WORDS FILL MY HEAD

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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

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 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 I been living Living on lame excuses

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

My hands are cold

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

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 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 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 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 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 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