

Anthology of Life, Love, Loss and Pain

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My poetic Side 



Dedication

To all you who are locked inside yourself with plenty to say but nothing to speak

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33rd Round

It feels like late in the 33rd round..
I'm backed in the ropes, taking punches pound for pound..
This fight is tough, I don't know if I can take it..
The fear of losing, I don't know if I can face it..
Thinking of my life, too lost to go back and trace it..
Should've took my time, but I don't know how to pace it..
Falling to the mat, man the idea is looking fine..
Can't see the score, I gotta be behind..
Too worn out, can't put the fight in rewind..
These hands are tired, It's getting hard to lift them up..
Receiving punishment, but I can't give it up..
I gotta drink this juice, but I'm choking on the pulp..
He can keep me on the ropes, but he'll never take my hope..
My heart won't stop, it's bigger than the Pope..
When I win this fight, it's going to be dope..
He can keep on hitting me, but he'll never knock me out..
He thinks he's undefeated, but he's already lost this bout..
I was crowned as champ, when Christ told me to have no doubt.

Love Myself

They say you gotta face the past, in order to heal
But I don't even know, if any of it's real
They say that pain, erases memories
But what is there to take the pain from me

The therapist said, between childhood and exes
I never learned what love was
My world was torn between here and Texas
All because I was hurt, so I hurt.. the one's I love

Lord knows that I've tried
I've prayed and I've cried
I've read the book, changed my look
To just another version I hate
I've loved my friends, and my foes
Even loved the ones I don't know
In hoping to change my fate
I can forgive everyone else
But I don't know how, to love myself
I harbor hate, but it's for me
Lord can you please show me
How to love myself

A Cry of Life

I can see how you'd lead me
through this life
Oh how it bled me
Leaving me cold and empty
with a little hope
In the end there is plenty
I just can't see afar
I need light
to shed the dark
You said to trust you
I do
inside I'm still blue
Where's the joy?
where's the new life?
where are you?
I confessed your name
ignoring the lies
I took the blame
My reward is shame
life of struggle
heart of pain
I reap what I've sown
with good measure
let me live the life you've shown
Oh hear my cry
show me the new life
or must I die?

by John Lee

A Letter From A Villain

The villain never mattered until society held captive his innocence.
It's easy to point and judge him for all he is while they portray as innocent.

The attention he ever received was only greeted with punishment.
He wear his sins on his sleeve so society can hide theirs under it.

They need him so they bleed him of all his good.
Fire em up without knowing what they've created under the hood.

They fear him so they'll kill him as if they could.
So here comes a hero with his fake face on sin under a hood.

The villain is the one that's truly real in, this world of insanity, shameful righteous vanities.
So he says..

Thank you father, thank you mother, thanks to all that ever said they've loved me.
Thanks for creating me, a villain and I'm so glad to be, free from all the hypocrisy.

It's got to be so terrifying.
That any day you could be exposed in any way of the terror you're hiding.

I will.. be your.. hero.
Just point at me and I promise they'll never see
The lies.. you hide.. in me.
I'll smile for you.
Even put on the cape of shame so you won't have to.
Yeah I shine for you.

Yes I do.. I do it for you.
It's everything you ever wanted me to be.
I'm so glad I get to be it, you see. I'm the one that's really free..

I take pleasure in pain and I'd do it again.

I'd do it for you
I have nothing to gain but I'll cover your stains.
Yes it's all for you.

Father forgive them for they know not what they do.
If you come down they'll just make a villain of you too.

They'll praise you then hate all that you've tried to save.
Then blame you when they're not your choice on the last day.

Rejected by society
Projected that it's all I'll be
And I'd be it again
Yours truly, a villain

A Parable Of The Unwise Farmer

Though a successful business thrives
In this way it also dies..
It's like the unwise farmer
Who had eighteen mules
Six goats and twelve bales of hay
He saw that the goats ate much
So he fed them eight bales
He looked to the mules
He saw that they've become weak and slumber
Though they're great in number
He fed them less in anger
So to them only four bales
The mules became even hungrier
From the goats eating their labor
So they broke through the fence
Then ate from it's neighbor
The neighbor grateful for the new mules
Giving them their own place with it's own bale
Leaving the unwise farmer with goats
That eat without labor
With no time to find and train new mules
He must sell the goats
Lose the farm and work for another.

A Sinking Love

If you were to fall into the water
I would dive down to give you my last breath
As I sink beneath the depths of the sea
A divine peace will fill my heart
Knowing you have risen
As you walk the shores of the beach
I will be with you
My voice in the crushing sound of waves
My touch in the soft breeze against your body
The taste of my kiss on your lips
I will never leave you
I'll always be with you my love

All On The Table

Life and struggles have carried you this far..
You don't know where you are going, or if can even go anymore..
While the bottle of pills are shaking in your hand, wondering if you should just crash this car..
Crying and dying, your tired of living a life of war..
No one understands you, a red light shining on a life that's blue..
Abandoned while young, a way of surviving it's not a life of fun..
Searching how to give it all up, for just a moment of love..
Who would love you?
Who would forgive you?
Would anyone ever, want to just sit and listen?..
Or maybe just hold you?
Let me tell you about a friend of mine, He'll come inside your heart and dine..
He's seen the road you're on before, you don't have to live it anymore..
I promise He's heard it all, and He's gave His all..
He's sitting there, awaiting your call..
Come and lay it all on the table, He'll take it away because He's able..
He's seen your every tear, and now He's drawing near..
You hate that life and He's got a new one..
Receive it and don't look back, because you'll live for the true one..

This isn't just some fable, just lift it up to His table..
Let Him show you, that He is able..
I know it's hard to believe, because you can't see..
It was hard for me, but in Jesus I found strength..
And I know you are able..
Because He's still with us when we're weak..
Just put it all, on His table..
Live free and don't turn back..
Just leave it all, on the table..

by John Lee

Alternate Sanity

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You don't really wanna see
what it is I hide inside
I'd invite you in and just pretend
that I'm doing fine
I'd let you see everything
that I want to be
The truth is I can't be anything
that I want you to see

You see it's just me hidden
away in my fantasy
A world of creation created
by a mind of insanity
Don't get carried away
thinking I'm admitting you're sane
Your world is as fake as mine
I'm just admitting it's not the same

This game that we all play
it's a shame of all the things we say
All these alternate truths we
offer honestly and paying the price
The die we roll is the lies we've told
with it's blank face leaving our soul cold

It's okay you see cause as long as
we're here we don't have to feel anything
Like words we speak just sounding
good they don't even have a meaning
Let me let you go now you've seen
a piece of mind inside of mine

And in time you'll get tired of chasing
false vanities inside your alternate sanity.

John Lee

Always You

Sitting here remembering you
Remember that time out by the lake
The water sparkling in my eyes so blue
Those moments is what I'd take

Chorus

It's always you
Baby everything I do
Memories so strong girl
They're always of you
Living in this moment
For the rest of time
No matter what happens
You'll always be mine
Because it's always you
Ohuoh.. always you

Remember we had our first fight
You wanted a cigarette but needed my light
The way the fire lit up your eyes
I was all over you
The touching of those thighs
Ohuoh..

Chorus

It's always you
Baby everything I do
Memories so strong girl
They're always of you
Living in this moment
For the rest of time
No matter what happens
You'll always be mine

Because it's always you
Ohuoh.. always you

The night I held you when
You said you were moving away
I remember the pain then
You said you couldn't stay
Ohuoh.. if only I had the words to say

Chorus

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Memories so strong girl
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Bink Bink

A father loves his birthday child
Remembering all the joyful smiles
Saddened by the distance, not only by miles
Thinking and struggling all day
To find the right words to say
Time slips into night, it's now past her birthday
With that known, his heart sinks
While writing a poem with weak ink
Wishing he could just call and say,
I love you Bink Bink.

by John Lee

Blood Sweat and Tears

I can't sleep, I can't stand to be awake.. my life it's weak, it can't be mine it all seem fake..
My heart, it bleeds, it weeps, with every tear that falls the love it leaks..
It's lost, without a trace..
finding love in this life seem to be an endless chase..
The Christ is calling, i can hear Him..
He's close, i know, i can feel Him..
Sometimes I just hang my head and cry..
Thinking in order for me to live an innocent man had to die..
Not just a man, but the son of the most high!.
Dying for a world that will just pass Him by..
He's the one that will show me the way I know He can..
If only I can find Him maybe then I can stand..
Standing firm, not fearing the day of judgement..
Standing against a loveless world, unable to budge me..
Until then I'll remain broken..
With a rift within me, darkness so thick it feels like I'm choking..
Just standing here in this rain..
as it washes away the tears from my pain..
Looking towards heaven without a word alone..
Just wondering if this world isn't my home then where is it I belong..
I know I'll find that place I'm searching for someday..
Until then it's blood sweat and tears I'll have to pay.

Burn The Villain

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You lit the match with just one strike,
I saw the smile through your teary eyes.
You burned my soul then turn and ran,
left me there with no legs to stand.
So maybe you're right I'm the one to blame,
I refused to sell my heart to save my name.
Afraid of light you hide in the dark,
accusing me of stealing your spark.
You're the one that set me ablaze,
scattered my ashes in a maze.
You painted me with your family curse,
everything I am has always been yours.
You created the villain in me,
someone to fall from your killing spree.
May the wind blow my ashes back to you,
to paint your soul with the smutty truth.

Burning Years

Burning Years My heart's on fire
Blood of magma
It's you I desire
This moment imagined

The memory awakes
Our lips together
Just tears I taste
It wasn't forever

I'm holding on to you
You're letting go of me
I'm flying for you
You're burning my wings

Bleed me out
It cools my heart
With a fool's doubt
My soul departs

So just watch me burn
I'm out of tears
Soon it'll be your turn
For burning the years

- John Lee

By And By

Lost and alone
I'm locked away
Not where I belong
But I'm waiting
For you to take me home

The key isn't that far
It's within my reach
I'm living inside my scar
It's too hard to see
By a forgotten star

Bound by the sound
Of the crying wolf
Order another round
Of tears by the brook
To wash away this mound

No angels can't fly
With a love so cold
Oh come by and by
My soul is sold
To a life that won't die

Oh come by and by
I'm so alone
Come by and by
And take me home..

- John Lee

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Chasing

I've searched for you in
Everyone else
And they've left me broken
Without your help
I ignored all the signs

Every time I find you
Abusing yourself
Loving nothing true
Have you ever felt
The love you've missed is mine

I've been chasing
Don't you know I know
Everywhere you've been
I wish you knew I do
So cherish you within

I'm tired of chasing
Our lives are fading
Don't you know I know
Everyone, everything, everywhere
I wish you knew that I never cared

I'm here, still chasing
A love you're wasting
When you finally see
And come back to me
My love for you
Is the same as it was new

Clown

He removes your frown
Cheers you up
When you're feeling down
He's made fun of
Cause he's just a clown

Some people fear him
Only in ignorance
He's portrayed as evil
Not given a chance
It's almost pitiful

Weary waves of age
Hidden underneath the paint
Back to the stage
To be every heart's saint
Delivering a smiling face

A lifestyle in which he's bound
Searches a smile that's lost
Only on you is it found
Losing his is the cost
Cause all you see ..is a clown

~John Lee

Court Day

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I see the way you're looking at me
Thinking there's nothing good in
what you see

Yeah it's true I mean look at you

Chin up shoulders square
Back straight-up in the chair

Wearing your skirt as if it's a holy gown
For you to see me you'd have to look down

Damn you've never lied cheated or stole
Face look'n stiff as if you've lost your soul

You're the next best thing to Jesus
(Ah-chew)

Allergic to bs
Just look at your mistress

I see the way she's looking at me
Thinking of gett'n the good out of what
she see

It's true even she hates you

Tricky trick think'n she's slick
I wouldn't with a thief's dick

Face looks like a chewed up shoe

Can't stand her like I can't stand you

Tryna con me to a guilty plea

Obey and pay to remain free

Probation open isolation

Residual life long citation

I hate the offer but that's what I'll take

It's either that or punch you in the face

Thank you nice doing business with you

Don't smile at me it makes me wanna puke

Back to work to ask for more pay

Boss will understand 'cause it's court day

~John Lee

Cover Me Up (a poem)

A heart on the run
Keeps a hand on a gun
Can't trust anyone

It's words to a song
That explains my wrongs
That hurt everyone

Oh I've tried to love
I gave it my all
It wasn't enough
'Cause they never saw

It was you all along
You're in every damn song
That I never had the heart to sing

You moved away and left with
The part of me I kept hidden
I lost my heart at only thirteen

Our hands pulled away
I died some that day
From the promise I made

I'm forty two wishing you knew
I kept it as much as I could
I've held on but you're really gone
I'm letting go as I know I should

I can no longer run
I'm putting down this gun
You're the bullet that killed everyone

To the ones I've hurt
Just cover me up
And forgive my love
That wasn't used for good

I'm sorry it wasn't you
I'm sorry that I pushed away
I'm sorry this story's true
And never told until today

So to the ones I've hurt
Just cover me up
And forgive my love
That wasn't meant for anyone

Deadly Secrets

Your secrets I've buried inside
To keep
Though I'm torn and eaten alive
You see
I won't be the reason you've died
In me

Death of Me

Death of Me

I've buried your secrets as my sin
Your darkness is the tomb I'm in
You only love to fuel my hate
Or maybe it's me or is it fate
Looking for the signs to lead me back
Searching for a life to hang my hat
And so I bleed from the shattered terror
Of what I see from the broken mirror
To your image I've been molded
Can light still glow if it's broken
My cries return in my echo
Death comes carrying a halo
Whispers your secrets as my sin
Promising lies to let it in
Break your halo against my stone
Take your wrath out on my home
Killed everything that I've loved
Killed everything that I was
For burying your secrets as my sin

Depression Took Another One

It crept in as the cold of night
To comfort him and took his might
It's okay it said

The shadow came to cloud his sight
Without strength and couldn't see to fight
It lead him to bed

All quiet and no friend to share the night
Null and empty it left his heart and mind
Then they found him dead

Dream Weaver

Take me now, fast asleep
weave me through my mind
like guided sheep
Out of today, into tomorrow
seemingly only moments
in a place of no sorrow
Either flying high, or sailing free
in a small atmosphere
limitless to where I may be
Whether a eagle, unicorn, or beaver
I close my eyes, ready to ride
A journey with the Dream Weaver

by John Lee

Dreamer

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The sound of that time clock
rings in his head
As his squinched tired eyes
stare off to a land unseen
His mind wanders as if
he's there
Can't bear the sight of yesterday
and dreads tomorrow
Eager for change, but to what?
Perhaps the unseen, or the untouched
So he dreams...

Escape

I wish I could leave my past behind me, go to a place where it can't find me..

I know I'm not supposed to look back and always look forward, but everywhere I go I see it's track like it's already where I'm heading towards..

My past, I'm looking for an escape and I can't wait, just give me a cape and let me fly before it catches up just to watch me die. I'm a joker like Robin Williams wearing a fake smile living a lie..

'It can't be that bad', yeah you didn't read Super Dad. I don't even understand the past I had. Read it, then you'll know it's me that's mad..

'Talk to a therapist' what? Open up to someone who going put me on a page and stick me on a shelf, thinking they know something about me when I don't even know myself?.

Yeah that's a joke like a broke bank, thinking I'm crazy just wait till you enter my think tank and your mind wanders to my rank..

Hanging out late nights constantly dealing with the internal fights. Praying to the Christ with one-way conversations, feeling rejected by the church's congregations..

I wish I could go back and relive my mistakes, and turn them like a story just call'em my retakes..

Yeah I think it's time for me to escape, forget the cape, I'll just put on my headphones and put on my favorite song forgetting about all that's wrong..

Just put'em in words without a pen, just type'em on this phone then copy and paste leave'em to waste till they find a home with one who can relate.. Yeah.. that's my escape.

by John Lee

Fade

Faded light as the sun sets
As it rises the moon rests
Our words become brief when
Our connection weakens
What then can truly ever last
If our hearts are hidden by our masks
We pretend that we've made
Relationships, they fade

Fall Of The Accuser

The enemy of our souls
The accuser, shall surface
To accuse those who submit
But his face shall be scorched
By the light of the Lord who
Is the defender of His who trust
The accuser shall rise in his pride
Also fall into his own pit
Fear not you servants
Your Lord comes

Far From Home

Far From Home

I blow kisses across the sea
when the tide shifts

That they may find you in
distant lands

With it carries the memories
of passing ships

Buried beneath forgotten
sands

How could you be the one
who's gone

When it's me that's
far from home

-John Lee Roberts

Field of Ashes

Life's journey is fraught with heartache and even shame.
Our world burns down without knowing what lit the flame.
No one helps when people flee at the sight of smoke,
You cry out but with lungs full of fumes, you choke.
God gives us tears to fall as rain,
They rinse down the sting of the pain.
As we watch the structure of our world crumble,
We learn it's a process to become humble.
So when you're standing in a field of ashes,
May you understand that everything passes.

Footsteps

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In the sanctuary of your heart,
A sacred space I've found
Grant me the freedom to wander,
To freely roam around
Each chamber, a testament,
To our love's embrace
I'll trace its contours
Leaving traces of grace

My footsteps echo softly,
Traversing its halls
Every corner, a memory,
As our love enthralls
Should distance ever part us,
Leaving us in pain
Follow the echoes of my love,
And find me again

For You

I try and I try
My mind it's wearing
Each day it's tearing
My heart apart

Chorus

I can't keep crying
Each day I'm dying
Inside a little more
I'm not fighting
For you anymore

I want to walk away
Every time we'd fight
Better off alone I'll say
I'd cry again tonight

Chorus

I can't keep crying
Each day I'm dying
Inside a little more
I'm not fighting
For you anymore

Again I'll decide
It's all in my head
I can not deny
It's all in my head
I miss you in my bed

Okay I'll stay
Again I'll say
It's all in my head

Tonight in my bed

Chorus x2

I can't keep crying

Each day I'm dying

Inside a little more

I'm not fighting

For you anymore

- John Lee

Goodbye Papa

Goodbye Papa

I know I said you wouldn't leave me, although I seen all the signs but I wouldn't believe it..

Everyone saying that you're looking down on me smiling, that you didn't feel a thing, that I shouldn't feel this pain, I'm just denying..

What then? What do I do? looking at a empty house as if I'm looking for you..

Help me! Tell me, how can I go on now without you telling me what I can be?.

I looked up to you, making my move to be like you, stopping by just to see and sit next to you.. I miss you..

I still look and sometimes stare, on the porch in the old wooden chair..

How can this be!? You went too soon this life's not fair!.

Look I'm just like you, I'm bald cause I shaved off my hair..

I never really done my best, robbed the chance to see you impressed..

I fear I failed you, constantly changing my ways but still depressed..

I see now it's not about anyone, not even me..

I'm searching for the only one, I wanted to be..

Finally, I seen you in the clouds smiling back at me..

Even though, I imagined it because it's something I need to see..

You can now rest in peace, and my heart set free..

by John Lee

Got You On My Mind

Got You On My Mind

I look for you everywhere, but you're not there..

I stare at the space next to me, running my fingers through your hair..

Let me imagine for a moment, look into my eyes and know that I care..

Come here baby just a little closer,

you and me girl, I'm right here..

I can see you trembling, and I know in here there's no fear..

Oh how I long for this, but it's the taste of your love that I miss..

I swear if you're with me, you'll never forget that kiss.. yeah that kiss..

I know this isn't right, and it's not fair..

I shouldn't put you in this, when you're not there..

When you show up I'll be right here, imagining you, sitting in that empty chair..

Yeah I got you on my mind.. baby.

If you ever leave me, I'll know you're trying to save me..

Because I got you on my mind.. baby.

by John Lee

Happy Place

Voices.. chatter and noises
It's all I hear anymore
Worries and fears, struggles and fights
All over nothing that matters
Questions.. when the answers change nothing
Anxiety is high so I close my eyes
Take a deep breath then there
It's a cool breezy evening
Steam lifting from my cup
The sun setting beneath the sea
Leaving only it's remnant
Golden clouds fading into blue
The only sound..
Is waves reaching their limits
Seagulls flying in for the night
The slide of a tortoise returning to its nest
Take a sip.. yeah just right, bold coffee
Creamy and mildly sweet just like I like
What I wouldn't give to live here
I call it peace but some would say..
'Happy Place'

Helium

She can't stand this darkness
The cloudiness in her head
It's thundering almost heartless
Timeless thoughts alone in her bed

A crooked closed smile and blue eyes
That instant image leaves her frail
With easy hands sliding up her thighs
Remembering the touch she inhales

Is it real, is it love, or heat of passion
Sunken in doubt will he come
The two together a lover's fashion
Her heart's in bout understood by none

Wanting to be taken away
Not brought down just by anyone
Taking time to clear the way
To be lifted up, with love like helium

- John Lee

Home

Home

Fish on! The captain calls.
We pull the line, dress the fish
then pack it on ice.

Then I'm back to the bow,
waves slapping the boat
the horizon is where the sea
kisses the sky.

I say my prayers there,
or just speak within
my longing heart.

We dock, the crew
hurries to off-load the
fish for the market.

The lighthouse keeper
let's me hang out on
the gallery deck.

There I meditate and write,
to forget about when my
life was wrecked.

Are you coming along? She calls.
Yes my love I answer, just a
little longer I'll be home.

I Am Rajah

I am Rajah.. I am not a person and I am not your friend..
I am a guardian and I am from within..
You cannot make me leave.. I'll stay till the end..
I'm usually mistaken for someone that's good..
But I'm not and I wouldn't if I could..
I'm holstered by the one true light..
Trapped in a heart that has all the fight..
I look for the strong who hates evil..
I enter in them like a drug through a needle..
Using their strength to fight my cause..
But this time I'm stalled and my fight is at a pause..
Don't get me wrong thinking I'm leading you home..
I am Rajah and I am not your friend..

I Belong To You

As I watch you go alone
I know you're with him
But it's not where you belong
So I sit with the lights dim
Just listening to our song
And I know that you love him
But this can't be wrong

(Chorus)

Oh how I feel
I know it's real
And to you I swear
No matter where
If you want love
I'll be there
This can't be wrong
You're where I belong
Where I belong
Yeah it's true
I belong to you..

I remember when
We agreed to stop this
But it happened then
We began with a kiss
And it happened again
Yeah...

(Chorus)

Oh how I feel
I know it's real
And to you I swear
No matter where

If you want love
I'll be there
This can't be wrong
You're where I belong
Where I belong
Yeah it's true
I belong to you..

You call me when he makes you cry
Meet me under the stars
And I'll dry your eyes
In the back seat of my car
My head lying on your thigh
I promise under these stars
That I'd love you
Until the day that I die
Ohuoh

(Chorus)
Oh how I feel
I know it's real
And to you I swear
No matter where
If you want love
I'll be there
This can't be wrong
You're where I belong
Where I belong
Yeah it's true
I belong to you..

And to you I swear
You can be anywhere
Yeah it's true
I belong to you..

- John Lee

I Can't Find My Life

I can't find my life
I lost it along the way
My back scarred from knives
Walk'n a road I didn't pave

Everywhere I look it's dark
I can't even play my part
Thought there was light in a plea
But it only left fire in me

Jesus said mercy is for the merciful
But the more I give the more I'm played a fool
Living under the thumb of those who have none
Fans the flame in me where I can't hear the Son

Speak the truth and you're in denial
Just play along the words of their song
Live a lie to have a repeating life
Given a record to hear too long

I can't find my life
They say it's only their way
I mourn as fruit dies
Place it's death along their way

Speak blessings not curses
But the ones I've blessed leave me cursing
I tear out this heart to pull it apart
Carve out everything that caused it's hurting

It's a lonely road
So pick yourself up
Carry your own load

No need reaching up

When you do you'll find it's only you

Even feels God has turned His back too

Love of many grown cold

And dumped it's hate like coal

The light of hope too far to see

Or it just doesn't shine for me

If suffocating pain is all it'll be

Then leave my life lost cause it's just not for me

I Dream Memories

The old swing still creeks
To the slightest breeze
I listen for your laughter
You'd kept saying go higher
I'd push more than I could stand

Your old closet still full
Of clothes I can't pull
You always hated that dress
Stood on stage scared to death
My tears were of a proud man

You hugged my neck
Said I love you daddy
I wished you the best
I wish that had happened

None of that's true
I recreated you
To a better goodbye
To make up the times
I wasn't by your side

I dream memories
That takes away the pain
I dream memories
That you love me again
Yeah I dream memories
As if you'd remember me

I Helped

*I seen your suffering
In your destruction
You wanted support
But I gave you help
I did nothing.*

I Need

Everytime I'm with you
I can't explain it
I need your touch
It's more than love
It's my obsession
My passion for you
Baby I need..

Your body against my body
Gonna love you like nobody
Gasping with every touch
We need this we breathe this
This loving like it's too much

The taste of your body
On the surface of my lips
The next kiss is probably
Moving past your hips

The taste of morning dew
On it's opening flower
This love between me and you
An overwhelming power
Of my obsession
My passion for you
Baby I need..

Your body against my body
As we become one of the other
A world shattered just by a touch
This tension let's release it
Baby it's love just believe it

This fire is burning
This hunger it's yearning
Can't restrain it so let's let it
Baby I need..

Your body against my body
The sweat from the motion
Moving with the ocean
The world is gone
We're all alone
It's just you and me
Loving like nobody
Nobody but our bodies

Yeah we're on fire
This desire
Let's feed this fire
Yeah baby we need..

- John Lee

I Trust You Love Me

Baby I know it hurts when it seems I don't trust you..
It's gotcha wondering if I even love you..
But I love you..
I really need you..
Baby I trust you..

It's the other guys I hate all the attention..
I always lose when I face competition..
My heart is screaming baby just listen..
Every one is aimed at you it feels like
I'm missing..
These demons that surround me lies to me..
They're saying you'll never love me..
That this isn't love it'll never be..
I cast them out but more comes back to me..
It's torchure but you can save me..
Baby come save me..

I guess I can't believe that it's me you love..
You reassure me every time we touch..
Baby I've never felt love this much..
Tell me it's true you love me this much..

When I'm with you these demons are silenced..
I can feel my heart and he's smiling..
You calm the storm in me feels like I'm flying..
Baby without you I'm dying..
I'm not even lying..
The devil's losing, I can hear him crying..

Just tell me you love me..
You'll never give up on me..
You won't ever leave me..

Baby just tell me..
Baby just tell me..
You love me..

- John Lee

I'll See You There

I'll See You There

V1

Just a whisper of breath
Is all we have
then we're out of time..
Some of the best
friends will leave us
and I'm glad you were mine..

Pre

This isn't the end
You know I'll see you again..

Chorus

I'll see you there where
Our bodies don't wear
Our hearts won't tear
You'll be flying high
And shining bright
Where there's glory in youth
I'm saying goodbye to you
But for only a moment
Then I'll see you there..
Oh oh oh.. I'll see you there..
I'll see you ou ou.. I'll see you there

V2

Never were followers
of anyone else
We'd ride alone..
That's just how we were
now I'm still here

and you're flying home..

Pre

This isn't the end
You know I'll see you again..

Chorus

I'll see you there where
Our bodies don't wear
Our hearts won't tear
You'll be flying high
And shining bright
Where there's glory in youth
I'm saying goodbye to you
But for only a moment
Then I'll see you there..
Oh oh oh.. I'll see you there..
I'll see you ou ou.. I'll see you there

Bridge

Oh oh oh
I'll see you ou ou..
Yeah eah eah..
I'll see you.. ou..

Chorus

I'll see you there where
Our bodies don't wear
Our hearts won't tear
You'll be flying high
And shining bright
Where there's glory in youth
I'm saying goodbye to you
But for only a moment
Then I'll see you there..
Oh oh oh.. I'll see you there..

I'll see you ou ou.. I'll see you there

I'm Free

Nah, this world won't keep me down.. it can't steal my crown.. I'm bound.. to the Lord in which I'm found.. never again will I be fooled like a clown..

by Satan the liar.. looking for evil workers for hire.. in which he doesn't tell they'll be consumed by fire..

nah, I'm free.. every since I fell to my knees.. chains broken by the Son I'm free indeed.. i was blinded but now I see..

now I have hope that last.. knowing that now I can forget my past.. never again do I need that mask..

i am who I am.. and no one knows me but Christ, the great I Am..

see the heart needs to mend.. that's why I write these words so the pain I'll send..

away to another place.. at a fast pace.. so I'll be free and empty dreams i won't have to chase..

this poem could last forever with nothing but time to spend.. but to spare the reader this is where I'll have it to end.

Inside The Box

Heart locked in a box with stone walls and a steel ceiling.. Scares of pain that bleed and can't receive healing..

It's wrath holstered by one who's love it can't achieve..

In hope of the day His love it'll receive..

Stomach whirling from the storm and the sound of it's shattering laughter..

Waiting impatiently for the end and what comes after..

Legs shaking from the constant stand..

With knees buckling but still a steady hand..

Soul whispering just a little longer on this land..

For now you are just a man.

It Is Finished

By these hands and sweat
I work I fight I try
Nothing is accomplished
What have I done?

The war is within me
As I die I prevail
Stronger now than the enemy
Fight not won by me

By a stone many nations fall
By that stone many are built
It cannot be broken
Who come against it will crumble

What have we done?
What is done He has
What is not He has it set to be
We are yet but witnesses

We search and deny
We find then forget
We are blind though we see
Until we believe.. Then we see

We live it today
Don't worry for tomorrow
It is already set
The war was finished
When He said "It is finished"

- John Lee

Jesus

You knew I was coming but
You didn't believe me when I was here..
If only you had listened and believed
You would know there's no fear..
I cry out to you still but you do not hear me..
I must allow such evil that I hate
Just till you know you're weak..
You search for me in the wrong places
And there You will never find..
If only you would call on my name
Then I can make you mine..
I don't understand why it's hard for you to see..
I love you, I gave my life for you
I just want you to believe in me..
My father in heaven has everything you see..
And He has given it all to me..
And anyone who shall believe in me
I'll give it all to you because friends we'll be..
You didn't believe me the first time I came..
I hope you believe I'm coming again
And all will confess my name..
I hope to come and greet you as a friend..
For the world, it will be the end.

Jesus Is "I AM" God

If you could ask Jesus right now if He was God.. what would His answer be?

"I Am" Is His answer. We don't have to wonder or guess. He has already said it and still says it.. if you have an ear to hear. Follow me through a short biblical journey if you will. (Note: I will keep "I AM" in all caps when Jesus is speaking)

As we see in Exodus 3 when Moses asks the Lord what name to give when explaining that God sends him..

?Exodus? ?3:14? ?NKJV?

[14] And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

Then let's look at prophet Isaiah

?Isaiah? ?48:12?-?13? ?NKJV?

[12] "Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My called:

I AM He, I AM the First, I AM also the Last.

[13] Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, And My right hand has stretched out the heavens; When I call to them, They stand up together.

Keep this in mind as we move further.. notice "I Am He" that is the first and last and also created the heavens and earth.. which we know God has done in Genesis 1

?Genesis? ?1:1? ?NKJV?

[1] In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Also interesting enough in Acts when Paul is preaching of Jesus, he quotes John The Baptist explaining "I am not He"

?Acts? ?13:24?-?25? ?NKJV?

[24] after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

[25] And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.'

Here are some "I am" statements from Jesus to His disciples when explaining who He is.. (I put I AM in all caps)

?John? ?8:23?-?25? ?NKJV?

[23] And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I AM from above. You are of this world; I AM not of this world.

[24] Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I AM He, you will die in your sins."

[25] Then they said to Him, "Who are You?" And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.

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I believe we can agree so far we've seen from the beginning He's been saying His name is I AM. But, let's go a little further..

?John? ?8:28?-?29? ?NKJV?

[28] Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

[29] And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

Again "I Am He" from Jesus and He also refers to Himself often as the 'Son Of Man' because it's how He appeared to the prophet Daniel in a vision.

?Daniel? ?7:13?-?14? ?NKJV?

[13] "I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him.

[14] Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.

And how about when Phillip asked Jesus to show them the Father?..

?John? ?14:8?-?11? ?NKJV?

[8] Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

[9] Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

[10] Do you not believe that I AM in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

[11] Believe Me that I AM in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

Hopefully the whole Father in Him and Him in the Father isn't too confusing. Just stick to paying attention to His 'I AM' name.. remember what he says to the Jews when questioning Him about Abraham and Jesus' age as He explained the Father to them..

?John? ?8:54?-?58? ?NKJV?

[54] Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God.

[55] Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word.

[56] Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

[57] Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

[58] Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

Noticed how He said He knows the Father and kept His word?. Let's look at His WORD..

?John? ?1:1?-?2? ?NKJV?

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

[2] He was in the beginning with God.

Okay pretty simple then.. Jesus is also the Word which John says is God. Jesus confirmed that as well by keeping His Word.

I think now we can move to His capture and trial when accused and questioned by the Pharisees. Let's look at what Jesus answers to the ones arresting Him.

?John? ?18:3?-?6? ?NKJV?

[3] Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

[4] Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?"

[5] They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I AM He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

[6] Now when He said to them, "I AM He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

There is just power in that I AM name huh.. makes sense, since Paul and Timothy claims it to be above every name!

?Philippians? ?2:9?-?11? ?NKJV?

[9] Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

[10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

[11] and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Now to the trial..

?Mark? ?14:60?-?62? ?NKJV?

[60] And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

[61] But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

[62] Jesus said, "I AM. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

Just as He showed Daniel in his vision, Jesus says the Son Of Man will be coming with the clouds of heaven.

Remember when Jesus said that the Father hasn't left Him? But why did He say this on the cross?

?Matthew? ?27:46? ?NKJV?

[46] And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Well we know that the Father hasn't left Him but it was in that moment He took on our sins that kept us separated from God.

?Isaiah? ?59:2? ?NKJV?

[2] But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

But thank God for His gift of salvation so we can be reconciled to God

?John? ?3:16? ?NKJV?

[16] For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

?Romans? ?10:9? ?NKJV?

[9] that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised

Him from the dead, you will be saved.

?Ephesians? ?2:8?-?9? ?NKJV?

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
[9] not of works, lest anyone should boast.

?II Corinthians? ?5:17?-?18? ?NKJV?

[17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

[18] Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

Now let's go on after Jesus ascended to heaven and appeared to John in a vision. I'll just let John and Jesus wrap this up..

?Revelation? ?1:17?-?18? ?NKJV?

[17] And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I AM the First and the Last.

[18] I AM He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I AM alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

?Revelation? ?22: 12-21NKJV?

[12] "And behold, I AM coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

[13] I AM the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

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[14] Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

[15] But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

[16] "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I AM the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

[17] And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

[18] For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

[19] and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

[20] He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I AM coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

[21] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Laundry

We all have dirty laundry
Do you hide them in a closet
Afraid to let the stains be seen
Til eventually they begin to stink
Or do you take them out to clean
And wear your stains
Knowing your laundry is clean
No matter how your stains are seen
I wear my stains
I am not ashamed

by John Lee

Leap Of Faith

Sea of life I took the trip
I thought I could drive the ship

The sun is hidden by a storm
Ship has died and it's hull torn

I've lost control it tosses me to and fro
There's a life boat to take and safely row

But there's no land in sight
Fear has taken my might

I grip the wheel and stay aboard
As it sinks I cry "save me Lord"

I see your light from afar
Shining bright as the north star

Footprints on the sea leads home
The voice of waters say "come"

Feet on the lower rail hands clasps the top
Will I leap and run or sink as the Rock

If I lift my hands up high
Will I find yours reaching mine

Was it you leading me this way
For me to take a leap of faith

Let Me Show You My Mind

A rebellion against self
Warring inside
Until nothing's left
Let me show you my mind

A haunted cave
Bottomless pit
An endless maze
Let me show you my mind

Walking through coals
A burning fire
Chilling thoughts so cold
Let me show you my mind

A prisoner of time
Hidden away
With no bars inside
Let me show you my mind

Do you have the time
Taking a journey
Do you think you'll find
Where I lost my mind

~John Lee

Lonely

I get a little lonely
As people lean on me
I try to keep my sanity
I pretend they entertain me
They don't really know
The one I behold

I just want to be included
But I'm the one that eluded
Everyone that loves me
Because I'm not very trusting
It's the love ones that hurt me
When with you I'm not hurting

It's this place that makes me weep
Is it death that sets me free
It's not that I want to die
I just want to feel alive
I like when I hear nothing
And only see sky above me

Every time I spoke to you
I felt the wind that you blew
It's almost like you hear me
It's almost like you're with me
It's okay when you listen in on me
Because you don't make me feel lonely

Lord Speak

They think that I'm lonely
They don't know it's only
The silent absence of you

It's not friends that I need
No woman that's for me
It's what I'm missing from you

I look for your footprints
But they've left me behind
I won't tire from searching
I know somehow I'll find

The place that I belong
Lord Jesus, I need you now
I speak to you in Psalm
I listen, but don't know how

How do I hear
How do I heal
I just need you to speak to me Lord
'Cause I don't want to hurt anymore

Love

Underwater looking up
Peace is the absence of there
Sinking further down
Then there's a glimmer of hope
Twinkling of a star
My face glows from it's radiance
Is it you?
No it can't be
I could never reach you
I'm breathing now
For how long?
It isn't real
It's happening again
I'm happening again
Save me
Let me drown
Just part the waters
I'll never reach up
I'll just gaze upon your beauty
I'll dream until I fade from your light
I'm sorry
I don't know how

Love Letter

As the ink drips from pin to page
leaking through, stains my desk
words of love living without age
not to manifest from my chest
Would it be yes or an unbearable no
rehearsing the decorated lies
to justify why I couldn't know
if this letter never meet your eyes
Hurry and let us drink
before the water runs dry
in my hand, a plug to an empty sink
our love thirst, awaiting to die
Marriage should be forever
and love is everlasting
I think I'll rewrite this letter
my heart endures fasting
After all, I'll be alright
your hand in his is better
I'll pass the hours of night
to someday finish this letter.
by John Lee

Midnight Confessions

She's paralyzed by day, emotions move at night..
Awaiting the sun to fade and the moon to rise..
She goes then..
To that place, where? No one knows..
Just her, the moon, the stars and the peace of midnight air..
Her lover joins her, but he's not there..
"Where are you love?" He would ask..
Just smile, kiss her softly and walk away..
Again he's gone..
A tear falls from her cheek..
Finally, she's doesn't feel alone..
She's able to speak..
Maybe to the moon, or stars, in where her eyes stare..
Or just confessions in the midnight air..
by John Lee

Moca Boy

As I wonder how many days my best friend has
He's getting older but I still hate to see him pass
Our friendship will forever wear the crown
Oh how it will hurt when I have to lay him in the ground
If ever I'm found in harm's way
He would give his life any given day
I could never replace the empty space it would leave in my heart
That place will always be my friend's part
No woman or man can be as loyal as he has, I know that's sad
Because this four legged beast is the best friend I've ever had.

Moments

It takes just a moment
To realize your beauty
And if I was only
A set of eyes just use me
To embrace the moments
Oh if I could only..
Walk barefoot across the sea
Close my eyes to hear her breathe
I'd let go and let her cover me
If I could only..
Fall without landing
I'd freely leap from this mountain
Leave the worries underneath
The wonder if love hungers me
Oh if I could only..
Get lost in your gaze
Wander through the stars
Aimlessly through your maze
Until I'm too far
Lost in the moment
If I could only..
Convince the world that you're real
Your art is something to feel
But only if we're still
We're too loud too busy
With nothing that matters
We pass by your beauty
And skimming through chapters
Of the life you've painted
As if we could change it
Oh if I could only..
Embrace the moments

Music

Lying there, with headphones on..
Music beating, from your favorite song..
Your mind racing..
Heart pacing..
Suddenly remembered, without a doubt..
You've forgotten, what you were worried about.

My Anxiety

So many of us trapped inside, as soon as we can we just run and hide..
Can't stand to be around those who love to express their pride, "Think about Me!" screaming the one inside..
Chapped cheeks from the valleys of flowing tears, always adjusting to adapt and overcome our fears..
Who will listen or do they care that we've been this way for years?..
It seems if no one is with us, just telling us "turn to Jesus"..
To give Him our anxiety, so it's not the end of us..
I don't know about you but I tried! Everyday I cried!
I told you I was fine but I lied!
He doesn't hear me, why? Because I'm blind!?
No I see quite well, I know this world is going to Hell..
I'm tired of the hate and violence, it's making me sick til I'm pale and blue..
I can see it doesn't bother you, now you know why I never tell you..
So if you don't mind, just let me sit here and do mine..
Yeah I'm here with my head down, praying He'll give you more time..

by John Lee

My Little Mayfly

She flew in without warning
And landed on my heart
Took me back to a time
Before it was torn apart

I thought my heart was gone
I thought it was alone
Just shattered pieces
Scattered without a home

Then she brought a little bit back
Piece by piece by.. goodbye
Leaving me to wonder..
Will she ever be back

I'm glad I didn't die
I'm glad I spent the time
I loved to see her fly
She gave me a little bit of life

Now she's gone
Again I'm alone
But in my soul
She'll always have a home

Sing along to this psalm
Carry the rest of my heart
To the keeper of my soul
Cause you made me a little bit whole

She's not mine anymore
But I'm still a little bit hers
If only in another time.. in another life

But it's goodbye my little mayfly

My Love Song

I don't know where I did it
I don't know where I went wrong
How will I ever get it
Will I ever live a love song

Wish I knew how to fix it
Wish my insecurities were gone
Wish I knew how to make it
A relationship living life long

Chorus

Oh will I ever live a love song
One that lives life long
Lord tell me where did I go wrong
Oh will my baby ever find her home
In my heart where she belongs
Forever never leaving me alone
Yeah she's my love song.. My love song

Come and take me baby just maybe
To another place and another time
Just me and my beautiful baby
We're going to take our time.. two hearts in line

I know it's a little too soon
To tell if our love is full
Full as the brightest moon
But we can't deny this pull

Chorus

Oh will I ever live a love song
One that lives life long
Lord tell me where did I go wrong

Oh will my baby ever find her home
In my heart where she belongs
Forever never leaving me alone
Yeah she's my love song.. My love song

Is it Destiny is it meant to be
I only know what you mean to me
My heart dead it's beating again
Broken that you mend for me

Angels flying
No more crying
No longer dying
I'm trying.. yeah we're flying

Tag chorus

Now I'm living my love song
One that's lives life long
Lord tell me that this can't be wrong
Oh my baby has found her home
In my heart where she belongs
Forever never leaving me alone
Yeah she's my love song.. My love song
She's my love song..
Forever singing.. My love song

My Mother

There's only one woman
who never left my side
No matter what the journey
she's been in the whole ride

I feel blessed that God created
a good heart in my mother
From that heart of love
gave life to me and my brother

I know there's been times
that she worried and cried
From the troubles I've been through
locked up and nearly died

Not knowing if today or the next
if her son was dead or in jail
I'm glad she kept her faith
asking God to keep me from hell

There's a lot I thank God for
but there's one above all other
I'm glad He chose this woman
to be my loving mother

- John Lee

O'Lord

Can you hear me down here O'Lord?
Take all of my lust, take my pride..
Lord I pray that you must, come and save my life..
Can you hear me down here O'Lord?
Have the ocean reached the shore?
Have this blood found its gore?
Will this eagle ever soar?
My mind is a locked door
Cause I don't wanna hurt anymore..
Can you hear me down here O'Lord?
Can't remember when I died
Not sure if I ever lived
Lord I hear you calling but my hands are tied
Because my heart has never healed..
Can you hear me down here O'Lord?
We're lovers of money
We mock you and think it's funny
We lay with women just to taste their honey
You bless us with rain but we complain when it's not sunny..
Do you see us down here O'Lord?
Can you hear me down here O'Lord?
So many in pain
Strapped down by shame
Can't follow you, as if they're lame
Afraid of the church's flame
Burning as if they have no blame..
Can you hear me down here O'Lord?
Just knock down my door
Take my hand Lord
Drag me across this floor
Set me free Lord
I don't wanna hurt anymore..

Can you hear me down here O'Lord?
Will you heal me down here O'Lord?
Do you see me down here O'Lord?
When I kneel down here O'Lord?

by John Lee

Paralyzing

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Standing in an open field, the crop is
ready but nothing's growing..

Losing feeling but the heart moaning..
It's paralyzing..

The sun shining bright but it's dark..
Awaiting the world to collapse, I'm
ready to fight..

No one's coming
It's paralyzing..

It's been raining for years, still the
world is dry..

Where is the might in a heart ready to
die?..

Wading through water burning
It's paralyzing ..

Deep beneath the sea, I'm still
breathing..

Searching for my feelings, I no longer
feel things..

My heart is yearning
It's paralyzing..

Working and living, a life we're
building..

Alive yet asleep, fearing death already
dead..

The world no longer turning
Paralyzed..

It's paralyzing..

John Lee

Peaceful Day

Go out by the lake
It's a peaceful place
Which knife do I take
Cut into endless space

Something In The Way
Playing on repeat
Finally it's today
I can't feel the heat

The day has passed
The light is gone
Blood stains the grass
I'm finally home

All this I've rehearsed
But something's in the way
No ride in the hearse
Waiting for Messiah's day

- John Lee

Pearls

It's so hard to think you're near,
when too long you've felt so far.
I've been calling, can you hear?
I've been searching in the dark.

The distance echos your plea,
I can't stand for I'm too weak.
Can I lift my eyes?
Have you heard my cries?

Tomorrow's gone from yesterday,
There's nothing left but us to pray.
Why do I stay inside this cage?
There's nothing left for me to pay.

Just closed my eyes to this world.
Holding on to my own pearls.
Casting them to only you,
Lord you're the only one true.

Questions

I believe in you but can you even see
I keep holding on but nothing's holding me
When I feel lost does anyone search
I'm always last for putting you first
I love to love but I forgot to be loved
Is it held against me or am I enough
They're questions without answers I know
I only ask them just to keep my hope
You don't know what it's like to love you
Will I be worthy to be in your picture too
Is it just me or am I drifting away
Will you pull me in or lead me astray
How could I ever say goodbye
When we've never even said hi
It's easy having all these questions
When there's no one with suggestions
No there's no one for me
Is it just me or does it mean I'm free
Freedom never felt more like prison
Feels like I've died and missed the risen
Have I died or will I rise
Or did I ever receive life

Rejection

I never hide the way I feel
but I only share'em with someone real
I guess that's why I'm here talk'n to you
Because you know all that's true
I pray and I pray I pray and pray
You keep turn'n away and away away
I show you everything from my reflection
All I get in return is your rejection
Everyone got it wrong think'n I'm
Love sick from a break up it's just make up
I don't miss the sex I can get the same
from a whore they just can't see the
spiritual war
I need the affection and I keep look'n for
You in everyone else but you can't be found
Because you left me here on my own
And I guess It's my fault you left me alone
I admit my hands are stained with sin and
I've called on you to let you in
The truth is you've never knocked so
Now my door is locked
Seeing you hanging on a cross just tears
Me apart so why am I so dark in the heart
These people show'n scripture is
Just words on page if
You're not in it it's just an act on a stage
There's too much fake faces surround'n me
I can't even breathe without 'em hound'n me
Satan is attack'n where is your protection
I'll die before wearing six six six
But I thought you had my six
Everyone who had my back was hold'n
A knife and you expect me to trust you with my life

When I look around all I see is paths to the sea
I'm always tempted to see where it leads
Take a swim as far as I can go with no return
How long before it overtakes me
Exactly where are you to stop me
Maybe there you'll answer me
All these fake posers say'n God said this and God said that
Never heard anything other than what's
Under their hats
I hope it makes them cringe the way
I talk to you but I'm not the one
That's hiding the truth
You're the core to my trust issues
Everything I'll never have I've given to you
You just take and take and take
I've searched and all I've found
Was fake and fake and fake
When will you take me home
I'm so tired of being alone
Maybe you're not finished with the
Work you've started in me
But I can't take the pain it takes to
Bring me to my knees
I can pray until everything is new
But I can't even get a hey from you
Yeah I put these words on a page just
To show these fake posers what it's like to
Be real today
Yet they won't even care because after all they're only your heirs
I act out for your attention like the
Father I never had you only give
You're rejection
Perhaps the next time I'm at the sea I'll finally see if you're truly watching me

Remain

Even the moon mourn because it can only reflect the light not it's own.
But it's beauty lies in the willingness to remain, to give light in the darkness.

Roses Of Fall

When it feels a lot like fall
I'll look to the rose
The vast array of her beauty
Brightens all that's fallen
Nature's breath rearranges lying leaves
Yet she dances
Turning a still day into a song
How then will I weep
Dew glistening on her as tears of joy
No fall hasn't come
It's the season of her bloom

Sea

Another night by the waters edge
Fantasized giving her my last breath
As her touch hugged my skin
She whispered this is not the end
I looked to heaven but refused to pray
He's never had anything to say
There's nothing that's kept me here
There's nothing else left to fear
I can't remember if it's him I taunt
Or is it these ghosts that live to haunt
I hate when people pretend to care
They'll never understand my stare
They say my thoughts are too dark
They've never sought out my heart
I tell myself just one more day
I might find another way
To end all the madness
I can't help what happened
With all the years that leads
Me coming back to the sea

See

On the outside looking in
I see you
You're searching out
You can't see me
Cause I'm too far away
Come a little closer
Help me make a way
I wrote to you in the sand
Just to watch it wash away
I wish you could read my heart
I wish I knew it too
Tell me a story
Tell me you're sorry
Tell me why there's no love
Tell me that you do too
Where are you going now
Can't you hear me shout
Maybe it was never for me
Or maybe it's just me
I'm lying here
Waiting for the truth
Are you really true
Do you see me too

Seventeen

Just a boy, I'm a teen..
In trouble but smart, man I can do
Anything..
My father's not here, step dad doesn't care..
Mom does what she can..
Raising four kids and a man..
If only someone would believe in me..
It doesn't matter, it's not meant to be..
Wait, what am I saying, I'm lame..
There's no one to blame..
I could've done anything!
I'm stuck, I'm trapped, i need to let it go..
I need to move on but how, i just don't know..
My mind's not with me, a normal life I haven't seen..
Because at the age of thirty-six, I'm still seventeen

John Lee

Shadow

Shadow

There's a shadow that just follows me
And I can't hide I recognize it's me
I can't keep running I'm coming undone
This darkness it's suffocating
It's purpose is to infiltrate me
I can no longer escape it
So I must turn and face it
I can't just stay here so I
Just pray in fear oh I
Won't fear for my life no I
Rather fear for my soul

I've taken my dreams and drowned them
In the pool of sorrows then found them
In the reflection of what I've hated
It's the perception that I've created
Who is there to talk to when
All I do is talk through them
How can anyone help me if
I'm the only one tearing me in
The pieces I've scattered
Does it even matter

It's my life alone
And I'll die alone
It's because of this place I see
It in every face I meet in it
They call this world home when
I feel so alone in
Everyone else's life
Why won't they let me die

And let me live in my
Shadow that swallows me whole
Hollows my bothering soul
Leaves me empty to feel
Everything that's truly real.

Something In The Way

I couldn't even imagine this
My life the way it's been
Every time I'd miss
I'd try again and then..

Some-thing in the way
Give it to another day

Some-thing in the way
I'd lie again today

Some-thing in the way
I'm fine I'd say

Yeah she says she loves me
I know that it's not true
Yeah I'm down on bended knee
Saying I want to marry you

Some-thing in the way
She'll love me another day

Some-thing in the way
I'd lie again today

Some-thing in the way
We're fine I'd say

The blood is on my hands
Yeah she laid another man
Our love is laying dead
Yeah it's all in my head

Some-thing in the way
She fights another day

Some-thing in the way
I'd lie again today

Some-thing in the way
It's my pain I'd say

- John Lee

(Inspired by Nirvana- Something in the way)

Spirit Sails

The Holy Spirit moves as the wind
I cast my sail, hoping for guidance
For my vessel adrift in life's sea,
Praying that His hand will carry me

That I not sink, beneath the waves' crush
But ride the currents with unwavering trust
In His wisdom and love, steadfast and true
Navigating the waters, His Spirit as my cue

Suicide

It sneaks in as it's slipping your guard
It pulls you in then it'll rip you apart

Depression hits and we don't know why
The reason has no rhyme to why we cry

It's darkness and thunder
An attack from within

Don't blame the one that's gone
No they were never alone

Make no mistake there's an enemy at play
He won't escape judgment and then he'll have to pay

A tragedy such a sad way to go
The ones left behind seem to hurt the most

Don't blame yourselves they never did
It was hope stolen from within

If peace was easy Jesus wouldn't had to die
Just know He holds the one who breaks and cries

Sometimes we lose in the flesh
Just so our soul can rest

Don't try to understand
It's beyond strength of man

Our exit here isn't the end
Jesus has never left a friend

Super Dad

Super Dad, you are the best..
No matter what come up, you'd pass the test..
A wife and three beautiful daughters, you are the Dad they know they can call..
Anything coming in between you and your family? No not at all....
So tell me, what happened? What did it take for you to make that mistake?..
You blew it! I hope it hurt when Super Dad landed from that fall..
Man, you had it all!
They loved you..
They admired you..
They ran to you..
They counted on you..
They trusted you..
Now they'll never know you!
Look at you, driving up to a empty home..
Knowing now you'll always be alone..
Look at that grill, where you use to prepare a Super Dad meal..
Remember when they gave you that shirt that reads Super Dad? The way it made you feel..
The movie nights, all the horror frights..
The way you'd get beat by the button mashing Xbox fights..
Man those were the days!
Kids didn't want to leave home, not the weekend or weekdays..
Being at home wasn't that bad, not when you had a Super Dad..
So tell me, what happened? What did it take for you to make that mistake?..
Yeah, i know it hurts..
It's gotcha looking the other way when another girl flirts..
You used to laugh and joke around, hardly ever caught you with such a frown..
But now look at you, always looking down..
Hiding the truth like it can't be found..
Carrying shame as if you're hell bound..
Man damn!!
Look at yourself! Can't even face yourself..
Always changing your look because you hate yourself!..
Yeah I can imagine why you feel so blue..

The root of your hate is you!
Like a fool you take the bait..
You hypocrite..
You liar..
You fake..
Saying it's evil you hate..
But you're like a clown putting on paint, when you are what you say you ain't..

I'm just wondering what you're supposed to be, so now it's time to be honest with me..
So who are you?
No, you can't be me, that's mad..
Because it's me that's Super Dad.

Super Dad (mistake revealed)

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Thinking you can right the wrong trying to hold on to a broken home..

Faking a happy life with a cheating wife knowing if she'll lie she'll ruin your life..

Now you're pressuring your kid, thinking she's out doing what the wife keeps under the lid..

Man you have no trust not everyone is out for lust, you've lost your composure and your happy life is a bust!

Bravo! An encore performance the award goes to you..

Enjoy the heart in a box locked away missing out on love that could be true..

Yeah, i know it hurts..

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You used to laugh and joke around, hardly ever caught you with such a frown..
But now look at you, always looking down..
Hiding the truth like it can't be found..
Carrying shame as if you're hell bound..
Man damn!!
Look at yourself! Can't even face yourself..
Always changing your look because you hate yourself!.
Didn't even put up a fight to explain yourself..
Yeah I can imagine why you feel so blue..
The root of your hate is you!
Like a fool you take the bait..
You hypocrite..
You liar..
You fake..
Saying it's evil you hate..
But you're like a clown putting on paint, saying you are what you know you ain't..

I'm just wondering what you're supposed to be, so now it's time to be honest with me..
So who are you?
No, you can't be me, that's mad..
Because it's me that's Super Dad.

by John Lee

The Boy Inside

There it is again..
Like clockwork on my birthday,
the sound of crying. A boy's cry..
Why?. Who?..
It's in this room.. always in this room.
It's time I find out.. 'Hello.. Hello, who's in here?'
He stopped crying.. 'Answer me, what's wrong?'
Why can't I open this damn door?!
'Hey, are you okay?!'
'I.. I hear you in there every year, why do you sit in there with this door locked and cry?!'

...."you locked me in here"
'What?..' what does he mean I locked him in there?!
'Who are you? Tell me and open this door!'
.."only you can open this door"
'I'm trying.. it's locked!'
.."open it from in here"
What the.. 'How am I going to do that?!'
.."let me go"
'How?'.
....'Hello'..
He's gone again.. guess I'll ask him next year.
by John Lee

The Break Up

I wanna hang on but I need to let you go
Just pick up this phone and let you know..
But I don't know how to say it
I don't know how you gonna take it
I don't think we'll ever make it

You're talking to me and you're talking to him
I don't think that's all I think it's them
I'm not competing for a star role of a film
I think the light of this fire is getting dim

You have too much going on for me
I'm not the only one that's plain to see
I hoped the only one you wanted was me
Now I know you're just looking to include me

You say you wear your heart on a sleeve..
I keep mine in a box and locked,
to keep it from being beat and hardened into a rock..

You say you want to open it and I wanted you to, but I don't think you can..
Feel free to stand there and knock but this heart is all that's left of this broken man.

This isn't easy for me I'm not out to hurt you
But how do I know if anything you said is true
You say you love me but you really love the way guys look at you
I thought you were looking for love, but I see now you're just looking for something new.

I gotta say goodbye, and from inside this box I still love you.

- John Lee

The Iron Cross

From our fears and loss
comes many tears
the symbol of the cross
Our hearts ache with pain
attacked by the enemy
the cross forever stained
Our lives eternally changed
view of the cross
In the world's range
How do we remember
who could forget
sight of the cross, too tender
Wooden or iron, if you rather
it's the symbol
that all lives matter
So many hurt, life is lost
it's all in His plan
when He died on the cross

He knows tears, pain and loss
remember they're in His hands
when you see the Iron Cross.

by John Lee

The Monster In My Closet

You think I didn't fit in?
Not accepted? I hid myself..
You didn't kick me out, I left..
I did it for you, you can't protect
yourself..
See I moved into this closet and I
locked it..
I'm not letting you in and you can't
break it, so stop knocking..
Not that I hate people, I love you ,
you're God's pupil..
He loves us all..
As so much that He sent His son to take the fall..
Just I'm not alone in here..
I have company, and I can't stand'em..
He promotes hate and fear..
And I hate'em!..
I can't kick him out, he's trapped
inside..
Like Paul, a thorn in my side..
I won't let'em out, no telling what he'll
do with one of you..
I'll keep'em, it'll kill'em when this closet is destroyed, and I'm made new!.
John Lee

The Squirts

Run, no wait i can't.. so let's stop, no I gotta go..
can't stand around.. gotta keep moving before it ends up on the ground..
my stomach can't take it.. the pain it hurts.. i don't know if I'll make it..
it's hell having the squirts.. i wish I could just fart and fake it.

Therapist

What kind of mind does it take to look
Into the mind of others?
What monsters have you found behind
the locked doors?
Do you close your door before opening
more?..
Getting inside and the door closes..
Choked by thorns, finding a head of
roses..
A new reality, is it sane?..
How can you tell, is it them or you
insane?..
What are you most afraid of finding in
there?..
Is it a room of terror, perhaps a room
of mirrors?..
What happens when you look up from
your notebook, and the one across
from you is ...you?

To Die Before Life

As the flower is giving up
The sun is baking
It's drying it up
It's dying from it's touch

Then the cloud rolls by
Casting shade from the light
A single tear drops from the sky
It brings back life

Sometimes we die
Not knowing if we ever lived
Sometimes we cry
Not knowing what to believe
Never believe the lie
There is life when we leave
We die for this life

- John Lee

Tree On A Hill

Tree I trusted you..

Seeing you on this hill looking so tall, full of leaves..

So beautiful, promising much fruit..

I'm here now, I see you..

So small without fruit, you're a liar..

At distance standing boastful and proud, up close you cower and wither..

You're no longer a tree, you've become man without the figure..

Choked by the weeds that surround you, give me a while to groom and I'll make you new..

No different than me, so let's join roots in our weakness, and together we'll bloom for the world to see..

Become brothers of meekness, and on this hill we'll be free.

Untrusted Love

The bass is ringing my ears as I listen to every beat of her heart..

I stand paralyzed as I watch her eyes pour out, it's tearing me apart..

I reach out to ease her doubt but I'm trapped in the glass box unable to shout..

"I'm here!" She doesn't hear me, I'm just like the others so she fears me, I need to let myself go, I know I can show her the man I can be..

"Trust me" I say, man please, I'm no more than a rat that doesn't deserve the cheese.. It wasn't long ago I'm falling on my knees begging God with a plead to forgive me that it's Him I need..

It takes two broken hearts for one to be healed, who am I kidding it's back to one as soon as my past is revealed..

Living out a bad decision, it's not a dream, it's real..

Pretty soon this box will be filled with tears from the haunting years, alone I'll drown and be killed by my taunting fears..

I'm a hypocrite as a savior to be, I love her but someone needs to save her from me..

by John Lee

Untrusted Love II

Chains are solid but rusted
Box locked yet cracked and busted
Heart inside can't be trusted

Why won't it open
Why can't it be set free
So I keep hoping
Someone would have the key

No matter the tears that fall
No matter the years that crawl
It's just writings on a wall

Come and see it waste away
Sit awhile or even stay
Just leave your name on it's cage
In a while you'll see it fade

There's only shadows inside
Voices without a face
Love comes and goes with the tide
A tree without it's shade

Chains are solid but rusted
Box locked yet cracked and busted
Heart inside can't be trusted

Wake Up

Asleep and drifting away wondering if your life is just a waste..

Looking back knowing that you were asleep still don't know if you're awake..

Wandering around wearing a fake smile like a new style in a world so vile, ignoring the people judging you because they couldn't wear your shoes for a mile..

How long.. how long do you take it, how long do you fake it?.

How long do you feel sorry that your life is shit like a kid you throw a fit saying you can't do it, you'll never make it..

Wake up! Wake up! Get up! Get out! Just shout Wake up!

Whatever it takes just make it happen, get your life back before it's too late and it can't happen..

Damn all the finger pointing and blaming carrying shame that you don't have to have with your name..

It's not you it's not who you are, you don't have to live like tomorrow's too far..

Just wake up and get up out of that box you've locked so tight like your world's in a jar..

Don't be afraid to shine some light on something you know is not right..

I know it hurts but you can't die in a life you're trying to live you never had..

At some point you gotta stop living as if you're life is built by Super Dad..

Wake up! Wake up! Wake up! Time's up! Get up! Get out!..

- John Lee

We Are Poetry

It seem to be the only way I can communicate..

With words and riddles written, because I struggle speaking out with feelings hidden..

It's sometimes hard with my vocabulary being small..

It's like searching for a crowd in a empty hall..

Forever waiting for the invitation to that popular ball, but not knowing anyone is like eating alone in a crowded mall.

Writing my tangled emotions and feelings to post for the world to see..

No matter how many viewers that read , still no one will ever know me..

Even though, I'm still at peace, because it's not about me..

In this little world of our lives, we are all poetry..

We're Not Okay but Thanks for Asking

We're Not Okay but Thanks for Asking

We're pretty good at faking smiles
We look at you but we're seeing miles
Of all the diminishing hope
We tighten the noose on the rope
In the quiet hours of being alone
Gripping the one way ticket home
For your sake we say we're okay
But we simply want to end the day
No we won't apologize
You're the fault of all our lies
You ask but you don't want to know
If we're okay just so you can go
We're not okay but thanks for asking
This is us without the masking

We're Religious

We're religious
With traditions
But deny the power
Tear down our towers
Our tongues sharp
We've missed the hearts
We pray as the hypocrites
Just can't seem to get it
We're loud and boastful
Forgot the hopeful
Give money to a place
Deeds done for the same
Just to praise it's name
We're members
Individuals
Connected to denominations
Confused and separated
As if we're serving Satan
Saying Jesus just to please us
Where are you the world asks
Because we've failed the task
Thank you for the disciples
It's them that shared the gospel
We seem to praise a tomb
While they still live with you
Help us do as we're called to do
Appeasing to religion
Just for recognition
Lord forgive us
We're religious

What Matters Most

I wish I had the words to say
But nothing makes up for the day
That ripped us apart

I know I should've listened
When you said it was witching
But I was too far

Away from here
Today I'm near
To what matters most

Although I'm just a ghost
I cry out from the shadows
All I want from the sorrows
Is what matters most

Everything from within
Just wants everyone to win
But I know that I've lost
And I know at what cost

If only I knew then
If only forgiveness
Played a role in our hearts
Maybe love wouldn't be
Pulled and torn apart

All the years passed by
And those days are gone
But these tears won't dry
Until I'm finally home

The one you knew isn't who I've become
As I don't realize just who you are
We've only wanted to be someone
And maybe those people aren't too far
From what matters most..

Whore

I saw the blood in your eyes
That runs between your thighs
I can't believe I believed in
All of your lies.. selfish lies..

I was drowning but I
Swam in your pool
Manipulated and I
Played as a fool

I saw the blood in your eyes
Yet blinded by your lies
I can't believe that I
Fell between your thighs

Your heart is dark
Your tongue a liar
Your touch leaves it mark
Because your soul's on fire

I saw the blood in your eyes
I should've ran to hide
Like a fool I believed
In all of your lies
I was a fool to believe
I could make you mine

- John Lee

Why Can't You See

I can delete your number..
And your pictures from my phone
But I can never delete you..
In my heart is where you belong

I try to forget you..
And I know that it's wrong
I just put on music..
But you're in every damn song

Here I am lonely..
But it's the way I want it
I'm the one and only..
Reason I don't want it

You tried to get close..
You're facing the wrong direction
You're knocking but it's closed..
It's my only protecting

You're hurting him by loving me..
It's me that's hurting this shouldn't be
Can't keep going this isn't me..
This isn't how love is supposed to be

Why can't you see..
That you don't love me
Why can't you see..
You don't love him saying you love me
Why can't you see
Why can't you see.

- John Lee

You and I

You and I

I dreamt of you,
Whoever you are, we'll sail through the stars.
The music plays,
Playing the wave link of words we can't say.
I wanna dance,
Dance with you underneath the moon.
I wanna sing,
Sing the songs that our hearts so longs.
I wanna hold,
Hold you so close that we couldn't let go.
It's you and I,
And we don't have to look at what we don't have.
It's you and I,
Loving like there's only you and I.
I dreamt of you,
Through the night is where love goes right.
I dreamt of you,
Holding my heart, whoever you are.

You Never Imagined

As this body of water flows through me
I keep thinking of how it could be
You never imagined
I wish you could've seen

The sound it makes
When life is so easy to take
You never imagined
If only you were awake

My life is building a beautiful anthology
I won't ask for an apology
You never imagined
The love wasted was all for me

Yeah you never imagined
It's not so tragic
With every breath I take
It feels like magic
You never imagined

The love we've made
It's all lost for intimacy
With every pushing wave
You'll catch me in the sea
Yeah you never imagined.

- John Lee