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DARK SIDE OF THE WALL

On the dark side of the wall, I will lay my body down
Miles away from the folk I know
Miles away from my own home town
Found a girl who could ease my pain, make me feel all alive again
On the dark side of the wall
I will lay my body down

You've got eyes that could hypnotise
Tell me what kind of jewel have I here
Like a star shining out in the night
Miles away, yet seeming so near
What so many others failed to do
You have managed in a day or two
On the dark side of the wall
I will lay and think of you

Started feeling like I'm safe and sound
So contented with what I have found
On the dark side of the wall
I will lay my body down

MAYBE TONIGHT

Maybe tonight, you'll wine and dine me
Maybe tonight our love will shine
So much ahead, not much behind us
But I'm yours and you tell me that you're mine

*And if eternity could last a moment longer
Would I feel the same as I do today
Maybe tonight, maybe tonight
Maybe tonight, love will find it's own sweet way*

And I'm feeling tired, but I'm more awake now
Than I have ever been before
And to speak the truth, your beauty still amazes
It's like an angel walking through the door

*And if eternity could last a moment longer
Would I feel the same as I do today
Maybe tonight, maybe tonight
Maybe tonight, love will find it's own sweet way
Maybe tonight, maybe tonight
Maybe tonight, love will find it's own sweet way*

(I LOVE YOUR) MOTHER'S DAUGHTER

Oh yes tonight was fine
I've got a nice warm bed and a glass of wine
Today was dull but I've heard it might shine
And I love your mother's daughter

Your smiling face warms me like the sun
Makes me feel so good when the day is done
When we both are old you'll still be the one
I'll still love your mother's daughter

*And if you touch me then like you did today
I'll be higher than the moon and all the folk will say
I've sown my oats but now I'm here to stay
And as the world keeps turning – turn to me
And as the kids are learning – ABC
My heart will keep on burning – it's sizzling me
And I love your mother's daughter*

Oh yes, tonight was fine
I'm going to mail you a letter when I find time
Today was dull but I've heard it might shine
And I love your mother's daughter

I love your darling mother's daughter

NORTHBANK

Catch the midnight train to be home by the morning
Will you shed a tear or two before I leave?
But like an old familiar melody can hypnotise your mind
I'll keep coming back to Northbank one more time

And my memory takes me back to days at Northbank
When I feel alone on sleepless summer nights
There could never be another love more special or more kind
At last at Northbank I have found my peace of mind
At last at Northbank I have found my peace of mind

And as long as I can write a love song, find the words to rhyme
I'll keep coming back to Northbank one more time
I'll keep coming back to Northbank one more time

AIN'T THAT YOUR WAY

You've got a face like heaven and you make me smile
It makes me laugh when you're turning on the style
But aint that your way.....oh aint that your way

You're not too tall, no, you stand about shoulder high
You've got the look of love shining in your eyes
But aint that your way.....God, aint that your way

*And you tell me there could be no other
And I need to believe what you say
But I've known so many hearts start hurting
But aint that the way.....Oh, aint that the way*

You never put me down when I'm insecure
You tell me I can make it when I'm not so sure
But aint that your way...aint that your way

*Always there with a helping hand
Always listen and always understand
Just short of true perfection
With so much love so much affection*

And I'm never going to find another
No I'm never going to find another

HELEN'S SONG

Another hour, another day
Time will fly I've heard them say
But days apart makes the week seem longer
The summer of my life will keep me warm
Will help to guide me through the storm
I've loved before, but this times stronger

*And if I ever let you down, don't despise me
Take me home and soon you'll find, you still excite me
And long before the dawn shines through
You'll know that I love only you
And only you can make me happy*

The ones I love still love me too
Despite the storms that we've been through
With give and take, we've come out smiling
so let's make a toast to what's to come
To what is now and what is done
For what will be there is no telling

*And if I ever let you down, don't despise me
Take me home and soon you'll find, you still excite me
And long before the dawn shines through
You'll know that I love only you
And only you could make me happy*

*And I'll be with you night and day
Never more than touch away
Such a lucky man with you beside me*

YOUR PERFECT WAY

You won't hear me complaining
I've got no harsh words to say
You do your best to make me happy
And it fills my every day
I'm okay, life is turning out just fine
And I couldn't ask for better if the choosing was all mine
But I sometimes wonder

*Do you miss the places that you used to know so well
If you're heart is lonely then your eyes never tell
But I think there's maybe something I should say
I love your perfect way*

When it thunders and it lightens
You lie trembling in my arms
And I wake to find you sleeping
In the early morning calm
And I wake up smiling
You've put new life in my veins
And when the city starts to get me down, you're my country lanes
But I sometimes wonder

With a little understanding
We both do the best we can
I won't take another woman
You won't take another man
And we end up smiling
Through all the good times and the bad
'Cause the life that we're now living is the best that's to be had
But I sometimes wonder

WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE

When all is said and done, no one comes even close to you
When youth has been and gone, almost half our journey through
It will always be just me and you forever
Come what may we'll always be together

Listen to the night, laid holding on each other
And the silence says much more, than words could ever say
And the darkness somehow seems to cool and calm us
Safely knowing nothing here will harm us

*But sometimes living just gets in the way
And there might be times when I'll forget to say – I love you
Left without you I'd be lost – a child all alone
A song nobody wants to sing, a heart without a home*

And when all is said and done, we'll have our share of ups and downs
There'll be more joy than pain, we'll laugh more than we'll cry
And clouds will come but here's the silver lining
Somewhere far behind the suns still shining
But sometimes living just gets in the way

FADE AWAY

I watch you when you're sleeping
But I'm the one in dreams
And I sometimes act like I don't care
But it's not the way it seems
I check that you're still breathing
So scared that you might die
But then you turn and smile at me
It's enough to make me cry

Don't let me take for granted
The treasure that I've found
Tell me 'bout the day you've had
I love to hear the sound
You look so good in your new tight jeans
I'm floating on cloud nine
You told me that you loved me
Tell me one more time

*Don't let it fade away - don't let it fade away
Let's get old and grey together
Holding hands through stormy weather
Arm in arm from now till judgement day
The world is tough but we are stronger
Life is short but love lasts longer
I never thought I'd ever feel this way*

We stayed awake till sunrise
We saw a shooting star
We sat and drank a cheap white wine
And strummed my old guitar
Nothing else much matters
Nothing else is real
Don't need to see the morning news
To know the way I feel

HOLLYWOOD EYES

Those Hollywood eyes as deep as the sea
The Hollywood smile that hypnotised me
The way that you walk
The language you use
Innocent angel, dazed and confused
But I'll be your guard, your shelter from storm
twenty four seven I'll keep you from harm
And I'm never going to let you down

Those Hollywood eyes never should cry
That Hollywood smile keeps my hopes alive
No one can hurt us
As long as we're strong
We'll just slip away, let the world carry on
When stakes get too high, sooner than fall
We'll just leave the stage with no curtain call
But I'm never going to let you down

*Listen out for me shouting your name from the rooftops
High as a flag on the Fourth of July
Turning my black and white life into colour
Eternity seems like it's just flying by*

But I'll be your guard, your shelter from storm
twenty four seven I'll keep you from harm
But I'm never going to let you down

CHEAP SEATS

It doesn't matter where we're standing
'Cause the view is till the same
As long as you're beside me, I don't feel the pouring rain
And I doubt if we've been noticed as we blend in with the crowd
'Cause the lights aren't shining on us and the music's playing loud

Your hair is blowing in the wind and your eyes are shining wide
It's almost half a lifetime since you became my wife
A thousand eyes are on the stage but I'm one of the few
Tonight the finest show in town is found in watching you

*We're sat in the cheap seats, but I've got the best view
The ticket costs nothing, for just looking at you
We're sat in the cheap seats, a night in a million
And when the encores have been sung, and the audience have gone
And you're sad because there's nothing left to see
We're sat in the cheap seats, but you're still sitting pretty next to me*

They're singing all the songs we know, the backdrop of our lives
The harmonies we try to hit whilst standing side by side
The love songs that we danced to so many years ago
But I can't stop from watching you and almost miss the show

NEVER APART

You are to me, the light of the morning
You were were my first love, and you'll be my last
You're my beginning and end
You are the truth that won't bend
With the last beat of my heart
Say you will be, always with me
Never apart

I won't be scared if you're here beside me
No one can hurt me providing you're near
We are the ink that won't fade
We are the vows that we made
With the last beat of my heart
Say you will be, always with me
Never apart

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LONG WAY FROM HOME

Yellow and white will find you, just like on our wedding day
Flowers in the shade looking pretty and bright
What am I supposed to say

'Cause conversations too one sided, a wind that chills me to the bone
Sitting in the dark wishing you beside me
But you're such a long way from home

*So many sleepless nights and counting
Wanting to believe in ghosts
Empty bottles just amounting to
Losing someone I love most*

*Suddenly no even numbers
Fives and threes and ones
Honestly it's little wonder that
The hardest parts the moving on*

Feeling so numb yet hurting, thinking how the years have flown
Everywhere I look, well I just see your things
Makes me even more alone

Talking to myself hoping that you're listening
Wishing you would just come home

HUNSTANTON 2019

Driving up the motorway a little faster than I need
If you'd been sat beside me, I gladly would have halved my speed
There's going to be a rainbow
or maybe just a flood
Walking in your footsteps - standing where you should

It's only weeks and not much more, how your laughter made us smile
you looked surprised, had no clue, worth every single mile
The sun was never going to shine
decided not to venture far
You won on The National, we spent it at the bar

*And I know if you were standing here exactly what you'd say
That I need to learn to smile again and not to fear the day
You'd tell me you were watching me and life hadn't been in vain
And if you sent another letter, it would say we'll meet again*

A morning walk along the beach, my little feller held my hand
The wind near blew us off our feet, made castles in the freezing sand
I told him he was saving me
I don't suppose he understood
We were walking in your footsteps – standing where you should

*And I know if you were standing here exactly what you'd say
That I need to hold the children close and not to fear the day
You'd tell me you were watching us and life hadn't been in vain
And one day much further down the line we're going to meet again*

Today I walked along the beach, decided that the sun might shine.

FIVE DAYS

In a cheap hotel, I don't know where
A single bed and an empty chair
So much to say but no one to share
This isn't how we had things planned

But you were there in my sleep last night
You'd done your hair and your jeans were tight
You wore that blouse that I always liked
And that face that said 'I understand'

*Do you touch me, when I'm sleeping?
Do you hold me when I'm quietly weeping?
Are you watching me and I don't know how
But are you keeping me from harm?
Do you hear me when I'm talking to you?
Are you near me? Am I walking through you?*

Can you steer me as I'm passing through the centre of the storm?

I came home with a stinking cold
For three days I haven't seen a soul
But I've done okay if the truth be told
But only 'cause I feel you near

And I've been told that I'm doing well
Which only shows I can hide my hell
I might be strong
But I'm weak as well

So much we have to face this year

*Will you start me when I'm stalling?
Will you wake me, when it's morning?
Will you help get back on my feet when I begin to fall?
Will you watch me and Teddy playing?
Will you smile when Maisie's saying*

There's nanna in her necklace when she sees you on the wall?

In a cheap hotel, I don't know where
A single bed and an empty chair

MERLOT

My company tonight
Appears when all the smiles have gone
When darkness fills the sky and chills my soul
Not so much a friend
Just a nightly visitor
Who warms me for a while – then leaves me cold

*My melancholy guest
Too often at the door
No longer dulls my pain or amuses like before*

My company tonight
We often shared to end the day
Talking over plans, laying next to me
Watch the babies grow
Several decades still to come
Little did we know what a bastard life could be

EVENING

What am I supposed to do at the end of the day
I've kept myself amused in an OCD way
I've been talking to you but you'd not much to say
Hope I've not offended and you're making me pay

I just about cope 'til the sun starts to fade
The hours when I think of the plans we'd have made
I'd gladly swap places it's a two sided blade
I lay in the darkness where your body once laid

*And the chances are high that I'll open a bottle
Kissing goodbye to what's left of the day
Falling asleep watching some late night comedy
And it once made us laugh, but then that was a lifetime away*

I'm missing my kids and my little ones loving me
My mum and my mates and my rather odd family
Lockdown situations aren't part of normality
I think that you're lucky somewhere in eternity

And I hate when the light dims and you're not there touching me
A million years from those nights filled with ecstasy
When all that we had was all that it needs to be
I wish that I'd known, I'd not let you let go of me

*And the chances are high that I'll open a bottle
Kissing goodbye to what's left of the day
Falling asleep watching some late night comedy
And it once made us laugh, but then that was a lifetime away*

TEARS AT BEDTIME

It's been a hard few months, but it feels good to be home now baby
See the hall light shining and knowing that you're here
Laying on the sofa, junk programmes on the TV
Sleeping under blankets
But knowing that you're near to me
Knowing that you're close to me

It's been a hard few months, but it's not going to beat us baby
You've have so much to face but we're going to face it side by side
Let's just get away, the sun can be your pill
If only love could cure
If only time could just stand still
If only time could just stand still

*I'll tell you how my week has been
Nothing much exciting
Picturing you smiling
It always made my day
Planned another night in
Put it down in writing
There might be tears at bedtime
That so often is the way*

It's been a hard few months, and God knows how I've missed you baby
How I miss your voice, how I long to touch your skin
The echoes keep me warm, I feel you in my blood
The photos by the fire
From days when life was good
From days when life was so good

It's been a hard few months but it's not going to beat me baby

WORDS NOT NEEDED

Laying in the dark
Thinking 'bout the things
I wish that I'd said
But I didn't
Torturing my soul
Feel like nothing's right
Making some bad decisions
We used to like to sit in silence
Knowing that we'd made a difference
I wish I'd told you more we're not defeated
But sometimes you get those situations
When words just aren't needed

Sitting by your side
A hundred hours or more
Plenty of time for thinking
Hoping God will help
Certain that he might
In the end he didn't
I held your hand while you were sleeping
Tried to share your pain by touching
Side by side we normally succeeded
Your lips moved 'and I love you too'
When words just weren't needed