



Guess Life Is Personal After All

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Don't Know If I Wanna Go Back

A nod to E.A. Robinson

I've been thinkin' about
visitin' my hometown.
Just wanna stop at night
and take a look around.

Been nearly forty years,
(I) don't know what I'll find.
Some memories are sweet,
others so unkind.

Chorus:

I don't know if I wanna go back,
I don't know if I wanna know
if strangers will shut the doors
friends opened long, long ago.

(It) takes courage to go back,
(but) I really don't know why.
Maybe I'm afraid to learn
what made me say goodbye.

Guess friends are buried there,
(I) don't know who I'll see.
Wonder if I'll know them,
wonder if they'll know me.

Chorus: Repeat

Maybe my friends are gone,
maybe they've moved away.
Even if I find them,
what will we have to say?

What am I worried about?
Old friends never change,
I'll be glad to see them,



It'll be old times again.

Chorus: Repeat



Patches No One Can See

Honey, that strange look in your eye
said more than your whispered goodbye.
I sense you've just stopped trying,
something beautiful is dying.

Maybe my eyes are empty, too,
maybe I'm ready for losing you.
But, before we say goodbye,
can we give us one more try?

Chorus:

I saw a ship in the harbor,
it sailed in so beautifully.
She sparkled in the morning light,
so graceful and carefree.
Beneath the water patches hide
that do not spoil her beauty.
Honey, our ship can sail again,
with patches no one can see.

The wounds I caused I want to heal,
I know the pain you feel is real.
Will you give me one more chance
to patch up our (broken) romance?

Tears are glittering in my eyes,
funny, thought I outlived surprise.
Let's sail again together,
on the sea of love forever.

Chorus: Repeat

Chorus: Repeat



The Girl Here In My Arms

One look into those blue-grey eyes
was all it took for me to learn
the feelings that I thought were dead
were all to eager to return.

Your easy laughter made me laugh,
your painful smile (just) made me cry.
I wasn't sure I could heal your heart,
but I knew I (really) had to try.

Chorus:

With each passing year I find
(that) I'm still drowning in your charms,
and I find the girl in my dreams
is still the girl here in my arms.

Trust that requires years to grow
blossomed in a matter of hours.
The kind and gentle words you spoke
were like dew to shriveled flowers.

We touched a gentle breeze in spring,
summer slowly turned to fall.
(Yet) time didn't pass (too) slow or fast,
it didn't seem to pass at all.

Chorus: Repeat

Now twenty years later
I still cling to every word.
Yours is the song that delights my ear,
the sweetest voice I've ever heard.

Chorus: Repeat

And still I find the girl in my dreams
is still the girl here in my arms.



Jules

Neighbors' dogs (they) see what I can't see,
the Feds are closin' in on me.
Soon there'll be a knocking at the door,
I've been down this gloomy road before,
now the shells are in the chamber,
(I) don't have the courage to prolong life's war.

Private pain finds (its) voice in silence,
(but) silence you can evade,
the coke and women we were (best of) friends.
Now at 3 A.M. this morning,
marshals are at my gate,
my gun will bring (me) silence again.

Chorus:

Jules, I won't see you smile again,
won't fear your frown or glimpse your grin.
Jules, I really hope you'll understand
why I choose to leave by my own hand.
I don't have a chance to say goodbye,
there's no one here to see me cry
as I slump against the closet door,
(guess) my private pain isn't private anymore.

When I got nine years for dealing
and settling a score,
how you cried, it shattered my cold heart.
I hear angry voices on the stairs,
I can't bear it anymore,
(guess) I couldn't undo the things I did before.

Does it (really) matter if I'm guilty,
do you need someone to blame?
Tonight I'm gonna be the judge and jury,
I know I must end this cruel game.
Soon there'll be a lifeless thud,
my tears will turn into a river of blood.

Chorus: Repeat





The Voice Of Tears Through The Rain

In the midnight mist I heard
the voice of tears through the rain.
When we hugged you held me tight,
until the downpour came.

Love never dies quietly,
it cries 'til no tears remain.
Through the years I'll always recall,
the voice of tears through the rain,
the voice of tears through the rain.

Perhaps we'll meet again someday,
and fall in love again.

But until that day I'll hear,
the voice of tears through the rain.

Love never dies quietly,
it cries 'til no tears remain.
Through the years I'll always recall,
the voice of tears through the rain,
the voice of tears through the rain,
through the rain.



Chicago, I Love You

Your hair brushed across my face,
as the cold wind began to blow.
We took a walk down Rush Street,
and fell in love in Chicago.

Heaven knows the love in your eyes
would have been spoiled by a (single) word.
Your smile was a (silent) promise
only heaven and I heard.

Chorus:

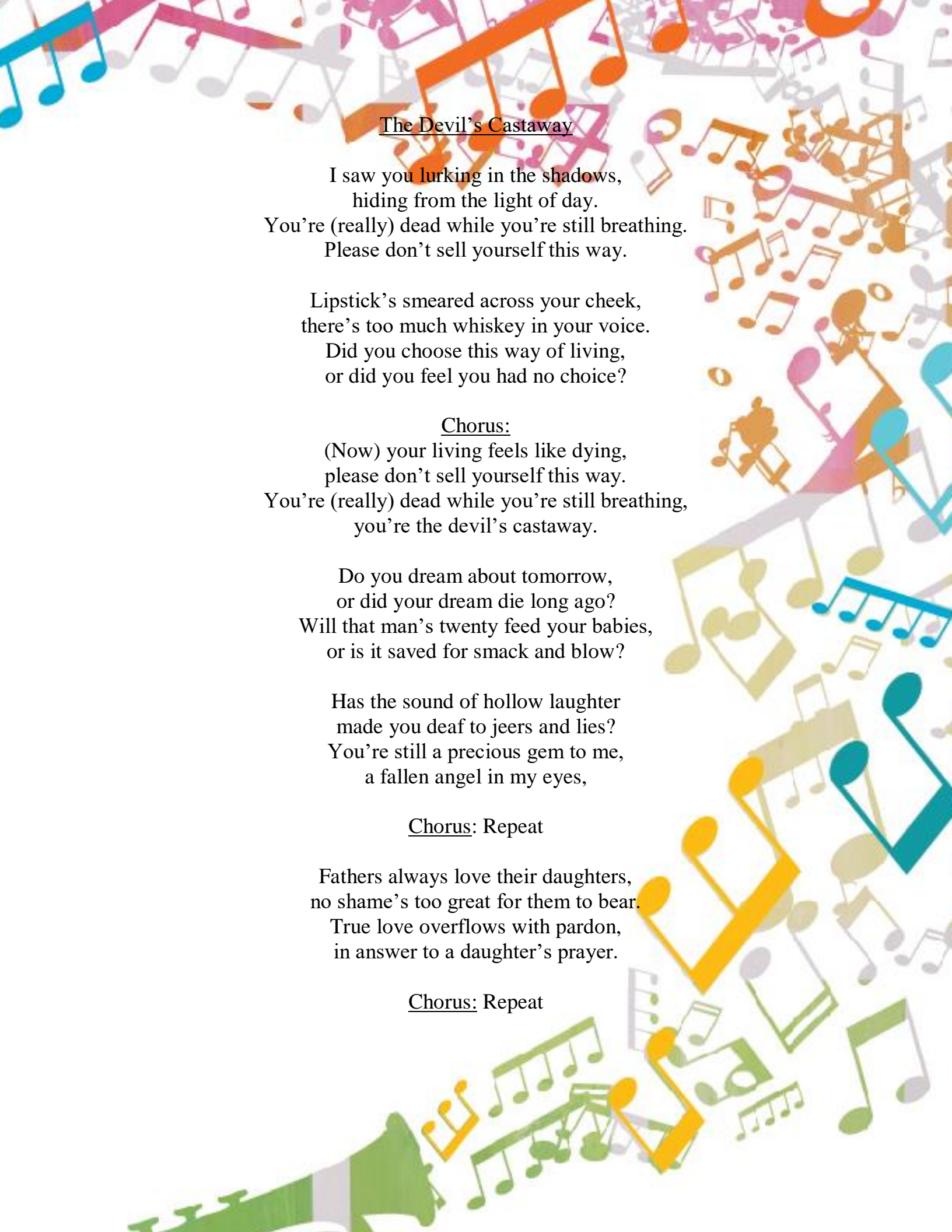
Chicago, I love you more each passing year;
I found the love I dreamed of here.

You're here in my arms tonight,
all I can do is softly pray
that I'll love you tomorrow
more than I did yesterday.

Two small-town kids found love
right here in the windy city.
I didn't find you by chance,
only God could bring you to me.

Chorus: Repeat

Chorus: Repeat



The Devil's Castaway

I saw you lurking in the shadows,
hiding from the light of day.
You're (really) dead while you're still breathing.
Please don't sell yourself this way.

Lipstick's smeared across your cheek,
there's too much whiskey in your voice.
Did you choose this way of living,
or did you feel you had no choice?

Chorus:

(Now) your living feels like dying,
please don't sell yourself this way.
You're (really) dead while you're still breathing,
you're the devil's castaway.

Do you dream about tomorrow,
or did your dream die long ago?
Will that man's twenty feed your babies,
or is it saved for smack and blow?

Has the sound of hollow laughter
made you deaf to jeers and lies?
You're still a precious gem to me,
a fallen angel in my eyes,

Chorus: Repeat

Fathers always love their daughters,
no shame's too great for them to bear.
True love overflows with pardon,
in answer to a daughter's prayer.

Chorus: Repeat



Time Didn't Heal My Heart

I smiled in the courtroom,
but it failed me when I tried,
the judge asked if I understood,
I nodded, but I lied.

The sound of laughter we shared
was still so real to me.
I wondered how you could forget,
and end it so easily.

Chorus:

Time didn't heal my heart,
only love did that for me.
Lois came into my life,
heaven must have heard my plea.

(I) don't know how long it took,
unsure exactly what I said.
The judge asked if I was fine,
my face just turned red.

I've never felt as small,
as you made me feel that day.
I mumbled I still love you,
you laughed and walked away.

Chorus: Repeat

That day was so very hard,
the (very) worst day of my life.
But if it hadn't happened at all,
Lois wouldn't be my wife.

Chorus: Repeat



Love Freely Until You Die

With a nod to S. Teasdale

Real men with brave hearts
are known by the risks they take.
Cowards never feel at all,
it's the gambler's heart that breaks.

A woman wants a fiery love,
no smoldering love for me.
Don't (you) be a gentle wave,
(just) be a raging sea.

Chorus:

Love freely, until you die,
live for love and let it burn.
If someone loves you in return,
don't be afraid to try.
Tomorrow may never come,
just spread your wings and fly;
love freely, love freely,
until you die.

Time is like flying leaves,
(and) time will take you from me.
(So) love me now with abandon,
like the wave is loved by the sea.

Bet all you have on our love,
risk everything with me.
Throw caution to the stars above,
only the brave are free.

Chorus: Repeat



Thank You For Breaking Your Vow To Me

Dreams were so important years ago,
I didn't want to let them go,
the tighter I held them the faster they left,
their memories are all I've kept.

Life never took the path I planned,
(it) never gave in to my demands,
it's hard to say where I would be
if you hadn't made a fool of me.

Chorus:

Funny, all the lies you put me through,
only made room for someone better than you.
It feels so good to be free,
thank you for breaking your vow to me,

Sometimes I still feel kinda blue,
every promise you made (to me)
was broken before you said, "I do",
wonder what I was smokin' when I met you.

Thanks for telling so many lies,
without them I wouldn't be as wise.
Hope the next fool escapes from you
before you (can) cheat on him, too.

Chorus: Repeat

Chorus: Repeat



I Live For Your Eyes Only

Honey, I never pass a tree
I don't carve your initials in.
Never imagined I'd find you,
never knew I could love again.

Your lips have kissed my tears away,
and will still my fears with time.
Your eyes can melt the coldest heart,
I know, they melted mine.

Chorus:

I live for your eyes only,
you see beauty in my scars.
My heart has a home at last,
home is wherever you are.

Your voice can always make me smile
when I hear it on the phone.
Notes you leave for me to find,
have (loving) voices of their own.

Your grace has always made me proud,
you sacrifice so easily,
God blessed you with a lover's heart,
then you gave that heart to me.

Chorus: Repeat

Chorus: Repeat



Ev'rybody Has A Sad Story

The sound of momma weepin'
kept me from sleepin' at night.
What can a little boy do
when (his) mommy and daddy fight?

Momma was screamin' on the porch,
the Ford was backin' down the drive.
Didn't know it was forever,
Daddy left without a goodbye.

Chorus:

Ev'rybody has a sad story,
this one belongs to me.
Ev'rybody has a sad story,
most are sadder than mine.
Stories don't always end sadly
if you give them enough time.

Little boys can't be husbands,
but sometimes they have to be.
There was no time to be a boy,
Momma was countin' on me.

My old man had a new life,
no time for his family.
He was too happy to worry
about what happened to me.

Chorus: Repeat

The little boy failed his mom,
lost his grip and lost his way.
He crumbled under the strain,
packed his anger and ran away.

Ev'rybody has a sad story,
but God knows all of them.
God rescued my Mom and me,



became Mom's husband and my friend.

Chorus: Repeat



Chicago's On My Mind

Hustlin's a jail without bars,
a hustler don't have a home.
He's a fugitive from life,
a man sentenced to roam.

L.A. in January
draws more hookers ev'ry year.
The tricks spend twice as much
if you buy 'em a beer.

My medicine show runs
three week in February.
Lots of crazies in Key West,
I treat lonely hearts for free.

Chorus:

Wherever I am in the word, Chicago's on my mind.
Nothin' I love more than Chicago in the summertime.

Ev'ry march I play Vegas,
Sellin' tourists a silly dream.
They're tourists so they buy,
but the dream ain't what it seems.

April finds me in Hot Springs,
where grandsons are their grandpas.
Ev'ry roll of crooked dice
makes me thankful for Arkansas.

Cornbread red rolls into town,
and I can tell it's may.
Nine ball leaves old Red broke
ev'ry May in Santa Fe.

Chorus: Repeat

I quit my ramblin' ways
when May turns into June.



Heaven's six hours from St. Lou,
I'll be on Rush Street by noon.

Chorus: Repeat



I Escaped Today

A man stopped by, and painted a picture for me,
a picture of a life where I'd be free.
The sound of waves crashin' filled my ears as he spoke.
As he talked, he rolled a joint and took a toke.

Ev'ry country girl dreams of goin' to L.A.,
I closed my waitress station and ran away.
If I don't leave now, I'll be here forever,
another girl who couldn't get her act together.

Chorus:

Doubt I'll ever come back
after I see L.A.
My heart's tellin' me
I escaped today.

I don't (really) need to know this guy's name,
don't (really) care that his story's kinda lame.
Country girl's gonna kill herself if she stays here,
just want no-name to put his Harley in gear.

I've been doin' as I was told my whole life.
If I stay here, I'll end up some hillbilly's wife.
(Even) if I marry some loser in L.A.,
at least I'll be two thousand miles away.

Chorus: Repeat



Memories

(The) breezes in my memory
are sweeter than they used to be.
(The) stars are brighter now, too,
(and) the lake is a deeper blue.
The good old days were good to me,
(no wonder) I live on memories.

In my memory our friends
are kinder than they were then.
Friends always say what they mean
when they live in your dreams.
The good old days were good to me,
(no wonder) I live on memories.

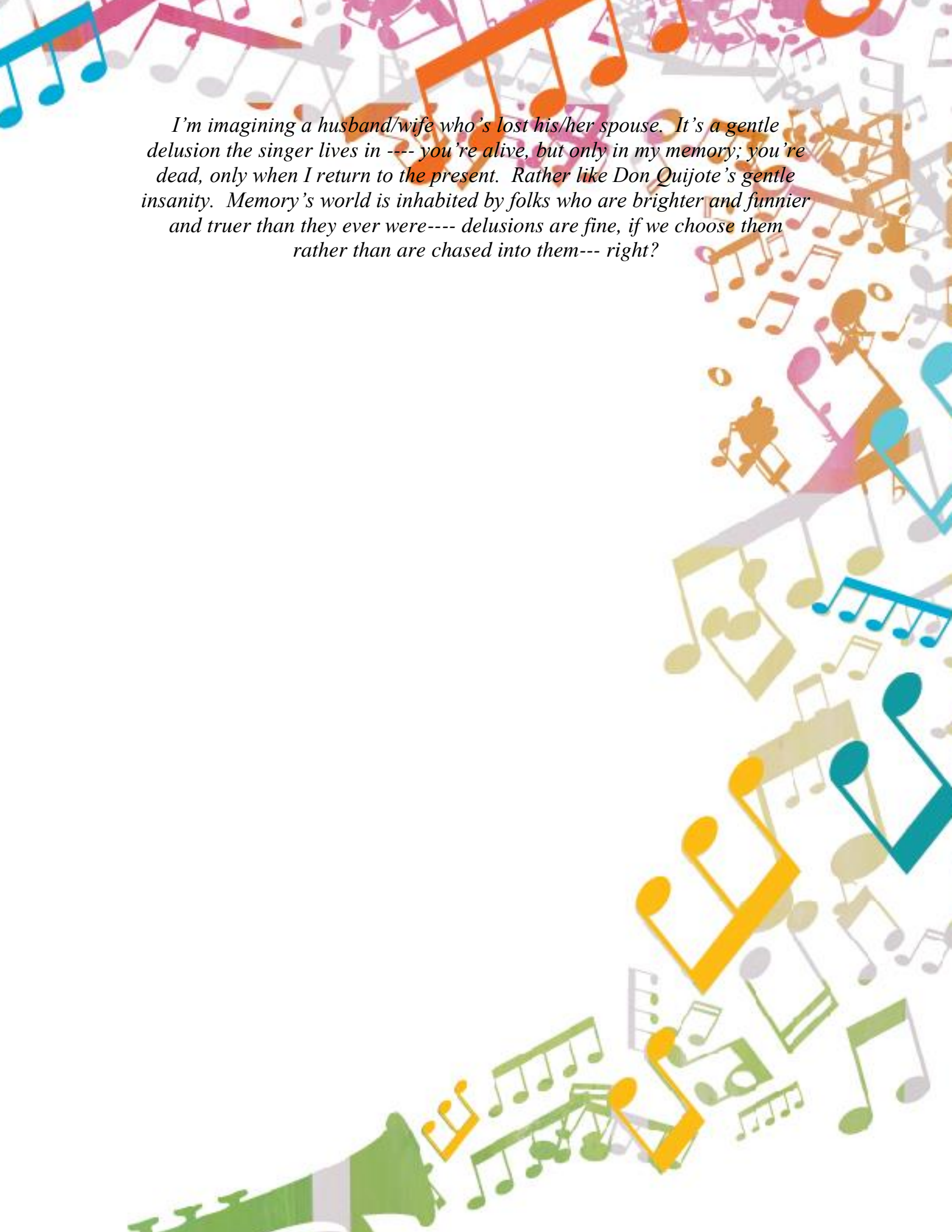
Chorus:

The good old days could not have been
as good as I remember them.
But good old days are good to me,
they bring you back to me again.
The past is where I like to be,
memories bring you back to me.

Your laughter in my memory
is louder than it used to be.
Seems old jokes are funnier, too,
no one tells them better than you.
The good old days were good to me,
(no wonder) I live on memories.

You're alive in my memory,
death hasn't stolen you from me.
We dream of our life together,
in dreams, lovers live forever.
The good old days were good to me,
(no wonder) I live on memories.

Chorus: Repeat



I'm imagining a husband/wife who's lost his/her spouse. It's a gentle delusion the singer lives in ---- you're alive, but only in my memory; you're dead, only when I return to the present. Rather like Don Quijote's gentle insanity. Memory's world is inhabited by folks who are brighter and funnier and truer than they ever were---- delusions are fine, if we choose them rather than are chased into them--- right?



Women Live In A World Of Their Own

Women live in a world of their own,
men don't know what that world's about.
They say "yes" when they mean "no",
say "don't leave" when they mean "get out".

Seems women cry when they're happy,
they also cry when they're sad.
Their eyes speak volumes when pleased,
same holds true when they're mad.

Chorus:

(It's) hard to understand women,
they think a little differently.
The older I get, the less I know,
they're (still) a mystery to me.

If I could get along without one,
I'd be creation's happiest guy.
If I didn't need someone to boss me,
I'd wave them all good bye.

Women can't wait to hear a man whisper
the three little words men hate to say.
"I love you" always makes a woman cry,
('cause) another man surrendered today.

Chorus: Repeat

Guess men have been whinin' for centuries
about women running their lives.
Guess men have always needed women,
thank God they're willing to be wives.

Chorus: Repeat



Where Have All The Heroes Gone?

There was a time when heroes lived next door,
men rich in friends, even if they were poor.
Men who knew money didn't make a man,
something men today don't seem to understand.

There was a time when a man's word was his bond,
when a handshake could be counted on.
It seems men today break their word easily,
they pride themselves on living selfishly.

Chorus:

Where have all the heroes gone,
simple men who lived simple lives?
What the world is missing today,
are men who live to sacrifice.

There was a time when men stood for something,
it's sad, but men today stand for nothing.
Heroes are men who'd rather suffer than lie,
men the world could miss when they die.

Some heroes are made by wars we fight,
some just play catch with sons at twilight.
Men today should look back on history,
and learn from the way men used to be.

Chorus: Repeat



Highway 101 Can Take You Anywhere

Four A.M. has its own sound
on Highway 101.

The world is fast asleep,
waitin' for the mornin' sun.

When you wake, you'll find I'm gone,
and start lookin' for a note.

You'll find my closet empty
and the goodbye card I wrote.

Chorus:

Highway 101 can take you anywhere,
(with) ev'ry mile your past is farther behind.
Gettin' easy to dream about a new love,
gettin' easy to put you outta my mind.

By nine you'll try to call me,
(but) the phone will only ring.

Our love belongs to the past,
gonna see what the highway brings.

After work you'll come home,
expectin' to find me there.

This time I'm gone for good,
it doesn't matter where.

Chorus: Repeat

Tomorrow mornin' you'll know
what I've known for some time.

We were a clumsy poem,
a song that strained to rhyme.

Chorus: Repeat



Lolo

A smile on your pretty face
and a smile in those blue eyes
are two very different things.
Your smilin' face seems out of place,
it's a frown in a smile's disguise,
a beggar playin' a king.

Maybe those blue eyes have seen
more than eyes were meant to see,
wept more than it's safe to weep.
Pain can make us shuffle between
the reckless fool we'd like to be,
and the life we'd like to keep.

Chorus:

Lolo, Lolo
was your innocence betrayed,
was your heart crushed by lies?
Will you let me love you softly,
'til all your anger dies?

If life's busyness died down,
would I find a side to you
(that) you've hidden far too long?
Would tears from those blue eyes drown
your painful old memories,
or just remind you what went wrong?

Chorus: Repeat



Johnny Walker's Missin' Me

I wanna go Black Label blind,
(so) Missy, pour another round.
You're gonna help me quiet
memories I need to drown.

(Just) hand the bottle over,
a glass is a waste of time.
Here's a five for the jukebox,
just don't play "I Walk The Line".

Chorus:

Time to leave my troubles behind,
Missy, forget the Chablis;
you and I are gonna see
if Johnny Walker's missin' me.

Life ain't fun unless I'm drunk,
love's a game I can't win.
I thought she was so cool,
'til I found her with my best friend.

Missy, let me buy you one,
ain't life a little strange?
Here's a Franklin for your trouble,
don't bother with the change.

Chorus: Repeat



Can't Imagine Life Without You

The way you gently taught me,
made me think I was teachin' you.
The courage you gave me,
(has) helped me to make it through.

Life was always hard for me,
love was hard for me, too.
I wondered if you meant it,
when you whispered "I love you".

Chorus:

You've been my bride all these years,
can't imagine life without you.
With each passing year I learn,
more sacred things about you;
can't imagine life without you.

Your smile within a smile
was somethin' I'd never seen.
Your hidden smile tipped me off,
and taught me about your dreams.

Sometimes your bits of wisdom
are not so very wise,
but you speak them from your heart,
(maybe) they're wisdom in disguise.

Chorus: Repeat



Maybe I'll Try Love Again

Sometimes about two A.M.,
hope whispers to me again.
Whispers words I wanna hear,
whispers through my tears.

Friends say time will dull my pain,
that I'll learn to smile again.
But time's no friend of mine,
wish I could put an end to time.

Chorus:

Maybe I'll try love again,
when the pain fades away,
after time heals my heart,
after pain has its say.

Not sure it's safe to try
to keep hope alive.
I remember your lies,
your bull, and your alibis.

Trust was dead when you were through,
nothin' you said was true.
All that's left's a worried mind,
not easy leavin' pain behind.

Chorus: Repeat

Now it's 'bout three A.M.,
hope's gone to bed again.
Pain is my only choice,
wish pain didn't have a voice.

Chorus: Repeat



There's Still A Song In You

Live like you'll die tonight,
it may prove to be true.
If you live in fear of death,
death's already conquered you.

It's regret that should be feared,
failure belongs to the brave.
Life is an adventure,
not a safe trip to the grave.

Chorus:

There's still a song in you,
don't be afraid to try.
Sing alone if you have to,
let them know you're alive.

Ev'ryone should dare to love,
we all have hearts to give.
Only cowards play it safe,
only gamblers really live.

Passion will fill your sails,
just cast off from the shore.
Friends wavin' from the dock
never know the ocean's roar.

Chorus: Repeat

Don't let them say you're too old,
life's not a young man's game.
If you don't take risks,
life and death are (really) the same.

Chorus: Repeat



Memphis Will Take Me In

A gentle rain will hide a tear,
but (it) won't heal a broken heart.
Think I'll thumb a ride to Memphis,
and see about a new start.

Out on Highway Fifty-five
the world keeps speedin' by.
Whole world must be goin' to Memphis,
goin' too fast to hear me cry.

Chorus:

Memphis will take me in,
she loves the broken-hearted.
Memphis won't ask where I've been,
or why my cryin' started.
Memphis will take me in,
she loves the broken-hearted.

Walkin' in the moonlight shower
with nothin' left but pride,
forty-two dollars to my name,
and an achin' deep inside.

My jeans are kinda squeakin',
my shirt's stickin' to my back.
Feel like drinkin' some Mad Dog,
or smokin' a little crack.

Chorus: Repeat

How could a woman do this to me?
Seems (like) I'd know when she lied.
(But) she's curled up with him now,
(and) I'm out here thumbin' a ride.

Chorus: Repeat



They Whispered Your Faults To Me

A tribute to Sara Teasdale

Friends say you're a dreamer,
a man without a plan.
I know dreamin' is your life,
they don't understand.

You don't know where you're goin',
(but) I still wanna follow.
Lead me where your heart leads you,
please don't tell me no.

Chorus:

They whispered your faults to me,
I laughed when they were through,
I knew them all before.
They're too blind to see
your faults are why I love you,
they make me love you more.

Ev'ryone laughs at your clothes,
there's no thought of fashion.
You have an inward beauty,
you sparkle with passion.

Chorus: Repeat

Life won't be easy for us,
it may be unkind.
As long as it's life with you,
I know I won't mind.

Chorus: Repeat



A Man Life Hasn't Tamed

Thunder rumbled down Rush Street,
I thought I'd make it home.
When it poured I raced for cover,
(and) found I wasn't alone.

We huddled in the doorway
to escape the drivin' rain.
You offered your coat to me,
(and) life was never the same.

Chorus:

Like the swirling spring rain,
my heart was wild that day.
You eyes said more that night
than your lips could ever say.

The street was a river of rain,
(and) lightning pierced the sky.
Yellow taxis splashed along
as the sudden storm swept by.

I've forgotten what you said
as we hid from the rain.
But I found my love that day,
a man life hasn't tamed.

Chorus: Repeat

**Thank you S. Teasdale*



Love Will Never Fly Again

Time for love to pawn its wings,
it will never fly again.
Tears crept down my cheeks as you
explained why you slept with him.

I have nothing left but money,
and a wealth of useless pride.
Neither is worth living for,
when the woman you love has lied.

Chorus:

Once love's wings are broken,
they will never mend.
One stolen moment
brings love to an end.
Love will never fly again,
love will never fly again.

Your pain was hidden from me,
pride was blocking my view.
I struggle to understand
how wrong I was about you.

We're both imprisoned now
in a world of our (own) making,
where both the prisoners smile,
while both their hearts are breaking.

Chorus: Repeat

Some things decency says once,
the echo lasts forever.
Love like a broken urn
won't go back together.

Chorus: Repeat



The Hustler's Blues

(The) sun kisses the horizon,
it's five A.M. again.
(The) way home never changes,
the hustle never ends.

(The) life I've been livin'
has been a little crazy.
Surprised the sun's willin'
to keep shinin' on me.

A hustler's life's all laughter,
the party never ends.
Bars are always filled with faces,
(but) none of them are friends.

Chorus:

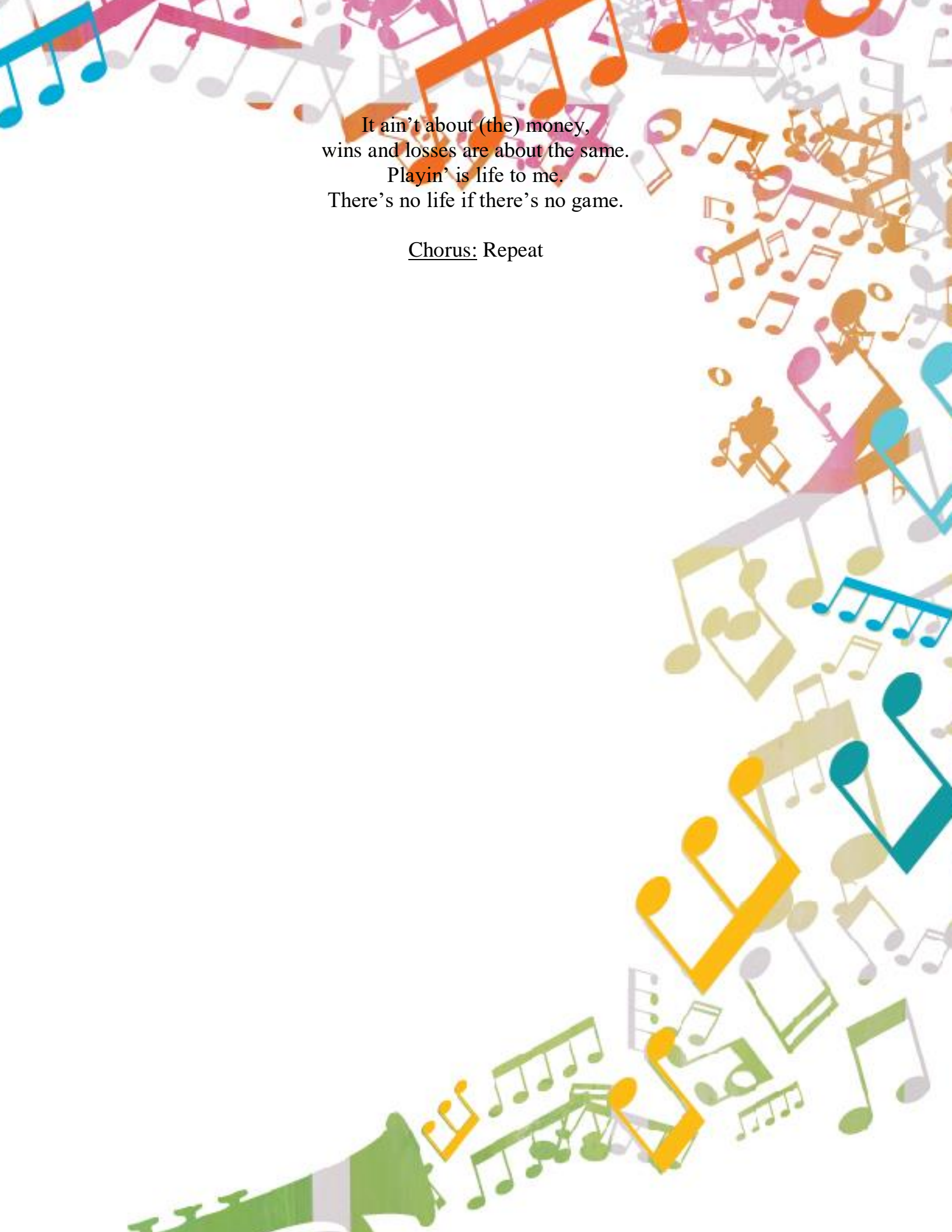
A hustler's what I wanna be,
even if it's killin' me.
I work hard at not workin',
hustlin' don't come free.

Not workin' makes for hard livin',
mornings come too soon.
I was old when I was young,
life's a little out of tune.

Only girls I know are barmaids,
lost souls (just) like me.
They pretend I'm worth knowin',
I pretend they're pretty.

Chorus: Repeat

Most men I know die twice,
dyin' of boredom looks hard.
Then sixty years of walkin' death
ends in an old graveyard.



It ain't about (the) money,
wins and losses are about the same.
Playin' is life to me,
There's no life if there's no game.

Chorus: Repeat



Time's A Heartless Thief

I saw the same old man today,
sitting across the room from me.
His smile betrayed his sorrow,
as he scribbled and sipped his tea.

The storm that's been his life
is written in his wrinkles.
The storm's there for all to see,
if they only take the trouble.

Chorus:

Time's a heartless thief,
soon it will steal him away.
One day he won't return,
I'll have one less friend that day;
think I'll speak to him today.

Today he read Thoreau,
yesterday it was Twain.
Thoreau makes his eyes grow dark,
Twain brings (back) their light again.

My world has grown smaller,
with room for (very) few faces.
His is one women can love,
a face that holds women's gazes.

Chorus: Repeat

I've never asked his name,
though our eyes meet once in a while.
Discontent makes me envy him,
my friend with the wrinkled smile.

Chorus: Repeat

**For a woman to sing, of course*



I Was Cryin' Out For Love

A thanks to S. Teasdale

Tonight I close my eyes and see
a strange procession passing me.
The years before I met you
smile as they come into view.

The old friends march by and wave,
still so shy and yet so brave.
Those old sensitive friends of mine
haven't changed after all this time.

Chorus:

My heart longed for beauty,
it was too blind to see
beauty was not enough,
I was cryin' out for love.

I wonder if the shy years knew
they were bringing me to you?
Each lonely year played a part
in leading me to your heart.

The years before I saw your face
pass by with a wistful of grace.
I'm grateful to those lonely years
when I nearly drowned in tears.

Chorus: Repeat



You Can Know A Woman's Secrets

I've learned smiles can't be trusted,
better to scan a woman's eyes.
Her eyes may sing a sad song,
while she smiles a lullaby.

Can you see the pain she's known,
do you sense the tears she hides?
Look gently into her soul
to learn what's hidden deep inside.

Chorus:

You can know a woman's secrets
by the shadows in her eyes.
Your only hope of loving her
is learning what her smile denies.

Does she need someone to love,
but old hurts cloud her mind?
Find what her smiles disguise,
and she'll leave the past behind.

If you look in her soul and see
what she doesn't want you to,
hold her (as) close as you can,
'til she knows she's safe with you.

Chorus: Repeat



There's Something In The Island Air

The beauty of the sunrise
still takes my breath away.
You look so beautiful
on the beach at Savannah Bay.

Breakfast at the Bath and Turtle
begins with Rose's tea.
The slow pace and your easy smile
make precious memories.

Chorus:

There's something in the island air
makes ev'rything brand new.
A stroll along the beach at night
reminds me why I love you.
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reminds me why I love you.

Back in the states you can't sit still,
(the) girl who's drowning in cares.
You're carefree on the island,
must be something in the island air.

A cold beer at the Mad Dog,
and all our troubles disappear;
we see each other with new eyes,
and the old love reappears.

Chorus: Repeat

Goats drift by at Olde Yard,
they're never in a hurry.
That's the life I want for us,
the one without a worry.

We won't forget the kind folks,
how friendly ev'ryone's been.
When life's cares get us down,



we'll come back again.

Chorus: Repeat



How Stupid Can One Man Be?

Wish I'd thought before I spoke,
wish we'd never had a fight.
Don't like these blues I'm feelin',
don't wanna sleep alone tonight.

Why can't I forget my pride
and call you on the phone?
I want you in my arms.
I wanna come home.

Chorus:

Maybe I'll never grow up,
maybe you're tired of me.
Wouldn't blame you if you left,
how stupid can one man be?

You never have raised your voice
when I'm mean and angry.
I can't control my temper,
can't stop (me from) bein' me.

Wonderin' if you'll take my call,
(and) accept my apology.
Will you give me one more chance,
are you willing to forgive me?

Chorus: Repeat

I wanna start over,
act like today didn't happen.
I wanna say I'm sorry,
just want you in my arms again.

Chorus: Repeat



I'm Tired Of Might-Have-Beens

I see the looks on their faces,
the lowerin' of their eyes.
Friends whisper behind my back
(that) you're a Judas in disguise.

Betrayal is a risk I'll take
for a chance to know (real) love.
Maybe guardin' this old heart
is what I'm tired of.

I'm done with playin' it safe,
it's time to let go.
Gonna be myself with you,
I'm done with the cool girl show.

Chorus:

I'm tired of might-have-beens,
half love's such a sad thing,
love's cowards lose in the end.
Let's risk it all for love,
I'm tired of might-have-beens.

Holdin' back, guardin' my heart
has always been my style.
Pretty soon, it's "Where'd you go"?
Haven't seen you for a while.

I don't care 'bout your past,
I know most of what you've done.
My (so-called) friends have warned me
'bout all the hearts you've broken.

Maybe you're ready to change,
ready to take a risk for love.
Maybe guardin' your old heart
is what you're tired of.

Chorus: Repeat



I Lied To You For Your Own Good

Sweetheart, don't be upset
(that) I'm buyin' new stools.
I didn't really lie to you,
or play you for a fool.

When I bought the old stools,
I got them for your T.V. room.
I know I said they'd work upstairs,
now I'm singin' a different tune.

Chorus:

I'll tell you the truth, Honey,
I lied to you for your own good.
I had to save you from yourself,
as any good wife would.

If I'd told you the truth,
you'd have just said no again.
So you wouldn't do the wrong thing,
I committed a little sin.

The new stools will make me happy,
the old ones would never do.
They're perfect for your T.V. room,
I was only thinkin' of you.

Chorus: Repeat

Would I lie to you again?
I can't believe your attitude!
I always tell you the truth,
the truth that's best for you.

Chorus: Repeat



Do Not Weep For Us, My Love

The Lord may be out of sight,
but never out of our seeing.
Hearts may see what eyes never can,
faith may stand while reason's fleeing.

My love, it's time to dry your tears,
God decides when our lives will end.
My love, it's time to calm your fears,
there's still a little time, my friend.

Chorus:

Do not weep for us, my love,
there's an endless world above.
This is a world where lovers say goodbye,
a world where even lovers die.
We will dwell with the Lord forever,
we will dwell with the Lord together.

God brought us to each other,
that we would know love along the way.
That you'd be a friend and lover
was your promise on our wedding day.

Your life's been better than your promise,
love's the foundation of our life.
You've never wavered in your love,
you've been a gracious, pilgrim wife.

Chorus: Repeat



Pretty Patti

You wouldn't let me know you,
wouldn't let me figure you out.
Were you some family's renegade,
or a princess runnin' from doubts?

The first time I saw you,
was the last time I saw you smile.
Were you curled lips an impish grin,
or your come-with-me style?

Chorus:

Pretty Patti, pretty Patti,
you musta been younger than you let on,
(the) circles under your eyes a disguise.
Did you know I'd given anything
to cool the fever in your eyes?

Was someone at home prayin' for you,
prayin' you were among the livin'?
Friend, sellin' yourself to strangers
was wastin' the life you were given.

Pretty Patti, no one wept at your grave,
am I the only one who'll miss you?
No one put flowers on your casket,
none of the strangers you sold yourself to.

Chorus: Repeat



Girl From The City

Thought I'd take a moment
to jot a note to you.
Scribbled on a napkin,
'cause the menu looks brand new.

Don't know where you are tonight
you always were a mystery.
I'm tossin' down some cold ones,
wonderin' if you think of me.

Could you feel my eyes on you
as you entered Kelly's Bar?
Pretty girl, you wowed me,
you looked like a movie star.

Chorus:

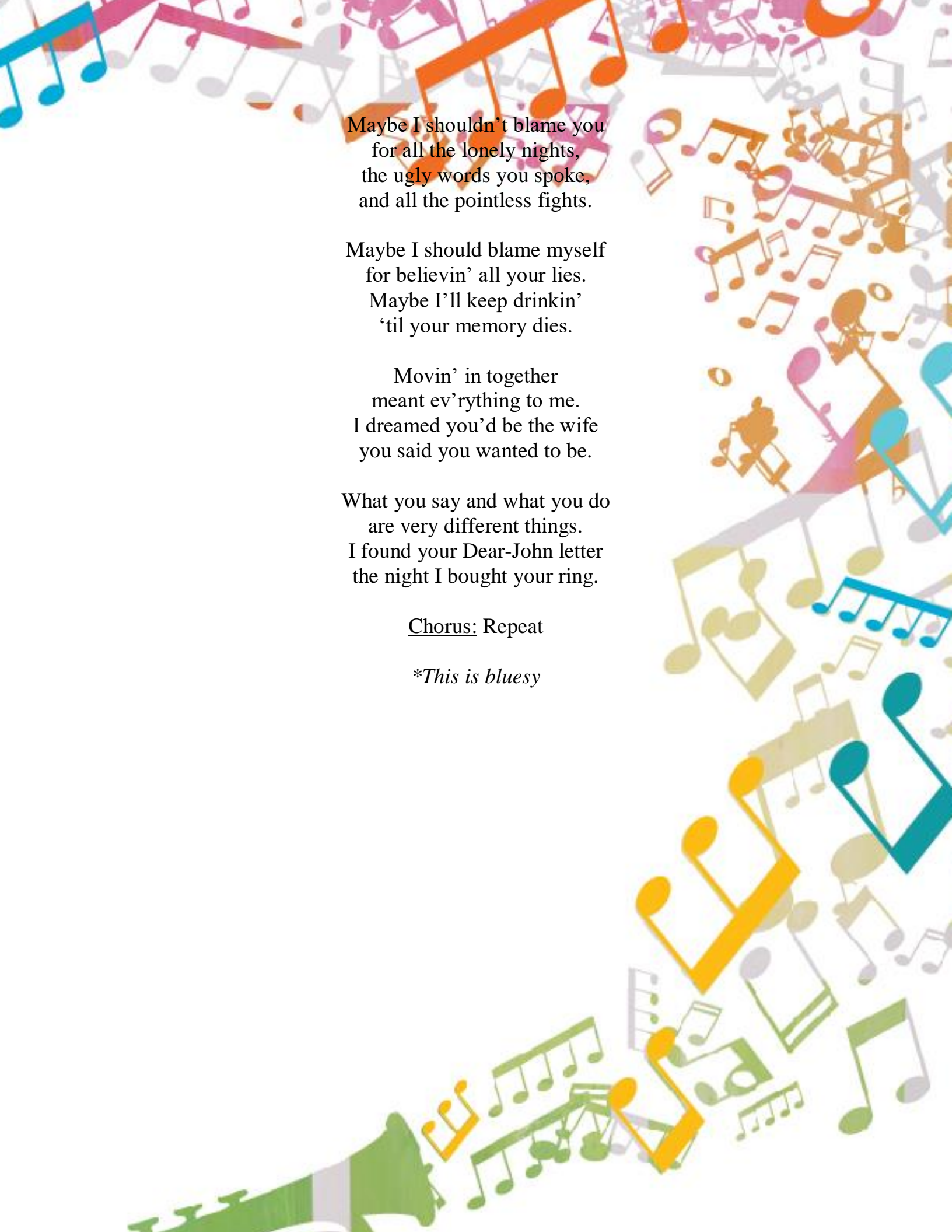
Maybe the lies you whispered
were kinder than your pity.
Maybe truth's a stranger
to the girl from the city.

Your eyes said more that night
than words could ever say.
You won me without trying,
you took my breath away.

I hung on ev'ry word,
laughed at ev'ry joke.
I smiled to see you smile,
spent 'til I was broke.

Was it all a game to you,
just a small town fling?
Early on I shoulda guessed
it didn't mean a thing.

Chorus: Repeat



Maybe I shouldn't blame you
for all the lonely nights,
the ugly words you spoke,
and all the pointless fights.

Maybe I should blame myself
for believin' all your lies.
Maybe I'll keep drinkin'
'til your memory dies.

Movin' in together
meant ev'rything to me.
I dreamed you'd be the wife
you said you wanted to be.

What you say and what you do
are very different things.
I found your Dear-John letter
the night I bought your ring.

Chorus: Repeat

**This is bluesy*



My Blessing

Your tears made me want to hold you,
your first smile stole my heart.
Dreamed about you most of my life,
you had me from the start.

Over the years I've come to love
the little things you do.
Your wrinkled nose and silly wink
have kept me from bein' blue.

Chorus:

Gave my heart to you that first day,
and a dime store ring.
Knew you'd give it back one day
with my blessing.

I saw you sing through tears
at your Mother's grave.
I realized I'd never known
anyone so brave.

Each year I love you more,
you make it so so easy.
It's time for me to set you free,
nothing else will please me.

Chorus: Repeat

Love with him your whole heart,
half love's a sad thing.
Don't worry about me, I'll be fine,
it's time to give back your ring.

Is there time for one last kiss,
after you finish dressing?
My gift on your wedding day
is a Father's blessing.

Chorus: Repeat





If I Miss Bein' Lied To

(I) learned more from you in a year
than from all my teachers combined.
I earned a degree in heartache,
which is what you had in mind.

You were a faithful teacher,
I was a little slow.
The lessons you taught me,
were things I needed to know.

Chorus:

If I miss bein' lied to,
or my heart begins to mend,
I'll borrow the tuition,
and enroll in your school again.

Guess I needed to learn,
but who asked you to teach me?
You taught me lessons alright,
I learned love don't come free.

Are you some kinda professor,
maybe a PhD?
Must have degree in lyin',
you were good at deceivin' me.

Chorus: Repeat



Shouldn't Have Cheated On Me

Sittin' outside his house at 3 A.M.,
Tryin' not to think 'bout what you're doin',
don't know why you're cheatin' on me.

Sittin' here tryin' to distract my mind,
stomach's churnin' and I can't stop cryin',
you're a stranger to me.

I know you're lyin' next to him,
probably in his arms and laughin',
the thought is killin' me.

Wonderin' what I'm supposed to do,
my mind's driftin' to killin' you,
don't know why you're cheatin' on me.

Sun's wakin' up, I'm feelin' like a fool,
wonderin' how you could be so cruel.
You're a stranger to me.

Been holdin' this gun since 2 A.M.,
wonder if I knew I'd shoot you then,
don't know why you're cheatin' on me.

Shots rang out, I went kinda numb,
think I'll sit here, no use to run,
shouldn't have cheated on me.

Hell's a helluva place for you,
be there myself in a minute or two,
the thought's amazin' to me.

Gonna dress you before the cops come,
guess your cheatin' days are done,
shouldn't have cheated on me.

**Better be the blues*



You're The Prince Of Liar's Avenue

You stole my heart when I was weak,
made promises you never planned to keep,
talked about feelin's you never felt,
you're a guy lost inside himself.

I shoulda seen through your disguise,
shoulda laughed as you spun your lies,
but I was hurtin' too bad to see
that you were only playin' me.

Chorus:

You're the prince of liar's avenue,
made me believe I really knew you.
Some nights I wonder what I was thinkin',
maybe it was the rum I was drinkin'
on my ride down liar's avenue.

You glittered when you walked,
fluttered pulses when you talked,
you were all I wanted you to be,
a broken heart's fantasy.

Wish you'd meant that smile
and half of what you said was true.
Guess I'm sad we ever met,
but I'm wiser for knowin' you.

Chorus: Repeat



Give Me A Hard-Hearted Woman

Lookin' for a hard-hearted woman,
whose lies I know are lies.
Don't want no two-faced lover
wearin' a lovers disguise.

Why can't a smile be a smile,
don't words mean anything?
Thought smiles came from the heart,
thought words meant everything.

Chorus:

Give me a hard-hearted woman,
one who never tells the truth.
At least I'll know who she is,
she'll be someone just like you.

You let me build my dream life,
promised to share it with me.
You told me my heart was safe,
said you'd guard it carefully.

Guess you were laughin' at me,
bidin' time 'til you could leave.
Trustin' you was stupid,
time to quit bein' so naïve'.

Chorus: Repeat



Must Be Hard To Remember

Ev'ryone has a talent,
a gift God's given you.
Yours seems to be lyin',
mine's knowin' your lies aren't true.

Wish my talent was believin',
then I'd believe what you say,
all your lies wouldn't be wasted,
and I could ask you to stay.

Chorus:

Must be hard to remember so many lies,
you must have a great memory.
One of these days you're gonna slip up
and say something truthfully.

When you say you love me,
that I'm the only one for you,
I see you eyein' my sister;
I'm sure you could love her too.

You never lose the gifts God gives,
so we may as well say goodbye.
I'm always gonna know the truth,
and you just have to lie.

Chorus: Repeat



Fridays Should Be Fantasy

Sittin' at the piano bar
is Friday night to me.
Ann and Sue will be here soon,
loneliness comes in threes.

Rum's best with Jimmy Buffett,
Ol' Blue Eyes calls for whiskey.
I want to do it my way,
but I settle for Chablis.

Chorus:

Fridays should be fantasy,
laugin' at the same tired jokes
told by the same old folks
makes me face reality.
We could use a stranger
with a hint of danger,
same crowd brings monotony,
Fridays should be fantasy.

Hope old Roy stays home tonight,
or Piano Man will let him sing.
Can't stand Roy's voice, his breath,
or his take on "Wild Thing".

After my third glass of wine,
Piano Man sounds pretty good.
Think he snorts coke on breaks,
if he doesn't, he should.

Chorus: Repeat

Truth is, I love my girlfriends,
Piano Man and Friday nights.
One more Chablis is all I need,
and I'll be hoggin' the mic.

Chorus: Repeat



Payback's Always On My Mind

For the past ten years,
I've been mad at you.
Musta thought of a hundred ways
to give you what you're due.

Now I see I've been wrong
wastin' time on you.
All your lyin' ways
sure ain't nothin' new.

Chorus:

Payback's always on my mind,
revenge keeps me alive.
Call me when my gift arrives,
that is...if you survive.

You've been a liar
long as you've been breathin'.
I'm not angry now,
I'm about to get even.

If my phone don't ring,
I'll know you got my gift.
Hope you get a bang from it,
...if you get my drift.

Chorus: Repeat



The Words You Whispered

Your memory floats back to me,
across the fields of yesterday.
The kind words you whispered then,
chased a little boy's blues away.

Wish I knew how to find you,
to thank you for the words you said.
Can't find you to say thanks,
so I've written this song instead.

Chorus:

Your old friends are hopin' I'll find you,
the Mary Ann Smith we used to know.
(Mary Ann) can I whisper to you now
the words you whispered (to me) years ago?

I heard some fool broke your heart,
and you found a place to hide.
Broken hearts with hiding places
are living souls that died.

Some say you took up teaching,
hope you taught history.
Your words changed my life,
life is history to me.

Chorus: Repeat

Has love left you sad,
need a kind word from a friend?
I'd love to chase your blues away,
like you chased mine away back then.

Chorus: Repeat



May I Hide Inside Your Love?

At my party last night,
smilin' faces made me cry.
Not sure where the years have gone,
feel like life has passed me by.

Did I sell my dream too cheap,
give all I had to give?
Did I quit before I tried,
have I been afraid to live?

Chorus:

Life seems so hard right now,
I need a place to hide.
May I hide inside your love
'til the storm passes by?
May I hide inside your love
'til the storm passes by?

Mind storms are the worst kind,
thoughts hailin' down on you.
Your heart pelts you with the
truth of all you didn't do.

Memories should be kinder
than memories are to me.
Did I miss adventure
by living for security?

Chorus: Repeat

I don't know where I am,
not too sure where I've been.
Will you hold me close tonight
'til I find myself again?

Chorus: Repeat

**Maybe to a slow tune like set 'em up Joe?*



If Love Lived On Wishes Alone

The spring rains of our love
flooded the shallows and the shore.
When passion's waters ebbed,
there was sand and nothing more.

Deep waters often conceal
what one dry season reveals;
barren sands on the bottom,
decaying love you can't heal.

Chorus:

If love lived on wishes alone,
we'd love forever.
If passion never died,
we could stay together.

The devotion love requires
is unknown to schoolgirl hearts.
Time cools love's fires,
(and) young lovers grow apart.

Maybe I should have seen
what a heart doesn't want to see.
Lives outlast love's dreams
and you said goodbye to me.

Chorus: Repeat



Maybe Next Year

Where can you find ivy walls,
and die-hard fans in ev'ry row?
Only one great town has both,
you must be in Chicago.

Where do bleacher bums come to cheer,
while bleacher babes put on a show?
Only one great town has both,
you must be in Chicago.

Chorus:

Hey vendor, help me out,
I need another beer.
Ron and Pat are sayin',
(maybe), maybe next year!

Ernie waves and shakes your hand,
and Billy stops to say hello.
Where did Billy and Ernie play?
You must be in Chicago.

Where are the world's best fans
sufferin' a hundred years of woe?
Only one town can make that claim,
you must be in Chicago.

Chorus: Repeat



Mama, God Answered Your Prayer

Seems like I've played ev'ry joint
from Texas to Tennessee.
(I) sing my songs night after night,
hopin' they'll discover me.

Some nights I get discouraged
and struggle with self-pity.
But you never doubt I'll make it,
even when I'm doubtin' me.

Last night in Oklahoma,
I thought of packin' it in.
Two drunks were doggin' me,
so I closed with your favorite hymn.

Chorus:

Mama, God answered your prayer,
your prodigal's comin' home.
I've found what I've been missin',
the peace I've never known.

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound",
As I sang the drunks grew quiet
"I once was lost, but now I'm found",
I choked up, I can't deny it.

As softly as I could I sang,
"I was blind but now I see".
Ev'ryone in the bar fought tears
and stared silently at me.

No one spoke to anyone,
they all just bowed their heads.
I was hopin' for an agent's call,
God was callin' me instead.

Chorus: Repeat

Chorus: Repeat





I Just Hate Goodbye

I don't understand love,
never understood you.
You're a mystery to me,
the girl I thought I knew.

Time has worn us down,
was it always make believe?
We're too much alike,
that's why I need to leave.

Chorus:

I just hate goodbye,
maybe we should make up
and give us one more try.
Breakin' up breaks my heart,
I just hate goodbye.
Maybe we should make up,
I just hate goodbye.

I know it won't work,
love came and now it's gone.
Waitin' will just make it worse,
it's time I'm movin' on.

Don't waste tears on us,
we were doomed from the start.
Some couples grow together,
we just grew apart.

Chorus: Repeat



Dance Before The Dance Is Done

Corn yellows in the field,
wheat's waving in the wind.
Autumn smiles knowingly,
time to bring the harvest in.

Write the book you meant to,
sing the song inside your head.
Scale the mountain you're afraid of,
don't leave that word unsaid.

Chorus:

Dance before the dance is done,
time doesn't last forever,
the race is almost run.
Caution is for cowards,
dance before the dance is done.

Humble yourself to a friend,
admit you're wrong and feel it.
Regret's a painful wound,
time will never heal it.

Ev'ry man's part buccaneer,
part privateer, part hero.
A storm is rising set your sail,
when the gale is gone, then row.

Chorus: Repeat

The reaper's in the field,
harvest's almost gone.
Our lives are blown by time
like leaves across a lawn.

Lift your eyes to heaven,
see your Captain on His throne.
Simplify your mission,
it's one day more, then home.

Chorus: Repeat





I Was So Lost Without You

I had this aching in my heart,
maybe I just longed for love.
Then you waltzed into my world,
the love I was dreaming of.

I wonder if you understand
the ways you've changed my life.
I didn't know eyes spoke words,
didn't know that tears gave sight.

Chorus:

I was so lost without you,
you found me, and I found my way.
The debt I owe you is love,
a debt I'm eager to pay.
I was so lost without you,
you found me, and I found my way.

You taught me kisses were treasures,
showed me strength could kneel.
I didn't know winks were promises,
didn't know laughter healed.

I've learned flying is easy,
you handed me my wings.
I've soared because of you,
known the joy that passion brings.

Chorus: Repeat



Lonely's Kinda Hard

Can you remember why you called tonight?
Seems like the phone rang yesterday.
Twenty years with you seemed like forty,
but you've still got a lot to say.

Wish I hadn't heard your bull before,
kinda wish I could believe your lies.
Really'd like to deceive myself tonight,
too bad I've grown old and gotten wise.

Chorus:

Lonely's kinda hard,
'specially when you're old.
Stale lies are good as truth
when life and love go cold.

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'specially when you're old,
Stale lies are good as truth
when life and love go cold.

Say, it's 3 A.M., and I have to go,
I agreed to get to work by nine.
Please call next Sunday and lie some more,
pretendin' don't seem like such a crime.

We're both too old to look for someone else,
you always were my best friend.
I'm prayin' you'll fib to me some more,
secretly hopin' you'll marry me again.

Chorus: Repeat



Mine's An L.A. State Of Mind

Friends are racin' to their goals,
I just wanna run free.
The gold I miss for dreamin',
don't mean too much to me.

I can travel in my mind,
close my eyes and I'm there.
Love the sound of crashin' waves,
and the smell of salty air.

Chorus:

Mine's an L.A. state of mind,
bein' on time ain't for me,
like to run a little behind.
Time's a stream I'm driftin' in,
mine's an L.A. state of mind.

Tomorrow's as good as today
for doin' what I promised to.
If I don't do it then,
next day will have to do.

Friends preach 'bout hurryin' up,
been rushin' me all my life.
They're tryin' to convert me,
but I ain't seen the light.

Chorus: Repeat



When Dreams And Love Collide

I opened the front door,
saw the house was empty.
Knew you were done with our love,
and you were through with me.

I looked in ev'ry closet,
but ev'rything was gone.
Guess you musta decided
it was time for movin' on.

Chorus:

When dreams and love collide,
seems like love is sure to die.
Wish you'd given me a kiss,
wish you'd said goodbye.

Hope you find your rainbow's end,
but all that glitters isn't gold.
Love is a priceless thing,
it can't be bought and sold.

You can lose by winning,
bound by chains you do not see.
Ambition can enslave you,
only love can set you free.

Chorus:

Repeat



I'm A Ramblin' Man

Town I was born in,
never was home to me.
Home is just a place
I happen to be.

My travelin's taught me,
ev'ry town's the same.
No one cares I'm gone,
no one cares I came.

Chorus:

I'm a ramblin' man,
only thing that matters,
is bein' where I am.
Home's a state of mind,
I'm a ramblin' man.

Settled down one time,
she was a southern cutie.
Don't know much 'bout love,
'cept it was smotherin' me.

Lonely is my way of life,
drifters are a diff'rent breed.
Have a few good friends,
a few more than I need.

Chorus: Repeat

I don't waste no time
figurin' what went wrong.
Most folks live a bluesy tune,
mine's a gypsy song.

Ain't afraid of no man,
even death don't worry me.
Just ramble while I live,
then death'll set me free.

Chorus: Repeat

