the building

[Chorus]

I jump on a high speed train
I'll never look back again
I flail like the antelope
Who jumped from the building

[Bridge]

And that's what I always knew
I'd like to have hung the moon
I'd wrestle you for a spoon inside your sleeping bag
Just us

[Outro]

No war, no hate, no past
It's real
I'm here, I'm yours, I'm fast
I'm long in the eye
I'm cry when I try
I just want to fly
Just you and I, together

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- I Wanted To Be Wrong -----

[Verse 1]

You know where I come from
You know what I feel
You're Yul Brenner Westworld
Reporting from the field
I threw it into reverse
Made a motion to repeal
You kicked my legs from under me
And tried to take the wheel

[Chorus]

I told you I wanted to be wrong
But everyone is humming a song
That I don't understand

[Verse 2]

Now I know that the sun has shined on my side of the street
The basket of America, the weevils and the wheat
The milk and honeyed congregation, scrubbed and apple-cheeked
Salute Apollo 13 from the rattle jewelry seats
Mythology's seductive and it turned a trick on me
That I have just begun to understand

[Chorus]

I told you I wanted to be wrong
But everyone is humming a song

That I don't understand

[Verse 3]

The rodeo is staged, gold circle goat-ropers and clowns
A rumble in the third act, tie 'em up and burn 'em down
We're armed to the teeth, born a little breech
Blue-plate special analysts, cells and SUV's
We can't approach the Allies cause they seem a little peeved
And speak a language we don't understand

[Chorus]

I told you I wanted to be wrong
But everyone is humming a song
That I don't understand

[Outro]

Storm into the boardroom of the conquering elite
Did you recognize the madman who is shouting in the streets?
Destroy the things that I don't understand
Destroy the things that I don't understand

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- Leaving New York -----

[Verse 1]

It's quiet now
And what it brings
Is everything

Comes calling back
A brilliant night
I'm still awake

I looked ahead
I'm sure I saw you there

You don't need me
To tell you now
That nothing can compare

[Chorus]

You might have laughed if I told you
You might have hidden a frown
You might have succeeded in changing me
I might have been turned around
It's easier to leave than to be left behind
Leaving was never my proud
Leaving New York, never easy
I saw the light fading out

[Verse 2]

Now life is sweet
And what it brings
I tried to take
But loneliness
It wears me out
It lies in wait

And all I've lost
Still in my eyes
The shadow of necklace
Across your thigh
I might've lived my life in a dream, but I swear
This is real
Memory fuses and shatters like glass
Mercurial future, forget the past
It's you, it's what I feel

[Chorus]

You might have laughed if I told you
You might have hidden a frown
You might have succeeded in changing me
I might have been turned around
It's easier to leave than to be left behind
Leaving was never my proud
Leaving New York, never easy
I saw the light fading out

[Bridge]

You find it in your heart
It's pulling me apart
You find it in your heart
Change
I told you forever (Find it in your heart)
I love you forever (It's pulling me apart)
I told you I love you (Find it in your heart)
I love you forever (Change)
I told you forever (Find it in your heart)
I love you forever (It's pulling me apart)
I told you I love you (Find it in your heart)
I love you forever (Change)

[Chorus]

(You never, you never told me forever)
You might have laughed if I told you (It's pulling me apart)
You might have hidden your frown (Change)
You might have succeeded in changing me (It's pulling me apart)

I might have been turned around (Change)
It's easier to leave than to be left behind (It's pulling me apart)
Leaving was never my proud (Change)
Leaving New York, never easy (It's pulling me apart)
I saw the light fading out (Change)
Leaving New York, never easy (It's pulling me apart)
I saw the light fading out (Change)
Leaving New York, never easy (It's pulling me apart)
I saw the light fading out (Change)

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- Make It All Okay -----

You threw away the ballast and you rowed your boat ashore
Didn't you, now? Didn't you?
You made your ultimatum, too big to ignore
Didn't you, now? Didn't you?

So you worked out your excuses
Turned away and shut the door
The world's too vast for us now
And you wanted to explore

It's a long... long, long road
And I don't know which way to go
If you offered me your hand again I'd have to walk away

When I saw you at the street fair, you called out my name
Didn't you, now? Didn't you?
You said we could start over, try and make it all okay
Didn't you, now? Didn't you?

So our past has been rewritten
And you threw away the pen
You said that I was useless
But now you'll take me in again

Well, Jesus loves me fine
And your words fall flat this time

Was it my imagination, or did I hear you say
"We don't have a prayer between us."

Didn't you believe that I have finally turned away?
Didn't you, now? Didn't you?
Anything to hold onto to help me through my day
Didn't you, now? Didn't you?

But Jesus loves me fine

But His words fall flat this time

It's a long... long, long road
And I don't know which way to go
If you offered me your world, did you think I'd really stay?
If you offered me the heavens, I would have to turn away

Was it my imagination, or did I hear you say
"We don't have a prayer between us."
Didn't you, now? Didn't you, now?
Didn't you?

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- The Ascent Of Man -----

[Verse 1]

So hesitation pulled me back
I'm stronger when I don't attract
In your eyes I'm a lamb without a rack
And I am getting confused
I'm a cactus trying to be a canoe
As you pan for ore in the desert, flooded
I say to you

[Pre-Chorus]

That I could never imagine a place so beautiful
I could never steal your gold away

[Chorus]

Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah
(I try to walk like a big wham bam
I came across like a battering ram
I try to float like a telegram sam
I'm trying to divine you)

[Verse 2]

My book is called "The Ascent Of Man"
I marked your chapter with a catamaran
The accent's off
But I am what I am

[Chorus]

Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah
(I try to walk like a big wham bam
I came across like a battering ram
I try to float like a telegram sam
I'm trying to divine you)

[Verse 3]

I looked for you, it's my last grandstand
A motorscooter goat legged pan
Figure eighting in quicksand

[Chorus]

Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah
(I try to walk like a big wham bam
I came across like a battering ram
I try to float like a telegram sam
I'm trying to divine you)

[Outro]

So hesitation pulled me back
I'm stronger when I don't attract
And with my hands tied I won't crack

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- The Boy In The Well -----

[Verse 1]

Look at this, it's me, walking away
Look at you drowning, on display
Every time I've dropped by, I've tried to say
The water is rising
You don't want to stay

[Pre-Chorus]

It's that sinking feeling, you know what it's bringing on
You might as well say it
I see it, I feel it
This town is going wrong
It's turning away

[Chorus]

You wanted me to be someone that I could never be
My new friends are offering things I've never dreamed
It's beautiful
I'd like for them to take me on

[Verse 2]

The track mall gang went off
On the Tennessee goth
A lunar moth
You chrysalis and flail
The water is rising, you try to rappel
A rousing cheer for the boy in the well

[Pre-Chorus]

It's that sinking feeling, you know what it's bringing on

You might as well say it
I see it, I feel it
This town is going wrong
It's turning away

[Chorus]

You wanted me to be someone that I could never be
My new friends are offering things I've never dreamed
It's beautiful
I'd like for them to take me on

[Verse 3]

Here is where I look back
Here is where you fell
This is where I got up
Shaking off my tail
This is where your rope trick
Started to look stale
A Greyhound Pass for the boy in the well

[Pre-Chorus]

It's that sinking feeling, you know what it's bringing on
You might as well say it
I see it, I feel it
This town is going wrong
It's turning away

[Chorus]

You wanted me to be someone that I could never be
My new friends are offering things I've never dreamed
It's beautiful
I'd like for them to take me on

[Chorus]

You wanted me to be someone that I could never be
My new friends are offering things I've never dreamed
It's beautiful
I'd like for them to take me on

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- The Outsiders (Ft. ♡Q-Tip) -----

[Verse 1]

You took me to the restaurant where we first met
You knocked a future shock crowbar upside my head
I got caught with the stop of the tick-tock, tick-tock clock
When you told me what you knew

[Chorus]

Lost in the moment
The day that the music stopped
And I do remember you
Drawing patterns with a cork on the tablecloth
Promising volcanic change of plot
Where will this lead us, I'm scared of the storm
The outsiders are gathering, a new day is born

[Verse 2]

I tried to tell you I am not afraid
You looked up and saw it all across my face
So am I with you or am I against?
I don't think it's that easy, we're lost in regret
Now I'm trying to remember
The feeling when the music stopped
When you told me what you knew

[Chorus]

Lost in the moment
The day that the music stopped
And I do remember you
Drawing patterns with a cork on the tablecloth
Promising volcanic change of plot
Where does this leave us, I'm scared of the storm
The outsiders are gathering, a new day is born
Drawing patterns with a cork on the tablecloth
Promising volcanic change of though
Where does this leave us, I'm scared of the storm
The outsiders are gathering, a new day is born
The outsiders are gathering, a new day is born
The outsiders are gathering

[Verse 3: Q-Tip]

A man walks away when every muscle says to stay
How many yesterdays? They each weigh heavy
Who says what changes may come?
Who says what we call home?
I know you see right through me, my luminescence fades
The dusk provides an antidote, I am not afraid
I've been a million times in my mind
This is really just a technicality, frailty, reality
Uh, it's time to breathe, time to believe
Let it go and run towards the sea
They don't teach that, they don't know what you mean
They don't understand, they don't know what you mean
They don't get it, I wanna scream
I wanna breathe again, I wanna dream
I wanna float a quote from Martin Luther King

[Outro]

I am not afraid
I am not afraid
I am not afraid
I am not afraid
I am not afraid
I am not afraid
I am not afraid

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- The Worst Joke Ever -----

[Verse 1]

You see there's this cat burglar who can't see in the dark
He lays his bets on 8 more lives, walks into a bar
Slips on the 8 ball, falls on his knife
Says, "I don't know what I've done, but it doesn't feel right!
Some things don't hold up over the course of a lifetime
When's the first time you heard that one, 1954?
Get to the punch line, fall to the floor

[Chorus]

Give me a minute and I'll tell you the setup for
The worst joke ever, I never
I'll tell you my version of the greatest life story
Don't bore me

[Verse 2]

Now I am floating
I feel released
The moorings have been dropped
The weights unleashed
Everything is crystalline, simple and free
The crime of good men who can't wrestle with change
Or are too afraid to face this life's misjudged unknowns
You're not hurting anybody else's chances
But you're disfiguring your own

[Chorus]

Give me a minute and I'll tell you the setup for
The worst joke ever, I never
I'll tell you my version of the greatest life story
Don't bore me

[Outro]

You see there's this feeling that I've heard this one before

----- 2004 Around the Sun -----
----- Wanderlust -----

[Verse 1]

Looks like I pulled a fast one
Looks like I went to town
Looks like the world revolves around me
Looks like it's falling down
I thought I'd kicked the traces
I thought the wheels would spin
I thought I'd jumped the fence and bolted
Looks like I'm back again

[Chorus]

I got my signals crossed
It's overwhelming because
I'm all alone and I can't get back
Get back with my wanderlust

[Verse 2]

I had to grab a suitcase
I had to change my clothes
I had to run the shower hot
Until the water froze
I brushed against confusion
I wanted time to grow
I want the sticks and stones not to throw me
Get back to what I know

[Chorus]

I got my signals crossed
It's overwhelming because
I'm all alone and I can't get back
Get back with my wanderlust

[Verse 3]

I'm searching for a greatness
I smear it on my face
I want to bathe in grape must
Swim the length of the milky way
I want it to be brilliant
I want it to be sweet
I want to kiss the astronauts
When they salute to me me me me

[Chorus]

I got my signals crossed
It's overwhelming because
I'm all alone and I can't get back
Get back with my wanderlust
I got my signals crossed

It's overwhelming because
I'm all alone and I can't get back
Get back with my wanderlust

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- Accelerate -----

[Verse 1]
Sinking fast, the weight chained to my feet
No time to argue with belief
I'm not alone, a thousand others dropping
Faster than me
What put me here?
Nothing to hold on to
Nowhere to brake

[Chorus]
Where is the ripcord, the trapdoor, the key?
Where is the cartoon escape-hatch for me?
No time to question the choices I make
I've got to fall in another direction

[Verse 2]
The last thing I remember was climbing up the stairs
I threw the window open in challenge and despair
I don't know what I needed
I needed time
I needed to escape
I saw the future turn
Upside-down and hesitate

[Chorus]
Where is the ripcord, the trapdoor, the key?
Where is the cartoon escape-hatch for me?
No time to question the choices I make
I've got to fall in another direction

[Verse 3]
The vista I see now is changing
Uncertainty is suffocating
Our hope has never felt so great and
Lit up down
A pounding pulse
To make it go
Make it slow down
Go

[Chorus]
Where is the ripcord, the trapdoor, the key?

Where is the cartoon escape-hatch for me?
No time to question the choices I make
I've got to fall in another direction

[Outro]
The city's burning, it's like it's ready to explode
Accelerate to make it slow
Make it go
Accelerate to make it slow
Make it go
I'm incomplete
I'm incomplete
I'm incomplete

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- Hollow Man -----

[Verse 1]
I've been lost inside my head
Echoes fall off me
I took the prize last night for complicatedness
For saying things I didn't mean and don't believe

[Chorus]
Believe in me, believe in nothing
Corner me and make me something
I've become the hollow man
Have I become the hollow man I see?

[Interlude]
Mmmmm, I see
This echoing

[Verse 2]
You have placed your trust in me
I went upside-down
I emptied out the room in thirty seconds flat
I can't believe you held your ground

[Chorus]
Believe in me, believe in nothing
Corner me and make me something
I've become the hollow man
Have I become the hollow man I see?

[Bridge]
I'm overwhelmed, I'm on repeat
I'm emptied out, I'm incomplete
You trusted me, I want to show you

I don't want to be the hollow man

[Chorus]

Believe in me, believe in nothing
Corner me and make me something
I've become the hollow man
Have I become the hollow man I see?

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- Horse to Water -----

[Verse 1]

I could have kept my head down
I might have kept my mouth shut
I should have held my own
You lead a horse to water and you watch him drown

[Verse 2]

You're only as big as your battles
Rattle my cage with your shadow
I'm a bantamweight with a mouth full of feathers
Don't you know that what comes around goes around?

[Chorus]

I'm not that easy
I am not your horse to water
I hold my breath, I come around, round, round

[Verse 3]

Don't darken my doorstep again
You're mixing up living in chin-chin
You're mixing up lose with win-win
You lead a horse to water and you watch him drown

[Verse 4]

You stumble on glass top table
TV's chewing shotgun cable
Pump me up a beanstalk fable
And I'll call this entertainment
Cause Humpty's falling down

[Chorus]

I'm not that easy
I am not your horse to water
I hold my breath, I come around, round, round

[Verse 5]

Pick a fight an ultra-buzzy bubble
Friday night fucking fried-up pub crawl

Bantamweight with a mouth full of feathers
Don't you know that what comes around goes around?

[Chorus]
I'm not that easy
I am not your horse to water
I hold my breath, I come around, round, round
It's not that easy
I am not your horse to water
I hold my breath, I come around, round, round

[Outro]
It's going down, down, down
This runaround, round, round
Is bound to pound
The daylights out of you!

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- Houston -----

[Verse]
If the storm doesn't kill me the government will
I've got to get that out of my head
It's a new day today and the coffee is strong
I've finally got some rest
So a man's put to task and challenges
I was taught to hold my head high
Collect what is mine
Make the best of what today has

[Chorus]
Houston is filled with promise
Laredo is a beautiful place
Galveston sings like that song that I loved
Its meaning has not been erased

[Bridge]
And so there are claims forgiven
And so there are things that are gone

[Chorus]
Houston is filled with promise
Laredo is a beautiful place
Galveston sings like that song that I loved
Its meaning has not been erased

[Outro]
And some things, they fall to the wayside
Their memory is yet to be still

Belief has not filled me
And so I am put to the test

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- I'm Gonna DJ -----

If death is pretty final
I'm collecting vinyl
I'm gonna DJ at the end of the world!

'Cause if heaven does exist
With a kickin' playlist
I don't wanna miss it at the end of the world!

Hey, steady steady
Hey, steady steady
I don't wanna go until I'm good and ready

It's on my mind
It's in my mind
It's what I've found
It's what I find

It's on my mind
It's in my mind
It's what I've found
Oh, my my my

"But I'll spin my way right through it"
Claims enthusiast Jack Pruitt
As the moths circle the moon
As you're circling the room

The music could provide the light
You cannot resist
You cannot resist
You cannot resist

And the weblogs that get tangled
As you willie and you wangle
In your walk-up in Seattle
Where you fought the nascent battle
And you threw the thread and throttle

Let us raise another bottle
Raise another bottle
Raise another bottle

Because

Death is pretty final
I'm collecting vinyl
I'm gonna DJ at the end of the world!

Hey, steady steady
Hey, steady steady
I don't wanna go until I'm good and ready

It's on my mind
It's in my mind
It's what I've found
It's what I find

It's on my mind
It's in my mind
It's what I've found
Oh, my my my

Hey, steady steady
Hey, steady steady
I don't wanna go until I'm good and ready

Hey, steady steady
Hey, steady steady
I don't wanna go until I'm good and ready

The music could provide the light
You cannot resist
You cannot resist
You cannot resist

Yeah

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- Living Well is the Best Revenge -----

[Verse 1]
It's only when your poison spins into the life you'd hoped to live
That suddenly you wake up in a shaking panic
Now
You set me up like a lamb to slaughter
Garbo as a farmer's daughter
Unbelievable, the gospel according to who?
I lay right down

[Chorus]
All your sad and lost apostles hum my name and flare their nostrils
Choking on the bones you toss to them
Well i'm not one to sit and spin

Cause living well's the best revenge
Baby, I am calling you on that

[Verse 2]

Don't turn your talking points on me, history will set me free
The future's ours and you don't even rate a footnote now!
So who's chasing you? Where did you go?
You disappeared mid-sentence
In a judgement crisis i see my anecdote for it
You weakened shell

[Chorus]

All your sad and lost apostles hum my name and flare their nostrils
Choking on the bones you toss to them
Well i'm not one to sit and spin
Cause living well's the best revenge
Baby, I am calling you on that

[Bridge]

You savour your dying breath
Well, i forgive but i don't forget
You work it out, let's hear that argument again
Camera three... Go now!

[Chorus]

All your sad and lost apostles hum my name and flare their nostrils
Choking on the bones you toss to them
Well i'm not one to sit and spin
Cause living well's the best revenge
Baby, I am calling you on that

[Outro]

Baby, I am calling you on that
Baby, I am calling you out

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- Man-Sized Wreath -----

[Verse 1]

Turn on the TV and what do I see?
A pageantry of empty gestures all lined up for me - wow!
I'd have thought by now we would be ready to proceed
But a tearful hymn to tug the heart
And a man-sized wreath - ow!

[Chorus 1]

Throw it on the fire
Throw it in the air
Kick it out on the dance-floor like you just don't care, oh

Give me some

[Verse 2]

Wave the palms, steal the alms, fists in the air
A motorcade up Ninth Street shows the people that you care - ow!
Nature abhors a vacuum but what's between your ears?
Your judgement clouded with fearful thoughts
A headlights and a deer - ow!

[Chorus 2]

Throw it on the fire
Throw it in the air
Kick it out on the dance-floor like you just don't care
Look what I've found
Everybody look around
Everybody looking like they just don't care, oh
Give me some

[Verse 3]

Well I'm not deceived by pomp and odious conceit
But a tearful hymn to tug the heart
And a man-sized wreath-ow!

[Chorus 3]

Throw it on the fire
Throw it in the air
Kick it out on the dance-floor like you just don't care
Look what I've found
Everybody look around
Everybody looking like they just don't care
Throw it on the fire
Throw it in the air
Kick it out on the dance-floor like you just don't care, oh
Give me some
Give me some
Give me some

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- Mr. Richards -----

[Verse 1]

Mr. Richards, your position
Is a messenger pigeon
Left behind you when the camp moved on
We thought that you would listen
But the words had never crystallized
Into a truth that you might own, hey hey

[Chorus]

Mr. Richards, your decision
Pay attention, pay attention

[Verse 2]

Mr. Richards, you're forgiven
For a narrow lack of vision
But the fires are still raging on
The public's got opinions
And these consequences border on
The compound that you razed
Where zealots sang, hey hey

[Chorus]

Mr. Richards, your decision
Pay attention, pay attention

[Verse 3]

So listen, your intention;
Sign the papers, stamp the ribbon
You're mistaken if you think we'll just forget
You can thump your chest and rattle
Stand in front of your piano
But we know what's going on
Yes we know what's going on
We're the children of the choir, hey
And we know what's going on
Mr. Richards, your conviction
Had us cheering in the kitchen
Now the jury's eating pigeon pie
So tell me how is prison?
Have they taught you how to listen?
We've begun to bridge the schism
Pay attention, pay attention

[Chorus]

Mr. Richards, your decision
Pay attention, pay attention

[Outro]

You can thump your chest and rattle
Stand in front of your piano
But we know what's going on
Yes we know what's going on
We're the children of the choir, hey
From the compound fire, hey
And we know what's going on
Yes we know what's going on

----- 2008 Accelerate -----

----- Sing For The Submarine -----

[Verse 1]

It feels in dreams
That everything is there for you
The city breathes and pulses
It's fuel electron blue
I knew that you could see right through it
So this is where you give in to the machine
Lift up your voice feel gravity's pull
Drown out the siren's ring
Oh...

[Chorus]

It's all here where I keep it
It's all in the submarine
It's all a lot less frightening
Than you would have had it be
But that's the good news my darling
It is what it's going to be
So sing, sing for the submarine

[Verse 2]

I tried to explain how it all begins
How its all destroyed and built again
I knew that you could not believe me
But now you're here and it's different
How the light shines in your eyes
In every second or situ
Expended I realized
That the world as we know it
The high speed train
We'll pick it all up and start again

[Chorus]

It's all here where I keep it
It's all in the submarine
It's all a lot less frightening
Than you would have had it be
But that's the good news my darling
It is what it's going to be
So sing, sing for the submarine

[Verse 3]

The city did not collapse in a shudder
The rain it never came
At least my confessions made you laugh
I know it's a little crazed
But these dreams...

They seem so real to me

[Chorus]

It's all here where I keep it
It's all in the submarine
It's all a lot less frightening
Than you would have had it be
But that's the good news my darling
It is what it's going to be
So sing, sing for the submarine

[Outro]

So this is where you trust me
And this where it begins
It's all a lot less frightening
Your tear you let it in
Tyrel and his mechanical owl
A moth disguised as a leaf...
Don't tell me what tomorrow brings
Climb into the hidden machine and
Sing sing sing sing sing sing
Sing sing for the submarine

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- Supernatural Superserious -----

[Verse 1]

Everybody here
Comes from somewhere
That they would just soon forget
And disguise
At the summer camp where you volunteered
No one saw your face
No one saw your fear
If that apparition had just appeared
Took you up and away
From this base and sheer
Humiliation
Of your teenage station
Nobody cares
No one remembers
And nobody cares

[Chorus]

How you cried and you cried
He's alive he's alive
How you cried and cried and you
Cried and you cried

[Verse 2]

If you call out "safe"
Then I'll stop right away
If the premise buckles
And the ropes start to chafe
The details smart
But the story's the same
You don't have to explain
You don't have to explain
Humiliation
Of your teenage station

[Chorus]

Yeah you cried and you cried
He's alive he's alive
How you cried and you cried and you
Cried and you
Realized your fantasies
Are dressed up in travesties
Enjoy yourself with no regrets

[Verse 3]

Everybody here
Comes from somewhere
That they would just as soon forget
And disguise

[Chorus]

Yeah you cried and you cried
He's alive he's alive
Yeah you cried and you cried and you
Cried and you cried

[Verse 4]

Now there's nothing
Dark and there's nothing weird
Don't be afraid I will hold you near
From the seance where you first betrayed
An open heart on a darkened stage
A celebration
Of your teenage station

[Outro]

It's an experience sweet, delirious
Supernatural, super serious
An experience sweet, delirious
Supernatural, super serious
Wow

----- 2008 Accelerate -----
----- Until The Day Is Done -----

[Verse 1]

The battle's been lost, the war is not won
An addled republic, a bitter refund
The business first flat earthers licking their wounds
The verdict is dire, the country's in ruins

[Chorus]

Providence blinked, facing the sun
Where are we left to carry on
Until the day is done
Until the day is done

[Verse 2]

As we've written our stories to entertain
These notions of glory and bull market gain
The teleprompter flutters, the power surge brings
An easy speed message falls into routine

[Chorus]

Providence blinked, facing the sun
Where are we left to carry on
Until the day is done
Until the day is done

[Verse 3]

A voice whispers son
The blessed vision comes
What have I done
What have I done
So hold tight your babies and your guns
Forgive us our trespasses, father and son

[Chorus]

Providence blinked, facing the sun
Where are we left to carry on
Until the day is done
Until the day is done
Until the day is done
Until the day is done
Until the day is done
Until the day is done

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- All the Best -----

[Verse 1]

So over me
So pie in my face
So talk to me
Tell me where to place this
In my Quasimodo heart
That's where I slipped and fell
I rang the church bell 'til my ears bled
Red blood cells

[Chorus]
I think
I'll sing and rhyme
I'll give it one more time
I'll show the kids how to do it
Fine, fine fine

[Verse 2]
I hold the mirror up
You tell me what is what
You tell me which part of my story, baby, stuck stuck stuck
I'm in a part of your dreams
That you don't even understand
It's just like me to overstay my welcome, man

[Chorus]
Let's sing and rhyme
Let's give it one more time
Let's show the kids how to do it
Fine fine, fine
Fine

[Verse 3]
I just had to get that off my chest
Now it's time to get on with the rest
All the best, all the best
All the best, all the best, best, best
It's just like me to overstay
My welcome, bless

[Chorus]
Let's sing and rhyme
Let's give it one more time
Let's show the kids how to do it
Fine fine, fine
Let's sing and rhyme
Let's give it one more time
Let's show the kids how to do it
Fine fine, fine
Fine

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- Alligator Aviator Autopilot Antimatter -----

I feel like an alligator
Climbing up the escalator
Climbing up the escalator, I feel strong

I feel like an aviator, pilot [bet you wouldn't buy it]
I'm feeling violent [betcha beady eye in]
Turn up and fly it, beat

HEY, HEY, ALLIGATOR YOU HAVE GOT A LOT TO LEARN
I HAVE GOT, HAVE GOT A LOT TO LEARN

I FEEL LIKE AN AUTOPILOT
I'm heroic STRONG AND SILENT
I FEEL LIKE A RAGE COMING UNDER MY HOOD
I FEEL GOOD AND CALM LIKE A ROBOT WOULD
I feel like an autopilot
I feel like an autopilot
I am not a hater hater hater hater hater

HEY, HEY, ALLIGATOR YOU HAVE GOT A LOT TO LEARN
I HAVE GOT, HAVE GOT A LOT TO LEARN

[I feel like a contradiction
I'm a walking science fiction
I don't know which way to turn
I have got a lot to burn!
I got a lot a lot to burn!]

IF I DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY YOU STARED AT ME
IF I DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY YOU STARED AT ME!
I COULD KNOCK YOU SIDEWAYS
I could knock you blind
I could show your found to the lost and find

I am not an agitator
I feel like an alligator
Climbing up the escalator

HEY, HEY, ALLIGATOR YOU HAVE GOT A LOT TO LEARN
I HAVE GOT, HAVE GOT A LOT TO LEARN
[you've got so much to learn. you've got a lot to learn]

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- Blue (Ft. ♦Patti♦Smith) -----

Yellow circus left the stakes of broken ropes, useless mud
The ties that bind, ha ha
I can be bad poet
Street poet, shit poet
Kind poet too
Subway, almost 4AM
Halloween night
Had enough to drink to make my own party
All my fellow riders in half costume, half asleep
Half silly, gone to seed
I don't mark my time with dates, holidays, fate, wisdom, luck, karma, or whatever's
Convenient. I am made by my times
I am a creation of now
Shaken with the cracks and crevices
I'm not giving up easy
I will not fold
I don't have much
But what I have is gold

(I saw your face)
I sing in platinum, I dress in brass (Good, lifting snow)
I eat a zinc. Let it pass
Compare a toast. I like that
I understand courage (Ever lifting smoke)
I still roll with the shout of a cab driver's attitude today
I try to see outside myself
I understand the eyes
Excuse all the highs
Sorry, I am sorry. Ha ha
(Boy of the moon)

I like you, love you, every coast of you (I'm not your face)
I've seen your eddies and tides and hurricanes and cyclones
Low ebb tide and high, full moon
Up close and distant, I read you
Like the sky, the sea, the ocean, the sun, the moon
Blue, blue, blue, blue, blue, blue, blue, blue, blue, blue, blue
Naked and blue (Naked and blue)
Breathing with you. Touch. Change. Shift. Allow air. Window open. Drift. Drift away.
Into now (Revenge you)
I want Whitman proud. Patti Lee proud. My brothers proud
My sisters proud. I want me. I want it all. I want sensational. Irresistible
This is my time and I am thrilled to be alive
Living. Blessed. I understand
Twentieth century, collapse, into now

Cinderella boy, you've lost your shoe
Cinderella boy, your coach awaits
A sun makes shadows all over your face

As you sit naked and blue into me

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- Discoverer -----

[Verse 1]

Hey baby
This is not a challenge
It just means that I love you
As much as I always said I did
I was wrong
I have been laughable wrong
Sandpaper, paper m \diamond ch \diamond , chalk
And hung out wet
Oh the city and your skin now
Na-na na-na, na-na
I didn't have to be afraid
I didn't have to feel so stupid
I can see myself
I can feel

[Pre-Chorus]

That just the slightest bit of finesse
Might have made a little less mess
But it was what it was
Let's all get on with it now

[Chorus]

Discoverer!
Discoverer!
Discoverer!
Discoverer!
Laughing!
Discoverer!

[Verse 2]

Floating across Houston
This is where I am
I see the city rise up tall
The opportunities
And possibilities
I have never felt so called
Remember that vodka espresso night of discovery
Remember that?
Laughing
Discovery
Oh how I look back and reflect
How I felt it
How it set

I don't have to feel so wrong
Now I wake up dreaming saffron, turmeric, and brass

[Pre-Chorus]
That just the slightest bit of finesse
Might have made a little less mess
But it was what it was
Let's all get on with it now

[Pre-Chorus]
That just the slightest bit of finesse
Might have made a little less mess
But it was what it was
Let's all get on with it now

[Chorus]
Discoverer!
Discoverer!
Discoverer!
Discoverer!
Discoverer!

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- Every Day Is Yours To Win -----

With the walk and the talk
And the tick tock clock
With the rock and the roll
And the bridge and the toll
With the brilliance and the light
And the stink and the fight
And the road ahead of you

I cannot tell a lie
It's not all cherry pie
But it's all there waiting for you, yeah you

Hey yeah, hey yeah
Hey yeah, I know

With the warp and the wooze
And the subterfuge
Does it all look bitter and blue?

Well i'm nothing but confused
With nothing left to lose
And if you buy that, i've got a bridge, for you

Hey yeah, hey yeah

Hey yeah, I know
Hey yeah, hey yeah
Hey yeah, I know

Every day is new again
Every day is yours to win
And that's how heroes are made
I wanted to win
So I said it again;
That's how heroes are made

Hey yeah, hey yeah
Hey yeah, I know
Hey yeah, hey yeah
Hey yeah, I know

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- It Happened Today (Ft. ♦Eddie♦Vedder) -----

[Verse 1]
This is not a parable
This is a terrible
This is a terrible thing
Yes I will rhyme that after
After all I've done today
I have earned my wings

[Chorus]
It happened today, hooray hooray
It happened, hip hip hooray

[Verse 2]
We'll leave the allegory
To another Bible story
Out of deference, defiance and choice
And close in on a promise after
After all I've done today
I have earned my voice

[Chorus]
It happened today, hooray hooray
It happened, hip hip hooray

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- Me, Marlon Brando, Marlon Brando And I -----

We live and dream about the future
Please ask Neil I need to pow-wow, now
Sift through the annals of our flavored times

Our heroes and all their fatal flaws
Me, Marlon Brando, Marlon Brando and I, sing

Lay me down down down down
Lay me down down down down down
Help me off to sleep
Take me deep again

We live and dream about our heroes
I listened closely, and I said
"I'm not sure where to place myself here, friend
I might pawn the gold rings instead."
The winners write the rule books
The histories and lullabies

Lay me down down down down
Lay me down down down down down

Help me off to sleep
(down, down, down)
Take me deep again
(down, down, down)

I heard what you said
(down, down, down)
I picture brass rings in your head
(take me down, down, down)
While golden and bronze are... bon bons
(down, down, down)
Brass is mixed with lead

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- Mine Smell Like Honey -----

I would dare you but I know I don't need to
You're going to do just what you want to
You're going to take the leading chair at the fairground
You're going to sing the praises of your fruit

Mine smell like honey uhh
Mine smell like honey uhh
Mine smell like huh huh huh huh
Honey uhh

Dig a hole, dig it deeper, deeper
Climb a mountain, climb it steeper, steeper
Dig a hole! Dig it deeper, deeper
Track a trail of honey through it all

If the end comes faster than we had expected
And predictions lead us to the final fall
If the flowers crack the grain, the weave, the patterns of the pavement
I can hear you shouting over it all

Mine smell like honey uhh
Mine smell like honey uhh
Mine smell like huh huh huh huh huh huh huh
Honey uhh

Dig a hole, dig it deeper, deeper
Climb a mountain, climb it steeper, steeper
Dig a hole! Dig it deeper, deeper
Track a trail of honey through it all

Dig a hole, dig it deeper, deeper
Climb a mountain, climb it steeper, steeper
Dig a hole! Dig it deeper, deeper
Track a trail of honey through it all
You track a trail of honey through it all
You track a trail of honey

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- Oh My Heart -----

[Verse 1]
The kids have a new take
A new take on faith
Pick up the pieces
Get carried away
I came home to a city half erased
I came home to face what we faced
This place needs me here to start
This place is the beat of my heart

[Chorus]
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)

[Verse 2]

Storm didn't kill me
The government changed
Hear the answer call
Hear the song rearranged
Hear the tress, the ghosts and the buildings sing
With the wisdom to reconcile this thing
It's sweet and it's sad and it's true
How it doesn't look bitter on you

[Chorus]

Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)

[Verse 3]

Mother and father
I stand beside you
The good of this world
Might help see me through
This place needs me here to start
This place is the beat of my heart

[Chorus]

Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)
Oh my heart
(oh my heart)

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- That Someone Is You -----

With the restraint
Of New Order covers
Young Marble Giants

I sat... quietly, waiting...
For someone else to make the first move
Someone else to make the first move

That someone is you
That someone is you!!!
That someone has pulled me up and out of cartoon quicksand
Pulled me up and out of me...

And with the fury look of Sharon Stone Casino
Scarface, Al Pacino, '74 Torino. I need
Someone else to make the first move
Someone else to make the first move

That someone is you
That someone is you
That someone has pulled me up and out of cartoon quicksand
Pulled me up and out of me...
You
Pull me up and out of cartoon quicksand
Pull me up and out of me

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- Walk It Back -----

Walk it back
Walk it back
Walk it back

What
What would you
Have had me say
Instead of what I said?

Where
Where would I go
How could I follow that
Except to do what I did

Which is to
Walk it back
Walk it back
Hmmm... Walk it back

Time
Reverse and rewind
Erase and revise
And try to start again
You

Don't you turn this around
I have not touch the ground
In I don't know how long

You say to
Walk it back
Walk it back
Walk it back

Hmmm... Walk it back
Walk it back
Walk it back

Time
Time
Time, it cannot abide

You
You can't turn away
You've asked me to stay
But something needs to change

Why can't you?

Walk it back
Hmmm... Walk it back
Walk it back

Walk it back
Walk it back
Hmmm... Walk it back

----- 2011 Collapse Into Now -----
----- ◆berlin -----

[Verse 1]
Hey now, take your pills and
Hey now, make your breakfast
Hey now, comb your hair and off to work
Crash land, no illusions;
No collision, no intrusion
My imagination run away

[Pre-Chorus]
I know, I know, I know what I am chasing
I know, I know, I know that this is changing me

[Chorus]

I am flying on a star into a meteor tonight
I am flying on a star star star
I will make it through the day and then the day becomes the night
I will make it through the night

[Verse 2]

Hey now, take the U-Bahn
Five stops, change the station
Hey now, don't forget that change will save you
Hey now, count a thousand, million people
That's astounding
Chasing through the city with their stars on bright

[Pre-Chorus]

I know, I know, I know what I am chasing
I know, I know, I know that this is changing me

[Chorus]

I am flying on a star into a meteor tonight
I am flying on a star star star
I will make it through the day and then the day becomes the night
I will make it through the night

[Verse 3]

I don't mind repeating
I am not complete
I have never been the gifted type
Hey, man, tell me something
Are you off to somewhere?
Do you want to go with me tonight?

[Pre-Chorus]

I know I know I know that this is changing;
We walk the streets, to feel the ground I'm chasing: ◆Berlin

[Chorus]

I am flying on a star into a meteor tonight
I am flying on a star, star star
I will make it through the day and then the day and then the day becomes the night
I will make it through the night