

**Asphalt Dream**

Nothing but you and me living good, living free  
Oh lead us back on the highway  
On this reckless day everything that we need  
Is in the wind blowing our way  
And we may not know how to survive in this cold  
And lonely way we go  
    But it's often not lonely and it seldom is cold  
    If you hold on to me I don't mind growing old  
    Oh on the highway, on this asphalt dream that lead me  
I was young and green when I left and I found  
A new life on the highway  
It was only me but I knew that someday  
There'd be a woman running beside me  
But what I did not know is that love would be  
So much apart of our freeway  
    We have walked in the mountains and run in the rain  
    Given time on this earth we would do it all again  
    Oh on the highway on this asphalt dream that leads me  
        I can hear it , I can hear the highway call  
        You can see them, headlights on the canyon walls  
Sail along a highway line you and I were made to ride away

**Raining Away**

Where were you, yeah when I didn't know what to do  
Everybody had two friends looking for you  
And I was wishing that you hadn't got away from me  
Oh your such a crazy girl, you always leave me in a whirl  
I thought I was thru with this little game we played  
But I find that I'm missing it more each day  
And I'm raining raining raining away  
On this lonely avenue all that I ever knew of you  
    Is that I miss you most when it's raining  
    If it's cloudy or gray, I can almost hear you say  
    That it's me and my love that you believe in  
    But you must go your way, there will be another day  
    Now it's raining away, it is raining away.  
Where were you when I needed you next to me  
When I needed you so bad I could barely see  
And I waited for a letter but it never did come  
Oh there never was a day that I did not speak your name  
I had a dream that you would come today  
Had it so many times that I can't say  
Now I'm under a cloud and it's raining away  
On this lonely avenue, all I ever knew of you

**Blue Eyes**

When I'm not ready, I disappear  
Sunlight falls down on empty air  
No raindrops fell to drown out your sparks  
Blue eyes have run me thru the heart  
    This Mornings sky and those gulls in flight  
    Your breath and mine synchronized  
    Hot sun on skin, oh the world so far  
    Blue eyes that show me something more  
        Blue eyes there in my sleep  
        They can soar so damn deep  
        Calm me down tenderly  
        Things like this don't happen to me  
I've been around my minds made up  
I chose to seek the loner's cup  
So what are you doing in my dreams  
Blue eyed lover, Blue eyed friend  
I hope this wonder never ends  
    Some things I've learned, at least I thought  
    But on this earth who knows what  
    Red fiery at night, oh on the shadowed floor

Your touch was light you eyes said more, more, more  
And I said more, more, more , we both said more, more, more  
Your eyes said more, more, more  
I said more, more, more, we all need more, more, more  
More real love and more real dreams  
I'll teach you and you teach me  
More about people more about friends  
More about loving, whatever it is

**No Bad Dreams**

Dreaming on, I'm all alone  
A midnight walk and they don't know  
I feel that I'm the only one  
They're all asleep, the worlds out cold  
Blue moonlight steals in through the window  
You got to wake'em up and show'em  
There's a mystery for all who care to see  
    Sun is gone, the night is long  
    The city sleeps but I move on  
    All along the shadows on an empty street, a frozen song  
    Thaw through that dream like a river  
    Oh it's a melody of muddy water  
    Oozing slow and easy over me  
What's your Secret? I don't know  
But I don't like singing the blues all alone  
For too long sleeping, so unaware  
Now I give up making my own nightmares  
    I have no bad dreams just a few tough scenes  
    I believe in me, anyway we want it we can it make it be  
    From now on I'm living. I'm living my dreams  
    I have no bad dreams  
'Cross the lake another face  
Is watching me and we both know  
Breezes blow, the night is full  
Of energy, I feel it glow  
Right through my bones into the marrow  
I toss a rock into the shallow water  
Ripples ring, the night begins to sing  
    Some kind of music in my dreams  
    Far away and bluesy, oh it makes me sing  
    It always makes me sing

**Yellow Windows**

Once I knew all the things I wanted in love  
On this snow covered ground I was born  
Some part of me knows what a young heart can give  
And love would be warm where I live  
    And I walk these hidden roads  
    I love these snowflakes and this cold  
    And these homes with yellow windows  
    Shine there warmth into my soul  
    Gentle wind you are an angel  
    Oh if you were flesh and blood  
    But the chimney smokes your lover  
    I have watched you making love  
Not long ago, I held a woman so close  
I wonder why I let her go  
Oh what a year I've learned to live with my fear  
Will ever hold love so near  
    In the mornings I remember and I try hard not to cry  
    Well she know the love I send her  
    Will be warm until I die  
    And she walks this road inside me  
    With these snowflakes and this cold  
    May these homes with yellow windows  
    Shine there warmth into our souls  
    Shine there warmth into our souls

## Waves

Sea in motion wind has filled my sails  
Full of power and direction too  
As if I had a job to do  
Don't I know the coldness in this gale  
And don't I need to get my mind off you  
Or lose myself in ocean blue  
    And sail around this ocean in a circle  
    Without measuring my pace  
    While this crescent of a moon is surely calling  
    For the power of my faith  
Sing to me another sirens song  
With a melody from in this sea  
The wind and waves are harmony  
You don't know me yet you call my name  
I can hear it on the ocean breeze  
If ever it was meant for me (continued)  
    And the waves, oh they spray me down  
    As if water was the only sound  
    And I was meant to drown in their song  
    I can hear your flute, as I gaze into the water blue  
    But I will not go down for long  
Years ago or in another life  
There was something in the sea in me  
Ever flowing, ever free  
Anyway, I should have known by now  
That it's time for me to change my ways  
And seek my truth beneath the waves  
    And sail around the ocean in a circle  
    Without measuring my pace  
    Oh to never know the answer to my question  
    Would not be a lonely fate  
    I will not go down for long

## By A Friend

Say to me, what you really mean  
I won't ever give you a reason to lie  
See into me, what I am is in my eyes  
And I'm willing to believe the same in you  
I think I'm ready now, I'm only learning how  
Is there any one around who has a plan?  
I'm not a lonely man, there are those who think I am  
But I'd rather be alone till I'm standing by a friend  
    By a friend I've known only minutes  
    By a friend I've known all my life  
    To you friend I say let us go outside and play  
    In the laughter, in the rain  
    In the sunlight, in the pain  
Everyone I ever known needs a friend  
A warm hand in a hand  
Every woman and man  
You want to make a good friend, do it now  
Brother why wait around?  
Sister don't let me down  
Cause you pass right by a friend  
And they might never come again oh yeah  
    Don't you know me  
    What I really mean  
    Is there something here that you can understand  
    I'm not afraid to open up my hand  
    And stretch it out to see if it's taken by a friend

## I Will Not Pass You By

Hey give me a try ,it is spring and I will bring you  
Dreams from the morning sky, and flowers from the sand  
Oh what a smile, you made me feel I already know you  
You came inside the cafe door , I couldn't move my eyes  
But I know they said to you

I would like to be closer  
I would love to know your name  
I've been watching your eyes  
Looking for signs that you might feel the same  
And if you don't make your move well than I will  
    Because I will not pass you by  
Outside a storm, but in this place we'll never be warmer  
Shake the raindrops from your hair, come and take this chair  
But I have to say to you  
    I was alright this morning, then I saw her  
    And I don't know what to do now  
    Should I run, should I dance her  
    We both know the answer  
    It seems to me I can not pass her by  
I knew this was gonna be my day  
But I never knew you'd feel this way I

## Run Like the River Runs

Tell me what you will my blue wing friend  
Did you hear me from where you drifted on the wind?  
This autumn wind on a summer day  
Sure can turn a blue sky grey  
Oh it's a lonely day and cold  
There are secrets you've not told  
And there are parts of me that I have never known  
And I wonder if you see through the walls inside of me  
    Feathered friend I wish that you could say  
    While you sit on that wooden post and watch me play  
    The sky is yours and the ground is mine  
    Do you want to trade some time?  
    And let me soar above these trees  
    See the earth through golden leaves  
    Breathe the air and watch the rivers from above  
    There are many things to love  
    But it's these that call it to me  
        If I run like the river runs  
        If I fall like the water falls  
        Oh if I breath like the wind  
        Will I ever learn it all?  
        If I change like the autumn leaves  
        If I grow like summer weeds  
        If I'm as quiet as snow  
        Will I ever know it all, learn it all  
I don't really know from day to day  
If I'm willing to walk this road or turn away  
But something here in this silver sky  
Is exactly what I need  
To begin the song again  
Help me sing my winged friend  
With the melody you rise and float away  
Then I'll leave the way I came  
But I'll never be the same

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