

# ***WORDS FILL MY HEAD***

## **Tell Tale Signs**

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## **Ain't Talkin'**

As I walked out tonight in the mystic garden,  
The wounded flowers were dangling from the vine,  
I was passin' by yong cool and crystal fountain,  
Someone hit me from behind.

Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
Through this weary world of woe.  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
No one on earth would ever know.

They say prayer has the power to heal, so pray for me, mother.  
In the human heart, an evil spirit will dwell.  
I'm tryin' to love my neighbor and do good unto others,  
But oh, mother things ain't goin' well

Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
I'll burn that bridge before you get across.  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
There'll be no mercy for you once you've lost

I'm all worn out from weeping,  
My eyes are full of tears and my lips are dry.  
If I ever catch my opponents sleeping,  
I'll slaughter them where they lie.

Ain't talkin', just walkin'  
Through a world mysterious and vague.  
Heart burnin', still yearnin'  
Walkin' through the cities of the plague.

The whole world is filled with speculation,  
The whole world which people say is round  
I've got no time for idle conversation  
I need to find a doctor in this town

Ain't talking, just walking  
All rails leading to the west  
Heart burning, still yearning  
I'm gonna throw myself upon your loving breast

It's the first new day of a grand and a glorious Autumn  
The queen of love is coming across the grass  
None dare call her anything but madam  
No one flirts with her or even makes a pass

Ain't talking, just walking  
Standing outside the gates of wrath  
Heart burning, still yearning  
Take a little trip down the primrose path

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I got the worst old feeling and it's getting stronger  
I'm worn out with public service, I'm beginning to crack  
I won't stay on any longer  
I'll avenge my father's death then I'll step back

Ain't talking, just walking  
Hand me down my walking cane  
Heart burning, still yearning  
Trying to get you out of my miserable brain

As I walked out tonight in the mystic garden  
The wounded flowers were dangling from the vine  
I was passing by yong cool and crystal fountain  
Someone hit me from behind

Ain't talking, just walking  
You ride 'em high and down you go  
Heart burning, still yearning  
No one on earth will ever know

## **Born In Time**

### **Version 1**

In the lonely night  
In the stardust of a pale blue light  
I think of you in black and white  
When we were made of dreams

I walk alone through the shaking street  
Listening to my heart beat  
In the record-breaking heat  
When we were born in time

Just when I thought  
You were gone, you came back  
Just when I was ready  
To receive you

You were smooth, you were rough  
You were more than enough  
Oh babe, why did I ever leave you?  
Or grieve you?

On the rising curve  
Where the ways of nature will test every  
nerve  
I took you close and got what I deserved  
When we were born in time

Just when I knew  
Who to thank, you went blank  
Just when the firelight  
Was gleaming

You were snow, you were rain  
You were striped, you were plain  
Oh babe, could it be that you were scheming?  
Or was I dreaming?

In the hills of mystery  
In the foggy web of destiny  
You're still so deep inside of me  
When we were born in time

### **Version 2**

In the lonely night  
In the smoking stardust of a pale blue light  
You're standing there in black and white  
Where we were made of dreams

I walk alone through the shaky streets  
Listening to my heart beat  
In the record-breaking heat  
Where we were born in time

Just when I thought  
You were gone, you came back  
Just when I knew  
It was for certain

You were high, you were low  
You were so easy to know  
Oh babe, now it's time to raise the curtain  
I'm hurting

Up on the rising curve  
Where the ways of nature will test every  
nerve  
Took me in and I got what I deserved  
Where we were born in time

Just when I knew  
Who to thank, you went blank  
Just when the home-fires  
Start smoking

You were snow, you were rain  
You were striped, you were plain  
Oh babe, truer words have not been spoken  
Or broken

In the hills of mystery  
In the foggy web of destiny  
You're still so deep inside of me  
Where we were born in time

## **Can't Escape From You**

Oh the evening train is rolling  
All along the homeward way  
All my hopes are over the horizon  
All my dreams have gone away  
The hillside darkly shaded  
Stars fall from above  
All the joys of earth have faded  
The night's untouched my love  
I'll be here 'til tomorrow  
Beneath a shroud of grey  
I pretend I'm free of sorrow  
My heart is miles away  
The dead bells are ringing  
My train is overdue  
To your memory I'm clinging  
I can't escape from you

Well I hear the sound of thunder  
Roaring loud and long  
Sometimes you've got to wonder  
God knows I've done no wrong  
You've wasted all your power  
You threw out the Christmas pie  
Now you're withering like a flower  
You'll play the fool and die  
I'm neither sad nor sorry  
I'm all dressed up in black  
I fought for fame and glory  
You tried to break my back  
In the far off sweet forever  
The sunshine peeking through  
We should have walked together  
I can't escape from you

I cannot grasp the shadows  
That gather near the door  
Rain falls round my window  
I wish I'd seen you more  
The path is ever-winding  
The stars they never age  
The morning light is blinding  
All the world's a stage  
Should be the time of gladness  
Happy faces everywhere  
The mystery of madness  
Is propagating in the air

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I don't like the city  
Not like some folks do  
Isn't it a pity  
I can't escape from you

We ploughed the fields of heaven  
Right down to the end  
I hope I can be forgiven  
If any words of mine offend  
All our days were splendid  
They were simple, they were plain  
It never should have ended  
I should have kissed you in the rain  
I've been thinking things all over  
All the moments full of grace  
The primrose and the clover  
Your ever-changing face  
Can't help looking at you  
You made love with god-knows-who  
Never found a gal to match you  
I can't escape from you

## **Can't Wait**

### **Version 1**

I can't wait  
Wait for you to change your mind  
I can't wait  
Waiting just making me go blind  
  
Do you ever lay awake at night  
Your face turned to the wall  
Drowning in your thoughtlessness  
And cut off from it all  
  
I don't know  
Maybe for you it's not that late  
But as for me  
Don't know how much longer I can wait  
  
It's got to end  
Everything about it just feels wrong  
I pretend  
Being close to her is where I don't  
belong  
  
Well my back is to the sun  
Because the light is too intense  
I can see what everybody  
In the world is up against  
  
I'll stay here  
Where I can feel the hand of fate  
And I don't know  
How much longer I can wait  
  
Skies are grey  
Life is short and I think of her a lot  
I can't say  
If I want the pain to end or not  
  
Well the blindness overtaking me  
Is beating like a drum  
I don't know where it starts  
Or where it's coming from  
  
That's how it is  
Well, try to concentrate  
And I don't know  
How much longer I can wait  
  
I been drinking  
Drinking forbidden juices

### **Version 2**

I can't wait  
Wait for you to change your mind  
I can't wait  
For you to walk the line  
  
You ever feel just like your brain  
Been bolted to the wall  
That you're drowning in your thoughtlessness  
And cut off from it all  
  
I don't know  
Maybe for you it's not that late  
But as for me  
I don't know how much longer I can wait  
  
It's got to end  
Everything about it just feels wrong  
I'll pretend  
Being close to her is where I don't belong  
  
Well my back is to the sun  
Because the light is too intense  
I can see what everybody  
In the world is up against  
  
That's how it is  
When things disintegrate  
And I don't know  
How much longer I can wait  
  
Skies are grey  
Life is short and I think of her a lot  
Every day  
I can't say whether I want the pain to even end or  
not  
  
Well I'm trying my best  
To stand on my own two feet  
Not have to lean on  
Everybody that I meet  
  
I'm breathing hard  
I'm trying to concentrate  
And I don't know  
How much longer I can wait  
  
I'm torn and I'm tattered  
I been rolling through the stormy weather

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I been living  
Living on lame excuses

My hands are cold  
The end of time has just begun  
I'm getting old  
Anything can happen now to anyone

I walk across the floor  
'Til I wear out my shoes  
You think you've lost it all  
There's always more to lose

I'm so clear  
She can keep my head on straight  
And I don't know  
How much longer I can wait

My heart's been shattered  
But I'm holding all the parts of it together

My hands are cold  
The end of time has just begun  
I'm getting old  
Anything can happen now to anyone

Loneliness around me  
Digging in me like a rake  
What a piece of work she is  
To cause my heart to break

I thought somehow  
That I'd be spared this fate  
And I don't know  
How much longer I can wait



## **Dignity**

### **Version 2**

Fat man looking in a Ferris wheel  
Yellow man looking in his last meal  
Hollow man looking in a cottonfield  
For dignity

Wise man looking in a blade of grass  
Young man looking in the days that pass  
Poor man looking through painted glass  
For dignity

Dignity is a woman that knows  
Dignity moves like a tropical wind that blows  
Into the cities, into the towns  
Into the land of the midnight sun

I'm searching high, I'm searching low  
Searching everywhere I know  
Asking the cops wherever I go  
Have you seen dignity?

Drunk man listens to a voice he hears  
In a crowded room full of covered-up mirrors  
Looking into the lost, forgotten years  
For dignity

Don Juan was talking to Don Miguel  
Standing outside of the gates of hell  
There ain't nothing to say, it ain't nothing to tell  
About dignity

Dignity is a woman unspoiled  
By fame and greed and snakes that are coiled  
In the damp woods, on the river's edge  
Near the green, green grass of home

Pull into the platform, step off the train  
Walk thirty steps, it begins to rain  
I'm asking somebody with water on his brain  
Have you seen dignity?

Cities in a mess of jackhammer beats  
Buses roll by with burned-out seats  
A child's eyes look through the creeping streets  
For dignity

Prince Phillip was talking to Miss Mary Lou  
She said don't let nobody see me talking to you

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She's afraid to tell him what she knew  
About dignity

Dignity is a woman that's light  
She don't tease, she don't travel at night  
Dignity is a woman that bleeds  
Like the hot Egyptian sun

I'm looking east, looking west  
See people cursed, see people blessed  
Asking everybody like a man possessed  
Have you seen dignity?

Blind man breaking out of a trance  
Puts both of his hands in the pockets of chance  
Hoping to find one circumstance  
Of dignity

Englishman stranded in the blackheart wind  
Combing his hair back, his future looks thin  
Bites the bullet and he looks within  
For dignity

Somebody showed me a picture and I just laughed  
Dignity never been photographed  
Dignity got no starting-point  
No beginning, no middle, no end

Looking at a glass that's half-filled  
Looking at a dream that's just been killed  
Asking everybody that's strong-willed  
Have you seen dignity?

## **Dreamin' Of You**

The light in this place is really bad  
Like being at the bottom of a stream  
Any minute now  
I'm expecting to wake up from a dream

Means so much  
The softest touch  
Like the grave of some child,  
Who neither wept or smiled  
I pondered my fate in the rain

I've been dreaming of you  
That's all I do  
And it's driving me insane

Somewhere dawn is breaking  
Light is streaking across the floor  
Church-bells are ringing  
I wonder who they're ringing for

Travel under any star  
You'll see me wherever you are  
The shadowy past  
Is so vague and so vast  
I'm sleeping in the palace of pain

I've been dreaming of you  
That's all I do  
But it's driving me insane

Maybe they'll get me, maybe they won't  
But whatever it won't be tonight  
I wish your hand was in mine right now  
We could go where the moon is white

For years they had me locked in a cage  
Then they threw me onto the stage  
Some things just last longer than you thought they would  
And they never ever explain

I've been dreaming of you  
That's all I do  
And it's driving me insane

Well I eat when I'm hungry, drink when I'm dry  
Live my life on the square  
Even if the flesh falls off my face  
It won't matter, long as you're there

Feel like a ghost in love

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Underneath the heavens above  
Feel further away than I ever did before  
Feel further I can take

Dreamin' of you  
Is all I do  
But it's driving me insane

Everything in the way is so shiny today  
In queer and unusual form  
Spirals of golden haze here and there in a blaze  
Like beams of light in a storm

Maybe you were here and maybe you weren't  
Maybe you touched somebody and got burnt  
The silent sun has got me on the run  
Burning a hole in my brain

I'm dreamin' of you  
That's all I do  
But it's driving me insane

## **Huck's Tune**

Well I wandered alone through a desert of stone  
And I dreamt of my future wife  
My sword's in my hand and I'm next in command  
In this version of death called life  
My plate and my cup are right straight up  
I took a rose from the hand of a child  
When I kiss your lips, the honey drips  
I'm gonna have to put you down for a while

Every day we meet on any old street  
And you're in your girlish prime  
The short and the tall are coming to the ball  
I go there all the time  
Behind every tree, there's something to see  
The river is wider than a mile  
I tried you twice, you can't be nice  
I'm gonna have to put you down for a while

Here come the nurse with money in her purse  
Here come the ladies and men  
You push it all in and you've no chance to win  
You play 'em on down to the end  
I'm laying in the sand, getting a sunshine tan  
Moving along, riding in style  
From my toes to my head, you knock me dead  
I'm gonna have to put you down for a while

I count the years and I shed no tears  
I'm blinded to what might have been  
Nature's voice makes my heart rejoice  
Play me the wild song of the wind  
I found hopeless love in the room above  
When the sun and the weather were mild  
You're as fine as wine, I ain't handing you no line  
I'm gonna have to put you down for a while

All the merry little elves can go hang themselves  
My faith is as cold as can be  
I'm stacked high to the roof and I'm not without proof  
If you don't believe me, come see  
You think I'm blue, I think so too  
In my words, you'll find no guile  
The game's gotten old, the deck's gone cold  
And I'm gonna have to put you down for a while

The game's gotten old, the deck's gone cold  
I'm gonna have to put you down for a while

## **Marchin' To The City**

### **Version 1**

Well I'm sitting in church  
In an old wooden chair  
I knew nobody  
Would look for me there  
Sorrow and pity  
Rule the earth and the skies  
Looking for nothing  
Anyone's eyes

Once I had pretty girls  
Did me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city  
And the road ain't long

Snowflakes are falling  
Around my head  
Lord have mercy  
It feel heavy like lead  
I been hit too hard  
Seen too much  
Nothing can heal me now  
But your touch

Once I had a pretty girl  
She done me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city  
And the road ain't long

Loneliness  
Got a mind of its own  
The more people around  
The more you feel alone  
I'm chained to the earth  
Like a silent slave  
Trying to break free  
Out of death's dark cave

Once I had a pretty girl  
Done me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city  
And the road ain't long

Boys in the street  
Beginning to play  
Girls like birds  
Flying away

### **Version 2**

Loneliness  
Got a mind of its own  
More people around  
More you feel alone  
I've been chained to the earth  
Like a silent slave  
I'm trying to break free  
Out of death's dark cave

Once I had a pretty girl  
She did me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city, boys  
And the road ain't long

I was hoping to my soul  
That we'd never part  
You took all the madness  
Right out of my heart  
I was hoping we could drink from  
Life's clear streams  
I was hopning we could dream from  
Life's busy dreams

Once I had a pretty girl  
She did me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city, boys  
And the road ain't long

My house is burning  
Up to the sky  
I thought it would rain  
But the clouds passed by  
Sorrow and pity  
Rule the earth and the skies  
I'm not looking for nothing  
In anyone's eyes

Once I had a pretty girl  
She did me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city, boys  
And the road ain't long

Wind is blowing  
All troubles and dirt  
It's time to get away  
Or someone gets hurt

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I'm carrying the roses  
That were given to me  
And I'm thinking about paradise  
Wondering what it might be

Once I had a pretty girl  
She done me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city  
And the road ain't long

Go over to London  
Maybe gay Paris  
Follow the river  
You get to the sea  
I was hoping we could drink from  
Life's clear streams  
I was hoping we could dream  
Life's pleasant dreams

Once I had a pretty girl  
But she done me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city  
And the road ain't long

Well the weak get weaker  
And the strong stay strong  
The train keeps rolling  
All night long  
She looked at me  
With an irresistible glance  
With a smile  
That could make all the planets dance

Once I had a pretty girl  
She did me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city  
And the road ain't long

My house is on fire  
Burning to the skies  
I thought the rain clouds  
But the clouds passed by  
When I'm gone  
You'll remember my name  
I'm gonna win my way  
To wealth and fame

Once I had a pretty girl  
But she did me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city  
And the road ain't long

I just don't know  
What I'm a-gonna do  
I was all right  
'Til I fell in love with you

Once I had a pretty girl  
She did me wrong  
Now I'm marchin' to the city, boys  
And the road ain't long

## **Mississippi**

### **Version 3**

I'm standing in the shadows with an aching heart  
I'm looking at the world tear itself apart  
Minutes turn to hours, hours turn to days  
I'm still loving you in a million ways

Well the devil's in the alley, there's a mule kicking in my stall  
Say anything you want to, I have heard it all  
I was raised in the country, I been working in town  
I been in trouble ever since I set my suitcase down

Well I ain't got nothing for you, I had nothing before  
Don't even have anything for myself anymore  
The sky's full of fire, pain is pouring down  
There's nothing you can sell me, I'll see you around

Well, I got here following the southern star  
I crossed that river just to be where you are  
There's only one thing I did wrong  
Stayed in Mississippi a day too long

Well I been loving you too long, I know you ain't no good  
It don't make a bit of difference to me, don't see why it should  
I was thinking about the things that Rosie said  
I was dreaming I was sleeping in Rosie's bed

Well I'm walking through the leaves falling from the trees  
I feel like a stranger nobody sees  
So many things we never will undo  
I know you're sorry, I'm sorry too

Some people will offer you their hand and some won't  
Last night I knew you, tonight I don't  
I need something strong to distract my mind  
I'm gonna look at you 'til my eyes go blind

Well everybody's moving, god knows where  
But I'm still here and you're still there  
Only one thing I did wrong  
Stayed in Mississippi a day too long

Well my ship's been split to splinters and it's sinking fast  
I'm drowning in the poison, got no future, got no past  
But my heart is not weary, it's light and it's free  
I got nothing but affection for those who have sailed with me

Winter goes into summer, summer goes into fall  
I look into the mirror, don't see anything at all



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Stick with me baby, stick with me anyhow  
Things should start to get interesting right about now

My clothes are wet, tight on my skin  
Not as tight as the corner that I painted myself in  
I know that fortune is waiting to be kind  
So give me your hand and say you'll be mine

The emptiness is endless, cold as the clay  
You can always come back, but you can't come back all the way  
Only one thing that I did wrong  
Stayed in Mississippi a day too long

## **Red River Shore**

### **Version 1**

Some of us turn off the lights and we live  
In the moonlight shooting by  
Some of us scare ourselves to death in the dark  
To be where the angels fly

Pretty maids all in a row lined up  
Outside my cabin door  
I've never wanted any of 'em wanting me  
Except the girl from the red river shore

Well I sat by her side and for a while I tried  
To make that girl my wife  
She gave me her best advice and she said  
Go home and lead a quiet life

Well I been to the east and I been to the west  
And I been out where the black winds roar  
Somehow though I never did get that far  
With the girl from the red river shore

Well I knew when I first laid eyes on her  
I could never be free  
One look at her and I knew right away  
She should always be with me

Well the dream dried up a long time ago  
Don't know where it is anymore  
True to life, true to me  
Was the girl from the red river shore

Well I'm wearing the cloak of misery  
And I've tasted jilted love  
And the frozen smile upon my face  
Fits me like a glove

Well I can't escape from the memory  
Of the one I'll always adore  
All those nights when I lay in the arms  
Of the girl from the red river shore

Well we're living in the shadows of a fading past  
Trapped in the fires of time  
I've tried not to ever hurt anybody  
And to stay out of the life of crime

And when it's all been said and done  
I never did know the score

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One more day is another day away  
From the girl from the red river shore

Well I'm a stranger here in a strange land  
But I know this is where I belong  
I'll ramble and gamble for the one I love  
And the hills will give me a song

Though nothing looks familiar to me  
I know I've stayed here before  
Once a thousand nights ago  
With the girl from the red river shore

Well I went back to see about her once  
Went back to straighten it out  
Everybody that I talked to had seen us there  
Said they didn't know who I was talking about

Well the sun went down on me a long time ago  
I've had to pull back from the door  
I wish I could have spent every hour of my life  
With the girl from the red river shore

Now I heard of a guy who lived a long time ago  
A man full of sorrow and strife  
That if someone around him died and was dead  
He knew how to bring 'em on back to life

Well I don't know what kind of language he used  
Or if they do that kind of thing anymore  
Sometimes I think nobody ever saw me here at all  
Except the girl from the red river shore

## **Someday Baby**

I don't care what you do, don't care what you say  
Don't care where you go, or how long you stay  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

You take my money and you turn me out  
You fill me up with self-doubt  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

You made me eat a ton of dust  
You're potentially dangerous, and not worthy of trust  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

Little by little, bit by bit  
Every day I'm becoming more of a hypocrite  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

You've got my mind tied up in knots  
I just keep recycling the same old thoughts  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

When I heard you was cold, I bought you a coat and hat  
I think you must have forgotten about that  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

Gonna blow out your mind, and make you pure  
I've taken about as much of this as I can endure  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

You put me down from a ??? creek  
That's all right, to you I turn the other cheek  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

You say you need me, how would I know?  
You say you love me, but it can't be so  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

I don't want to brag, but I'll wring your neck  
When all else fails, I'll make it a matter of self-respect  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more

Living this way ain't a natural thing to do  
Why was I born to love you?  
Someday baby, you ain't gonna worry poor me any more