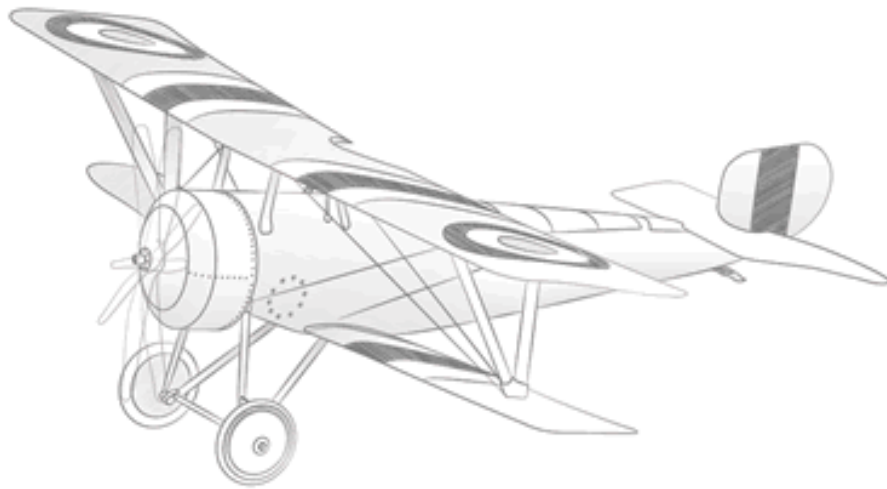


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Dark waters

We sail in dark waters
So cold we're frozen into our bones
We stay, sons and daughters
On our way that fades
into the unknown

First there was heartache and sorrow
but then there was hope
Leaving the ground that we've stood
on has made us grow strong
And all of the sisters and brothers we lost
won't be gone,
won't be forgotten
We don't know what is ahead
but the show must go on

We run in wild forests
Chasing the treasures that we have lost
Nothing can stop us
Fighters right from the day we were born

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but then there was hope
Leaving the ground that we've stood
on has made us grow strong
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Mortal

When you said goodbye
but you just can't leave,
When you hold so tight
that your hands they bleed,
So take these lungs
cause you were my air;
I keep breathing in and out
but you're not there.

We never think that we run out of time,
Always believed we could keep it alive,
Didn't know then you were everything,
I'm haunted by all the words that I said,
Waking up in a hospital bed,
I Didn't know then you were everything-
When the time comes you gotta let it go
When the time comes you gotta let it go

Every star that lights up the sky
will always burn the brightest as they die.

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I'm haunted by all the words that I said,
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When the fire dies and there's no light and
I see you for the last time I-
I have to let it go!

When I lose to the skyline
can't follow you to the other side I-
I have to let it go.

When the time comes you gotta let it go!
When your whole life depends on
these hands that you hold-
When the time comes you gotta let it go!

Galaxy

You're gone;
And I try to let go
but I want you to know
That I see ya,
I hold on;
And when bad days appear
I just know you'll be here
when I need ya

And now your love is my galaxy
Where stars will light the way,
And every night you are guiding me
To make sure I'm okay;
My galaxy!
My galaxy!

At night
When I can't fall asleep
And it don't really seem
To get better,
Oh I'm always trying to dream
Of times we were together

And now your love is my galaxy
Where stars will light the way,
And every night you are guiding me
To make sure I'm okay;
My galaxy!
My galaxy!

You're my Galaxy
Always guiding me
My infinity

All I'll ever need

And now your love is my galaxy
Where stars will light the way,
And every night you are guiding me
To make sure I'm okay;
My galaxy!
My galaxy!
My galaxy !

Lighthouse

I'm all alone out on the oceans,
Darkness all around since the sun went down,
Is it you I see in the horizon
On the distant shore far away up north?

Oh, won't you shine on me?
Like a sailor lost at sea,
I've been drifting helplessly,
I need a lighthouse
Oh, won't you guide the way?
Make a passing through the waves,
tell me everything's okay,
I need a lighthouse shining over me.
Shining over me,
shining over me,
I need a lighthouse,
Shining over me,
shining over me,
I need a lighthouse shining over me.

I lost direction on the waters,
Traveled in the blind with the storm inside,
Was I even ready for departure?
'Cause I need your light
You're like a candle in the night.

Oh, won't you shine on me?
Like a sailor lost at sea,
I've been drifting helplessly,
I need a lighthouse,
Oh, won't you guide the way?
Make a passing through the waves,
Tell me everything's okay

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I need a lighthouse
Oh, won't you shine on me?
Like a sailor lost at sea,
I've been drifting helplessly
I need a lighthouse
Oh, won't you guide the way?
Make a passing through the waves,
tell me everything's okay
I need a lighthouse shining over me.

Regrets

I
I knew we would go down to the wire
Now
It's giving in or let it die

All these thoughts, hunting me
Memories, on repeat
All the love has gone to waste
With my heart, on a wire
Running out of goodbyes
Burned the bridges all behind

Regrets are too late
Memories on repeat, all the love
Regrets are too late
Running out of goodbyes, oh-oh-oh
Regrets are too late

(Regrets are too late)

Blind
And foolish I went all in, I
How
Could you only love the fire

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Wonderland

Is there anybody out there?
Is there anybody left who cares?
All I wanna do is dance here in wonderland,

I've been hiding from a big bad world,
You can find me in the things that hurt,
We don't need to understand Here in wonderland!

So we're lost in the upside down,
Tell me what you hear in the silence now;
All I wanna do is dance here in wonderland,

I've been hiding from a big bad world,
You can find me in the things that hurt,
We don't need to understand here in wonderland!

Chased a rabbit down a hole,
Just to see where it would go,
Now I've ended up alone!

The River

You can kill the lights,
You can draw the blinds;
My heart's shackled down bound to your bed.
Can you stay a while?
Keep me by your side,
Feel my scattered heart, fix me I said.

We could lay here underneath the river
If you stay, if you stay.
We could sleep here underneath the river
If you stay, if you stay;

We could go home,
We could go home down below,
low, low!
Nobody knows where we will go,
Down below, low, low!

Can we stay inside?
Lay here by the fire?
Please dont let me go,
Say it ain't so.
Leave me in the night with no warning sign,
Are we burning out? mirrors and smoke?

The Holy Hills of Heaven Call Me

The holy hills of Heaven call me
To mansions bright across the sea
Where loved ones wait and
crowns are given
When the hills of home keep calling me

This house of flesh is but a prison
Bars of bone hold my soul
But the doors of clay are gonna burst wide open
When the angel sets my spirit free
I'll take my flight like a mighty eagle
When the hills of home start calling me

I see loved ones over yonder
Tears are gone and hearts are free
And from the throne king Jesus beckons
Oh the hills of home are calling me

This house of flesh is but a prison
Bars of bone hold my soul
But the doors of clay are gonna burst wide open
When the angel sets my spirit free
I'll take my flight like a mighty eagle
When the hills of home start calling me

The Wizard of us

Life, bring me back to life
Long hours
I cannot longer hide spells in my mind
No way around
I can't deny falling apart in between days
I saw my vote to voices all around
How long is the mile and the distance?
And how can we get close?
I'll ask the wizard, the wizard of us
The wizard of us

Say which you want this life it's ours
Now that it's realized no need to hide
Getting around there's only I?
Something's going down
You and me, the love
I see is what's going 'round
How long is the mile and the distance and?
How can we get close?
I'll ask the wizard, the wizard of us
Tearing down the walls
How long is the mile and the distance?
How can we get close?
I'll ask the wizard, the wizard of us
The wizard of us
The wizard of us
And now, we can get close
I kissed the wizard, the wizard of us
Life, bring me back to life

Giants

Staring at the speaker on the telephone
And Johnny boy is singing all the right words,
I don't want the world to see me now,
And little by little I'm stepping out,
When the walls come tumbling down
Will the stones expose or bury me?

In giants we believe;
They're watching!
Watching!
Tiny islands in the sea;
Floating, hoping
Let us dare to live out loud while the giant sleeps
In silence I will dream on.

Just another face in just another crowd
Waiting for it all to turn upside down,
Another sunny day inside a crystal ball,
Shake it up shake it, make the snow fall
But when the walls come tumbling down
Will the stones expose or bury me?

Close your eyes

We felt the world go up in flames
And now we're nothing but a memory,
So now I long for yesterday
I never thought I'd miss the rain.

We can hold on to forever
We're alone but we're together
Through the night, through the night,
I'm by your side
So hold on to me forever
We're alone but we're together
Through the night, through the night,
I'm by your side
Just close your eyes.

Just close your eyes
Close your eyes
I'm by your side.

We tell ourselves it's not too late
Ten thousand days, a million miles away
So every night I lie awake
And think of all the things we'd say
In every dream, I see your face.

Distant memory

I'm tucked in by my melancholic dream
And just like that I am carried by the wind
Flying to where the magic fairies sing
Don't wake me up 'til it's over

I love when you sing to me
Calm me down with your symphony
I love when you sing to me
When all things bad, just a distant memory

The sky was dark
Now it's lit up by the stars
And just like that I am back into your arms
When I'm up here we will never be apart
Don't wake me up 'til it's over

Just a distant memory
Just a distant memory

We'll meet again

Suddenly, you're nowhere to be found,
I turn around and everything has changed,
Looking for a way to work it out,
I'm trying to find some peace to navigate.

The oak tree where I met you
And the writing on the statue;
I still remember every word you said,
I'm not a soldier but I'm fighting,
Can you hear me through the silence?
I won't give up 'cause there will be a day

We'll meet again
We'll meet again.

Everything we wanted turned to gold,
The path we chose, the future on our side,
Never thought I'd do this on my own,
But now, I wield the sword you left behind.

Dark for the sunrise
Clouds for a blue sky
Space for the travelling star,
Strong from the inside
You're still my lifeline
I feel you wherever you are.

We'll meet again
We'll meet again

Dynasty

Some days, it's hard to see
If I was a fool or you a thief,
Made it through the maze to find my one in a million
And now you're just a page torn from the story I'm living.

And all I gave you is gone
Tumbled like it was stone
Thought we built a dynasty that heaven couldn't shake,
Thought we built a dynasty like nothing ever made,
Thought we built a dynasty forever couldn't break up.

A scar I can't reverse
When the more it heals, the worse it hurts
Gave you every piece of me, no wonder it's missing
Don't know how to be so close to someone so distant.

It all fell, it all fell down, it all fell down,
It all fell down, it all fell down, it all fell down
And all I gave you is gone,
It all fell, it all fell down, it all fell down,
Thought we built a dynasty forever couldn't break up!

Hero

I let my soul fall into you
I never thought I'd fall right through
I fell for every word you said,
You made me feel I needed you
And forced my heart to think it's true
But I found I'm powerless with you.

I fell into your fantasy
But that's all our love will ever be
I lost hope in saving you and me,
You think I'm lost, falling apart
But your lies just made a stronger heart
My life is just about to start.

Now I don't need your wings to fly,
No, I don't need a hand to hold in mine this time
You held me down, but I broke free
I found the love inside of me
Now I don't need a hero to survive
'Cause I already saved my life

Now I don't need your wings to fly.

Sweet scar

I can't throw away the pieces that you gave,
Betrayed in a way of a knife stuck on my back;
How could you do this?
We've been through this for a while-
Once a cure, now's a scar.

Hold me not, give me back my mind,
My thoughts that you've taken;
Starve me to care.
Could the night help me shut you out?
You gave me a lesson not to go and dive-
But I already dive

I will try to latch myself out of your space,
Far away until the distance passed its line;
It's a new journey, my heart has had enough of pain
Once a fool, now I'm awake

You're between the dawn and blackest sky
Could the night help me shut you out?
You gave me a lesson not to go and dive-
But I already dive!

But I already dive!

Outerspace

Falling in quickly
Tell me you feel something too,
Caught in the moment,
I'm lost here without you

Tangled up in your web
Holding on to every word you said
I'm ready I know, I'm hoping it shows
Would you say the same?
We're falling from the outer space

We're moving like a full pace supernova
We're making all the headlines now
And I just wanna seize the moment
'Cause we won't ever slow it down

Kissing in the rain, taste like champagne
Balling everyday-
We're falling from the outer space
Hoping time won't change, got love on my brain
Would you say the same
We're falling from the outer space

We're falling from the outer space

Waiting

I know I haven't called you
And it's been a few months since I tried to,
Maybe I'm scared of saying the wrong thing,
My apartment's been shaking
From the weight of a heart that's breaking,
Pretend I don't care, but it's killing me.

I know it ain't my business
Cause I'm the one who asked for the distance,
But are you alone? Are you alright?
And maybe you would judge me
If I said that I hope you still love me;
Feels like you don't, but I'm scared that I'm right

I'd be happy for you
If you say you're happier with someone else,
But I'll be honest with you-
Just the thought of it hurts like hell.

All this time you've been thinking I moved on
But you should know I waited for you,
Even if I tried, I could never let you go;
You should know I waited-
I'm always waiting for you.

I'm always waiting for you
Oh, you should know I waited.

Miracles

Should I take one more step?
Should I wait and regret-
Fall behind and live half alive?
Should I leap off the edge?
Breathing in, hold my breath
Take a dive, dive into the light!

Should I find my own way?
Should I stop, hit the brakes?
Keep in line and live half alive
Should I force playing safe?
Should I fight, seize the day?
Take a dive, dive into the night!

Because I believe in something more-
More than miracles, more than miracles,
Oh, I believe in something more-
More than miracles, more than miracles
I need you now.

Free fall

An angel left a little letter
And left for me a little light on in the dark,
And on the ground a golden feather
She wrote me it was now my time to let go now.

A halo 'round her love forever-
Together we can get a life with golden sparks,
And all my wounds will soon be better-
She gave me wings and told me I could fly away.

Let it be a free fall
But we will hold your hand
Let it be a free fall
Your revival-
A renascence

Oh, hold your hand
Oh, hold your hand

Slow down

I know the air I'm breathing
It's no good for my lungs
I do this every season
I hate when summer come

I'll fall into a trap that I'm made by myself
And I always do the wrong thing

I'm always self-destructive
I take a hit, I love it
Can you give me a second?
I'm slow, got blurry vision

I'm unstable and I'm unsteady
I've lost a million times already
And I'm so sorry, but I'm not able to slow down
I feel unable and so unworthy
My heart feels heavy, I've lost already
And I'm so sorry, but I'm not able to slow down now

And I'm so sorry, but I'm not able to slow down now

Dreams

My heart rages around like an ocean in my head
Because there are so many things that I left unsaid

I can almost feel you walking in the distance
But I know that it's not reality,
If you are echoing around
Inside these parallel dimensions all along,
Know I'll find you in my dreams.

Tomorrow Never Comes

Tropical sunset, say we're not done yet,
I never felt so free, hanging on your kiss
Summer of more bliss
Here we are, you and me

What if I don't leave?
What if you hold me?
And we never question why,
That's where my mind goes
But I know we both know
We're playing with borrowed time.

Hoping tomorrow never comes
One more night
I don't need anything but us
'Cause it feels right
We can do anything we want
Just like this, just like this
One more night
Hoping tomorrow never comes

Lullaby

Why are you afraid to fall asleep?
You'll be safe here with me
When the dark is all you see
Follow the sounds of the melody.

Hush, my darlin', don't you cry
Baby, I will be your lullaby
And no more tears you'll sacrifice
Promise I will be your lullaby

Why do I

Messing with my head again
You had your heart set on me
But these feelings, they come and go
And they come so easily

Tell me what it is about you that I can't forget?
But you're breaking down my walls again-
Just to set me free.

Staying up when I go out
You gotta know I'm all yours
But when I say, "What's that about?"
You start slurring your words.

Tell me why you have to seem
So distant when I'm holding you?
Your fingertips are drifting away
And I love how it hurts.

Why do I?
Why do I love the way you only always leave me?
Why do I?
Why do I love the touch but never love the feeling?
Why do I?
Why do I love the way you only always leave me?
Why do I?
Why do I love the touch but never love the feeling?

Hangover of Your Memories

I wonder when I lost slumber in these sleepy nights
I wonder when my hand reached out for yours.
Every time I start walking,
I walk towards you.
I try going away but come closer to you,

I tried forgetting you,
tried to trick you,
tried every remedy possible
But my heart couldn't get over the-
Hangover of your memories,
Hangover of your sweet words.

You Changed Like the Weather

Why do I see you everywhere?

Why do I see you everywhere?

Every path I tread on keeps asking me of you.

Why is a moment of love more valuable than an entire life?

Why is it so, Oh Lord?

There's a void in my heart,

I am lonely without you,

I can feel your presence EVERYWHERE-

but you are NOWHERE!

You are unaware you are around every bend.

All I want to know-

Why did you change like the weather?

God's Sky Has Split Apart

Every breath is a gamble,
Innocent are robbed of lives by greed,
God's sky has split apart,
Fly away, little birds
This world is unworthy of you,
Fly away, little birds
Your swing burns like a funeral pyre;
Your protectors sentence you to death,
God's sky is split apart,
Fly away, little birds

Why is it so?

Our story isn't over yet

Our story is still incomplete

I'm back at the crossroads where you left

What did you get from breaking my heart?

It pains when you're close

It pains when you are away

Why is it so?

Thought it was a Nightmare!

I stare at the setting sun
I feel its cold embrace
I stare it from this desolate hill
On this island of Fuu
I see my hopes sink with the setting sun
with its red fiery rays stinging my eyes.

I thought it was a nightmare-
That you've left me alone.

They told me-
the world
But I refused whatever they said
And believed that you are always with me
Until this day I received this letter of yours-
The letter that is this coffin
being lowered into the earth,
many feet below.

I Will Return, Dear Mom

Hunger-stricken, with rags covering my body
I have served here like a madman.
Beaten up and insulted.
Graveyard silence as of passing through hell,
No space for rest
No space for sleep
No space for my hurt head to reflect my life.
What mistake did I do
that brought such repercussion?

Oh hawk that flies so high in the sky-
You know what burns in my heart,
Is mom still standing there, waiting for me
When she gaze over here?

Oh my mom, I'm returning home
I'll return, may it be death.
Even if I return, a corpse
Cut to thousand pieces,
I'll return home.

When I get through this wall to that side
Where there is sunshine;
I'll return mom...
Even if it may be death.

One Day Things Will Go My Way

I wanted to give up
I'm done with all the things I'm going through
I'm trying to keep my head up
I try to win but every time I lose

Should be getting better
I try, I try but I don't know what to do
Hope this ain't forever
I just want to make a breakthrough

But something inside said, "Never give up"
All of these setbacks are major set-ups

If I keep on fighting
If I keep on trying
If I aim for the sky
One day things will go my way

I've got to hang in there
Deep down I know one day things will change
I can't live in fear
I know I've got to push through the pain

I've got believe in myself,
If it's not me, then no one else will!

I can't give in, I won't give in
I can't give up, I won't give up
Today could be my day
Everything can change
One day things will go my way

Not Sad Anymore

I think I'm gonna clean my apartment
Get rid of all the things that I don't need,
Come and pick them up if you want them,
I'll leave them right by the door
I don't want it anymore.

I think I'm gonna go to a party
Hang out with a friend you were worried about
And I don't have to say I'm sorry
For something I didn't do
Ain't making it all about you.

I'm gonna reconnect with my old self
I like the one I was before we met
I'm gonna buy a one-way ticket
Go places I've never been
'Cause I can do anything

Going out on Monday
Spend all of my money
Sleep into the afternoon
I got all this time now
When you're not around and
I'm not running after

You took up all my space
And it feels so good to say-

Hey, what's the use being sad over you
Now I can't seem to remember being broken
And hey, what's the time? 'Cause you're not on my mind
I'm just making sure I won't forget the moment
When I'm not sad anymore

I'm not sad anymore, no more now
I'm just mad at myself for being dumb enough to love you
But I'm not sad anymore

I think I'm gonna throw me a party
And dance around the kitchen like
I never got hurt, never gave up my heart
It doesn't feel like I loved you at all

Send my love

This was all you, none of it me
You put your hands all over my body and told me,
You told me you were ready
For the big one, for the big jump
I'd be your last love, everlasting, you and me,
That was what you told me

I'm giving you up
I've forgiven it all
You set me free

Send my love to your new lover
Treat her better
We've gotta let go of all of our ghosts
We both know we ain't kids no more

I was too strong, you were trembling
You couldn't handle the hot heat rising,
Baby, I'm still rising
I was running, you were walking
You couldn't keep up, you were falling down,
There's only one way down

If you're ready, if you're ready (send my love to your new lover)
If you're ready, are you ready? (Treat her better)
We've gotta let go of all of our ghosts
We both know we ain't kids no more

We Overcome this Wind - Waloyo Yamoni

We overcome this wind
We desire the rain to fall,
that it be poured in showers quickly
Ah! Thou rain, I adjure thee fall
If thou rainest, it is well

If our women rejoice - it is well
If the children rejoice - it is well
If the young men sing - it is well
If the aged rejoice - it is well

A drizzling confusion
Confusion, a torrent in flow
If the rain veers to the south
If the wind veers to the south

A torrent in flow overflowing, may it fill
An overflowing in the granary,
May our grain fill the granaries.

Warpaint

I can feel the enemy reaching through the mirror,
draining me day and night
Nothing that was done to me
Compares to the terrors dwelling in my state of mind

Where's my redemption? Make me a legend
My resurrection is in your hands
Where's your compassion? Too much aggression
I raise my weapons where I stand

So don't you forget where you came from
We grew from the ground, from the dirt, yeah
If you only knew what you made of
You wouldn't doubt that you're ready

'Cause you are the warrior, you are the warrior
We are the warriors
You are the warrior, you are the warrior
We are the warriors
So let them know

This blood is my warpaint
This sweat is my warpaint
These tears are my warpaint,
So let them know

You should never cry for me
Bury me a soldier in a uniform of dreams
Everything has died in me
But I would do it over, every little choice I've made

So I learned how to love my battle scars

'Til every cut, every stitch is not ignored
And I swear I can learn how to love my battle scars
I know I'll never find my peace without the war
Until I love my battle scars

Friendly Enemy

Once upon a time in the woods
The trees grew together as one,
Endured the rainfall and harsh winds
In unity, vict'ry they won.

Then came the uninvited guest
The tress thought he was one of them
Thought he was a friend amongst
Cos he was made of wood, like them.

The axe joined this big family
Cos the axe was made out of wood
When found that he was no ally
The forest had been diminished.