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'One must imagine Sisyphus happy' Camus



Midnight Bay

Midnight bay The harbour of dreams Floating on the night A wishful longing Cast from the heart Unto the swell Deep in the fathoms Under the waves The undiscovered oceans Silent in their promise And waiting for you To surface again



Dancing Forever

Can you sense the secrets Hidden in the now Feel the cast of silhouettes Waltzing in this space Swarming the passing tide Footsteps out of the past Dancing forever



The Drop

In the dreams of the doom laden mind. And the way you look at me Against the drop of the before and after Of our momentary relevance The darkness beckons Once again



Dead To The World

Left behind Hidden behind chance Mangled by moments Taken from the face of the future Scraped from the pages of history Words never spoken Dead to the world



Swimming In Infinity

In the dead of the day The dream beckons The Magic lantern of slumber Waits for me When darkness wraps its arms around my psyche Moments are crucified and laid to rest As I spread my arms out In the Vale of dreams To find myself Swimming in infinity



Infinite Fantasy

And yes the days have finally spun a bit of something special Out of the routine Pearls emerging from the drone of the day Angels pour from the cracks in the pavement And dance Golden butterflies glitter up from the inside of my gut Colouring my thoughts with an ecstatic wave Charging the surge of a moment With an infinite fantasy



Clouds Pour The Rain

Would the clouds pour the rain If the river didn't give generously To the sea Would the rainbow drape the sky If you hadn't been soaked By the tears of fortune Would the sun not shine Without the polish of the storm



Some Words

There are some words That you need to convey Hidden in the ticker tape processions of your desire And the deepest wish Just to give them the light of sound Somewhere on the outside Just to be heard in the corners of a stolen moment To find a connection To be received and understood For an ecstatic splintered second A feeling Shared across the void



Voyager

Voyager Deep in space Beacon of earth Sing for the lonely back home On your journey As they follow too Into space and time Silent and relentless Ever onward In the hope of a new beginning



Forgotten Coins

Forgotten coins The currency of stalled ideals Found by chance Down the back of the chair in my head Mottled and no longer of value I left them there To rest in peace Once again



Talk

You talk a lot And you talk a lot You talk a lot And you talk a lot You talk a lot And you talk a lot You talk a lot You talk a lot



Wedding To Fortune

Would you escape Your wedding to fortune And leave her standing At the altar of fate To pay the price Of your separation And run with the clock Until it's too late



Glimpse

Can I play with the feeling Riding on a glance of the moon Trickling into the pulse and breath Pulsed by a mere glimpse Savoured until the vanishing point Never to be repeated



Diamonds For Never

Laid like litter On the other side of a lonely night A cheap set of fake diamonds Lost in the rain Glinting the real thing into a rare state of envy Sparkling with promises Of love unbidden Yet left unclaimed in the coldness of the dawn Glowing in your own glory Shining into the face of another god forsaken day Priceless



Doorway Stranger

Drunken cast out Left in the doorway His heart bleeding dry In the echoes of the alley And the concrete stairs Warm to the ears Of a December chill The stark intention To blank out the future And find some answers At the end of that knife Glinting in the shadows Of the unknown sleeper Dead to the world as the night softly passes The whistling echo regret Spun in the gutters Of malice

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Spite

Let the words fly To the freak guy Drowning at the edge Of a tear stained eye Dark morning rises Swimming in despises Far away and full of spite The furthest cry From the promises of night.



Happy Now?

We have all the time in the world No we don't Time enough for all the precious things that love has in store No we don't Don't worry about a thing Cos everything little things Gonna be all right Is it? No it's not. If you're happy and you know it clap your hands. In the face of certain death Here's a little poem I wrote Don't worry be happy Oh okay then fine Are you happy now?



Mistake

When a thought stretches out Beyond the point of truth And snaps under the weight of fact As age envelopes youth The heart swims deeper In the quicksand of mistakes And the clock runs faster than the measures You can take To take away an error Or heal a wounded heart Cast in stone forever But completely torn apart



Laugh Don't Scream

Laugh don't scream In the fall Wave your fingers And feel it all Laugh don't scream In the fall Turn and tumble in the air Reach for a hand Laugh don't scream In the fall Laugh all the way down Before you wake from the dream



Francois

Glamour and carnage Odd bedfellows of desire The stuff of life Spin the wheels faster Francois Closer to the edge Cest la vie Cevert Racing in eternity A speeding heart



Broken Things

Is there a place For the broken things To be made manifest On an island of solace A haven of healing Somewhere To be made again



Sadness

Why is the sadness Stuck in the heart Too wide To pour through the doors of the narrowing years Yet I glimpse you there still Through the aperture of memory A darkening face Shadowed as a waning moon I can just make out In the closing Of my eyes



See

Raise me from my reverie Peel away my wishes Leave me in the sun Just long enough to see the light And turn my head from distraction To lift my gaze So I can finally See



Enslavement

She dreams on an island Of her own making Paradise in the moments of freedom A farewell to the burdens of now Spinning in the sunshine at last Reaching beyond the dragging hands And the choke of enslavement To somewhere beyond



Another Day

Heavy is the dawn Laden with resentment Are the arcs and bridges of regret That permeate the heart Weighted by the burden of living I lift my unrested head To do battle With the demands Of another day



Manifesting

A return of feeling Regained to the owner A debt paid in the gaps of breathing Lost echoes champing at the words now forming in the mouth The wish of another epoch or time A world where you could finally function Denied to you in the ephemeral toture of your existence Hidden in a higher plane The wanderer places his bet One step at a time into the future High above the ticking clock Rising above the trivial And manifesting A truth in the moment Of a blinking eye



Shadows And Dust

History does not repeat It rhymes The words might change For the same crimes Power is driven By the fuel of lust But everything is left As shadows and dust



Morning Bites

Let me curate my dreams tonight Then I could be free If only in the chinks of light That cast me between The day and night And spat from the jaws As morning bites



Lament

Was there a stale note A serpent hidden in your scent That slithered into your glance And the side-eyed goodbyes Of feelings spent Enough of a message To read between the gaps Of all your traps



Derelict

A blink of wisdom shines in the derelict Somewhere deep in the dream of identity Risen in the swooning dawn The pearl of light escapes the grasp As the bottle drops from a scabby hand Shattering the moment



The Other Path

If only we could live Where the other days were hidden And bathe in the bygones Of our hearts To see the friends we never met And the times we never had For one night only To know what they were To dance down our regrets And the shake the hands Of the creatures of potential To know what we could have known If only we had taken The other path



Mortal Disease

The road is long But the cuts are short For all the money Time can't be bought For all your prayers And all your pleas There is no cure For this mortal disease



The Last Of Days

Imagining the time of vision The first of the number In the last of days The buy and sell of the pimpernel Hidden and found in the division of cells The month of Mondays Of the visions of hell Born from the maelstrom Of yesterday's sell



Tear

The tear drop In your hand Unbidden Emotional content Embodied In the salted water A feeling


Cradle Of Dreams

Far beyond the clouds and the doubters Born beyond the scorn of the world Left in the cradle of dreams A vision of the future Meanders in the rivers of hope Drifting on the currents Of imagination



Old Soul Yearning

Old soul yearning Talks to the child The wishes of the now Cast into the past But deaf are the ears Of innocence To the wisdom Of the years



Bleeding Niagara

Bleeding Niagara Falls upon the regrets Of your days A crescendo of sorrows Marinades a response Rising Into the vapours Of feeling Lost in the spray of your heart As time turns Another corner For change to buy Another day And another chance At something else Somewhere beyond the pain Of now



Day Dream

Let the world turn Let your heart beat And the day wane

Let the smile form Let the moment pass And the way stream

Let the thought go Let your life flow And the day dream

Let the sun shine Let the moon glow And the stars scream

Let your life go Let the truth show More than what it seems

Dream Sculptor

I can be your dream sculptor Shape the heavens in your head Holding back the snakes and demons That slither lurking At your fevered bed Raise the sun in darkness To dry the anxious tears And ride the nightmares out together Far beyond your fears



The Hands Of Angels

Let there be our wishes Rest in the hands of Angels To caress an assurance that The concerns of tomorrow Belong to another age The present reaches out Thrown from divine fingers Into eternity And all we need is what we have In our eyes And our hearts Right now



Canyons Of Experience

Today I see Every one of my years Staring back at me Each line in my face A road back in time Deep furrows cut in the bedrock Stark and real Canyons of experience Laid before me



Under The Ominous Condition

And if you thought for one minute That one minute of thought would make any difference Then any difference That could be made To what we believe And all we wish And all of eternity Could be an answer To any other of the questions that your dared To ask yourself Under the ominous Condition Of all that you ever knew As if any of it mattered At all



Forgotten Wisdom

A dream leavened stray Into the deepest craving Of a lonely outcast Left in the margin Of forgotten wisdom Founded in an ancient Feeling Left in the desert At the bottom of the well of all our hopes Lifted by an innocent child Held in the wonder of a dawn sculptured vision Innocent and pure As the yearning Of a heart Defiant in the wish For a better tomorrow



The Boy That Laughed

The boy that laughed in the face of doom Oblivious to his mother's pain The boy that laughed in the face of fortune Watching the day go by Even if it was his last The boy that laughed In spite of everything



A Moment Of Spirit

Let me lend you a moment of spirit Loaded with fire Let me find the treasure That you sought in the ashes of our dreams Let me be the solution To the burdens of tomorrow Let me be the magic carpet In the reflections of a lost day we wished had been lived Let me see beyond the horizon And plot the path of a restful ease to be felt once again That we found in those summer days of simplicity Hidden in the flowered park arm in arm Far from the grief to come With thoughts of forever And our backs to the clouds



The King

In a distant land The king gripped the throne The day had come That Fate came home The weight of the world And the turn of clock The combination Left in the lock The pull of destuction Has taken the bait The button is pressed And now it's too late



Chris Goes To The Discos

Chris goes to the discos And she's 63 She closes her eyes in paradise and pretends it's 83 The kids on their phones With sarcastic tones Scorn the music's history That the DJ plays To make Chris's days And the tunes that set her free



Raining Bus Stop

The smiles emerge From under an umbrella The green bus lances the damp air with a hiss The bike with the small wheels splashes the drain And the laughing Saturday girls Huddle under the roof that's too small To hide from the rain



Truth

In the hush of a cloistered eve My heart and love sought to deceive The whispered promises Offer no repreive The truth will dance With what you believe



Be For Me

Sweet but sweet Wouldn't be sweet for me Sun would shine but wouldn't shine for me Smile would smile But wouldn't smile for me And you wouldn't be Be for me



Muffled Fists

Your passions lost A forgotten penny Twisted in the pocket of memory Buried in the tomb of an everyday yawn Muffled fists Beating in the heart



The Sweet Sayings Of Bacchus

I would have pledged my faith Before you drank yourself to sleep My words were lost To the charms Of the grape And in the sweet sayings of Bacchus You bask The lure of his false promises too potent to deny Blind to my silence As I leave you to rest In his dominion Once again



The Rose

The rose Was meant for you Tight in my hand I held it Against the mounting spring breezes As I watched the petals torn away One by one Snatched by the hungry wind And into the arms of fate and chaos Thrown aloft they went Cast even further by my hurried grasping Spun on the teasing gusts In beautifully wild circles Until down to earth they glided To decorate the gutter Flittering red in the grime And I laughed in the hopeless chase Blissfully unaware at the time As I held the bare stem Of the omen It would become

The Days And Nights

Its foolish to think of yesterday But that is where the present is And the days and nights we spent Are all I think about now



Flowers

The beat of the heart Enough to preserve the days And the flowers could only bloom when they beat together



Otherworld

Somewhere in the otherworld Everything is okay Somewhere in the mirror world I can breathe easy Somewhere down the other path Life is better And somewhere inside I can live again



If Only I Was Pablo

If only I was Pablo I know you would find space for me Somewhere within you If Pablo would guide my hand And give my pen the gift of his words I know he could help me find A world Where you loved me too



I Buried My Dreams

I didn't cry When I buried my dreams I felt the release Of acceptance I knew the time had come And the future beckoned With open arms I know what matters now More than my dreams And it's you



Murmuration

Even the blandest starling Can murmurate in beauty Thier numbers generating Arcs and dips of rare wonder Of shifting symmetry Emerging out of the mundane And the evening softness They paint their patterns Against the sky



Shadowcast

I felt you there In the shadowcast of evening Dark fingers reaching Into the sunset Pulling you back to the present Stirring from the stillness And pausing life itself In the quiet of the eventide Just enough To hear your words Tumble in the wind And whisper of a promise That we will meet again



Escalator Eyes

Escalator eyes meet We pass Days March on



Rise Again

Boarded up heart Nails sunk deep into the woodwork Of endless abandoned rooms Your hands placed hurriedly Over any chink of light That dares to invade A hidden interior Know this When the roof falls Lifted from the rubble You can turn your heart to the sun And rise again



Dawn

Crystal beads Cling the blades of grass Old water spirits Weary of the night Ripe in the knowledge To drop is to die For the birth of morning



Infinity

Infinity behind Infinity ahead I will find you there When we dance with the dead



Yes

Yes I hear no Yes You don't want to know Yes The time slips through our fingers Yes The precious second lingers Yes When my eye falls upon you Yes A stolen moment will show Yes Yes The silent singers Sing And they sing of you Even if The world says no Phil J Hambling

The Fall

How far into the fall Before you accept And glide with serenity Into the arms of fate The screaming over Life begins again In joyful descent



Out Of The Blue

Today I run to the hills Somewhere in the green And out of the blue All the darkness Is left behind



Forever Unknown

Shouting spiral of prayers lost to the night Hidden under the wings of the owl of sorrows Dropped in the darkness of the forest of unbegotten loves Dispersed in the glowing of the burgeoning of dawn Forever unknown To the days



Chocolate Box

Still there The chocolate box Sat on the table That I was too scared to send to you And now its passed the sell by date Like any opportunity for an apology Even if Some of them are probably Still sweet enough to share



Moments With You

Helpless As a fountain in a furnace Evaporated Gone With no trace of ever existing Gone before Arcs of beauty Could form from feeling To decorate our days Left only as dreams Burned away in the mind My moments with you


January Rains

Nobody can notice your tears

In the bite of the January rains

They merge in salty stings

And into one long stream of memories

Umbrella fights your hand

Unruly and restless in the teasing winds

And blown inside out like your heart

The struggle commemorates the days you shared on this path of laughter and sun

And the suck and cast of the sea

Is now your only companion

As you battle on and on

Back home again

To the warmth of tea

And quiet reminiscence



The Ripples Of Time

The temper of the tide And the rhythm of the sea Reflecting the passing of the moments And the ripples of time Enfolded in the turning of the waves Time and essence Passing gently But inexorably By



You Stood Here

You stood here In this exact spot Where my feet are now I remember the pattern in the cold stones I was hoping to feel Something Something about you Instead of just The rain



Hydra

Many headed hydra Swirling in my heart Cut one piece of pain And two grow in its place But I know The torch of love is somewhere The flame still burns If only in embers Somewhere out of reach



Love Is Another Language

Love is another language Of strange symbols And unknown sounds But please could someone Translate For me



Morning Love

Morning love shines the brightest Crystal clear thoughts of you I see your face amongst the clouds And reflected in the glinting dew Morning love shines so bright So why does there Have to be the night



Spare Any Kisses

Spare any kisses From the pocket in your heart Lend me the cost And I will pay you back in roses Spare any kisses And this could be the start Spare any kisses That you might give away



Comfort And Joy

Watch me weave Through the killer breeze Rain spattered head And Freezing feet Pacing the December pavements Watching the warmth behind the windows Neon blurring crystal shards Of comfort and joy Shrapnel of memories Stuck in the heart



Season Of Wonder

Season of wonder And reconciliation Mending of ways And building again Season of laughter And light in the dark Talk of adventures Soon to embark



Selfie

Selfie It's not a photo It's a type of person Selfie Maybe the worst one You love you Don't you? Selfie



Love Is A Liar

Love is a liar He promised too much He stole your words And stole your touch Love is a liar He promises life Stays for a day Then puts in the knife



The Game Of Love

Nothing to say Other than every dream has gone away For me and you Lost in the labyrinthe of love Joyous in the lostness of our journey Only to exit From the game Another losing player.



You Trusted Love

You trusted your heart to love But he was a stranger Who came with a smile And left with a frown And every bit of feeling That you ever had You trusted your heart to love But he can't be trusted Anymore



If You Don't Love Me

If you don't love me I won't understand All those days Of holding hands All those moments Lost in time Are those days over? Are you not mine? If you don't love me I guess that's fine But I will love you To the end of time



Lift The Lid On Love

Lift the lid on love And watch me run for cover Search inside my heart For an absent lover Say I've had enough And lift my thoughts above her Gone into the night Laughing with another



Long Long Ago

Fate could not disguise The love thats burned inside And the words could never flow And you could never know Or cross the great divide From the other side And I could never grow And I could never show The feelings still inside From long long ago



If Love Could Speak

If love could speak It would speak of you Of loving words Known to few

If love could speak It would speak of you A love thats pure A love thats true



How Can I Love

How can I love When the horse has bolted And the hooves have hammered Over the hills How can I love when your words of comfort Can't be handed down by wills How can I love when a life has ended And time won't let me pay your bills How can I love when I catch your feeling In every moment of time that kills



Currency Of The Heart

Hope for fair exchange In the currency of the heart That you store so safely To the bank of memory Trusted to hold your feelings secure

In the vaults of your mind Beware of counterfeit words And the promises of a lender Who holds the combination And the keys to your soul Leaving you Forever in debt



Ancient Skies

Ancient skies Laugh at modernity Shopping and convenience Can't compete With eternity The galaxies shine And witness infirmity And wave you goodbye As your death is a certainty



The Blood Of Your Choices

Hush and sleep Let the world of dream enfold you Purchase the moments of escape From time itself Point the gun at your senses Let it feel the threat of the bullets Before spilling the blood on the floor of your choices And disposing of my feelings Like just another product Of your imagination Or that I could wish That I could matter For one minute To you



Find Your Beauty

You can find your beauty Looking at Michelangelo I'll find mine when the rain hits Nandos You can gaze at Van Gogh And I can at smile at an old man's cough You can see the world through Turner's eyes As I dodge the puddles And watch the sunrise



The One

I'm the one they told you about The giver the sower and master of doubt I am the one that's stood in the queue The one you pretend that isn't you The prayer the slayer Of someone new I am the corner you didn't walk round The echo and silence Of those in the ground I am the flame that dreams in the cold The forgettor of stories That were never told



Build Our World

If we were given time Then we would Find our world again If we were given life To live these days again And we were given time We could build our world again



Somewhere In Forever

Somewhere in forever They wait for you Remnants of people That you once knew But only in the mind's eternities Can they hold true This life is all We know As truth



Cuts

The joy was burnt Seared away in an instant On hot-lipped rapier words Chosen from the box of instruments That you keep Razor sharp Just for the purpose Of cuts to the heart



The Quenching Of Your Heart

If the well is dry My wish would be for it to rain on your cravings For the quenching of your heart My call would be for the waters of the moment And the drops of time To fall on upon your wishes For meaning and solace Somewhere in the river of existence To soak into your soul



Face The Day

Look upon the lamentations Turn your head upon the truth See the bodies piled up by history Falling into the abyss of experience Face the day Face the moment And live



Dream Of Forever

When the day comes And the night relents to the nascent signs of the birthing dawn's cry The feeling of the world is echoed in the souls that breathe or sigh for the hope of another morning The sun trades light In the currency of the rays that reign down upon the water and the land The chance of existence The wealth of the world The beat of the heart And the pace of the pulse The blood and the glory And the spirit of the flesh Born into the present And the destinies of tomorrow The raging moments Of the now And one more page In the book of life Written into a dream of forever

Petrol Your Future

Pour on destruction Of flames to the end Hang the ropes And watch the demons descend Splinter the silence With the pain of your days Stumble and falter Get lost in the maze Shatter the crystal and burn the dream Petrol your future The world is deaf to your screams



Salted Air

A moment held Sun drenched and sea cooled Sun skipping an umber horizon Salted air Gull cries An end A beggining A feeling



And The Truth Will Be Your Guardian

I couldn't be any thing other Than this And if I was Then that would be something Less than what is authentic But it's okay Because you know the truth And the truth will be your Guardian And the truth Of my devotion Will be to keep you safe Forever



Drink Wisdom

I'm gonna drink myself sensible Cos I'm stupid sober And I need things to make sense So glass by glass I'll get wiser and wiser Until it all makes sense Again



Fleeting Smile

Dandelions dream of sunflowers And the weak dream of liberating powers The old dream of youth And the liar craves the truth The cloudy sky Dreams of the blue And a fleeting smile Is all I have of you



Wisdom

As I sit here Everything could suggest that Temporary existence wasn't a curse But a blessing But what do I know Because I'm no wiser than you Or anyone else



Midsummer

Midsummer's warm currency Borrowed from the south Whispers of the souk Permeate the still air Fragrant balms of charring meat Swap with sweet oranges For the streets have travelled far tonight. Out beyond the familiar rain and chill Conjuring a dream Into reality Gifted by the sun god Just for tonight


Requiem

Taste the final moment Embrace the horizon And Know your race is run Glory in the flames Of demise And be thankful It is the way it is



Listen To A Silence

Listen to a silence Can you hear the sound Hidden in a seashell Left on a beach of memories In between waves And motions of the sea Fragments of voices Splashing in my mind



Slow

Left behind Ahead of the game Outside the norm Inside the aim Off the track But in the know You go fast And I learn slow



Yearning Dream

Crystal caverns And jade avenues Diamond days And golden promises Ravishing fields of a bursting spring On the seas of a conjured realm Of a never ending heart Falling into wishes Blown on the fate of desire In the dawn of a passion Fresh as the dew On the first thought of tommorow Seen from the summit Of a yearning dream



Funfair

Is fun fair? Is your fun fair? Do you care If your fun ensnares If your fun scares If your fun decieves And hides miseries Is your fun fair?



A Moment Of Forever

Emerging from the dark Light beheld for the first time in a countless age Lifted by the first morning light I could endure the day Or all the days of life Flying above the inevitability of a dark demise To soar for this short spell of time Above the eternities of before and after A defiant flight on ephemeral wings Faster than the drawing of the dark A moment of forever In this shambles of existence



Secrets

Where the day goes Into night To chase the rainbows Out of sight Darkness chokes the sun To death And hides your secrets Under its breath



To My Sons

You can fly Now your wings have grown Don't be scared Of being alone Make the jump into the sky Now you know That you can fly



This

Neutraleyes Anestheteyes Prozleteyes And blind yourself With sacred lies Tell yourself you'll never die And live forever In eternal bliss But all there ever is Is this



Enjoy Your Food

More cannibals Desperate to live more By any means more Tearing the flesh for a few more moments You want more time More time not to think More time to carry on eating But death smiles at your appetites Enjoy your food



Losing Susan

Blue trumpet Purple organ Tapping snare Blue bass notes beat Losing Susan Losing Susan to the beat Losing Susan to the night Losing Susan She's lost in the sound Lost in the beat forever Losing Susan to the night Losing Susan Finding the beat



Feather

The feather is in no hurry to fall It still wants to fly Bird or no bird It flutters on the wind



Shadows And Sunspeak

Shadows and sunspeak Give voice to the vinetrailed statue Talking from the ages the timeworn gaze of colourless eyes Yellowation of shade Frames the patrician aspect Mellow the voice of a silencing soul Monarching the landscape from a hidden bower A dreamers blend Of light and dark



Springtidal

Sunbirthed springbreeze of Gardenated waves Noonstruck greenshoots of Herbalated enclaves Springtidal verve of Rainsoaked grass Treeladen haven of Silken spun glass



An Eternal Gift

Your smile begets A slow descent into joy Arresting time itself An eternal gift



Lost Forever

Leaning away from the best thing ever Like it was the thing to do I never saw the sun you shone Hidden in my darkness The best thing that could have been mine Was lost forever



Majestic Lords

Majestic lords decree Harvesting the bounty of their own salvation And watch you scrape your self respect back up from the pavement As the cold water bursts through from the dam of reality The headlines hold the outrage The road spills out the rush rage The shopping bag is full But the mind is empty The one percent gleam in the horn of plenty The old woman stumbles And the city crawls To the merciless beat Of the winning few And the big defeat



Echoes Of Ancestors

The echoes of ancestors Seep out from behind the slanted gravestones Shining a truth Through the stained glass hearts Of those assembled in search of salvation Lined up neatly in orderly rows In the hope redemption Outside the rooks in the trees flutter the churchyard watchfully The sudden bells scatter them skywards Waving wings into the dusk And evensong echoes in the empty streets As the slanted shadows of the gravestones Lengthen towards the night



Lost Prophet

Bearded bedraggled Wandering preacher Of measured Bible words Shunned by the passing shoppers Casting your message With verve and passion Yet Invisible to them Devoted as they are To their own religion Bought in the church Of retail Marks of devotion In bags of goods Betray their faith And on you speak To the air To the pigeons Firm in your conviction A lost prophet

Transcendent Resplendent

Transcendent resplendent Falling apart Made of tommorows

Today's form of art Wanting forever Way off the chart Ways of ascendence And standing apart Peak of the highest Known to depart From a shot of Creation Fired from the dart Hitting the target Straight through the heart Born from forever No ending

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No start



To Soar At Last

Fabulous worlds Bound by night Through the fugue The dreams will come Planes of ecstacy Visitations from far beyond Lifting you high To the wondered altars There to grant the wishes of flight And liberation From the stakes that hold your wings down To Soar at last After all this time Beyond the clouds Beyond imagination To that place



The Secret Place

Hidden in the trees The secret place Of endless transformation Known to few It's marble columns It's colourful dome Only seen by the holders Of the precious knowledge A place of transcendence To other worlds Imagined visions Conjured within Hidden in the trees The secret place Baroque and beautiful Hidden from sight

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One More Day

The old man flails his torch at time itself Lost in the dark of nightmares Confused and bloody minded He blindly whips at the inevitable Days numbered The defiant flames of life drifting down to embers Taunting the fangs of death to bite From out of the gloom The heat of his existence ready to fight In the hope of one more day



You Feel Love

Let there be the thing that you always wanted Let's make it happen The most outrageous days Transcendence of the mundane The building of a monumental escape A testament to your existence A Dream writ large The warm sunny air of chances A happening of the moments that were longed for in your hidden yearnings The summer city of possibilities Streets of discovery to be made And the lost abandon that you have always craved Cast up from the shadows The beats and the moves that the mind has danced The lost abandon to the moment Something like love Something like being more alive than alive Something that puts a smile on your burdened heart The nights of neon promise Lost in the moment Present like never before Good will radiates You feel love You feel love You feel love

There Is That Thing

There is that thing That you don't know what the next moment brings The curtain falls and opens like your eyes in the clouded morning To the perception of the moments that existence brings into consciousness. No less no more but the thoughts and dreams of the someone that you are The prism of you Or the thing that you call yourself in the midst of the storm of all this thing that you call your life The seconds only pass when you notice them slip by The days and the nights balance out in the great scheme of things And the music plays With or without you The music plays You know the song will end Enjoy it as you do Yet it will play on In the minds of others And on Into eternity

Magical Empires

Magical empires Hidden from sight Fashioned from the bricks of dreams they rise As Castles of the mind Conjured high above The morning mist With turrets of wishes And minarets of joy Defending the citadel Of the imagination From the spears and arrows Of our darkest thoughts



Storm Of Hope

The great storm of Jupiter Won't last forever The fury is vast And centuries old Yet the power of hope rises higher The angels look with wonder On the dawning of the new And the great red spot will burst With molten children of fire Bridges are built by the joining of hands Reaching in the tumult Healing the sores of rage Driftwood finds the homecoming of land The message in the bottle Is sometimes found The waves lap over the possible Into the realm of invention And the dominion of imagination The beauty of the days Brought into the born Time laden fortune rides the chariot of hope And the spirit of consciousness pulls it ever onward The time and space on which existence is spun Knows that the storm will pass As all storms do And clear bright hope Will shine inside you A sea of tranquility A supernova of desire And hope

The Light In The Dark

Turn the telescope Onto the heart Reaching deeply Into the space Finding the border Beyond the known The edge of feeling The light of the stars The light in the dark Illumination Inside



Laughing All The Way To The Foodbank

Laughing all the way to the food bank The only thing left to swallow is pride. Empty cupboard Empty stomach How did it get to this? But the warmth of a rare winter sun Hands out its spring tinged nutrients And fresh water tastes Like a new beggining Laughing all the way to the Foodbank. To start all over again



Alone Again

Alone again As a palm tree in the rain Or the snow falling in Spain Deserted at the empty docks And left behind the closing locks A human form of empty box



The Three Legged Dog

The three legged dog Doesn't care It runs around and plays with joy Just the same As any dog with four Fully in the present Mindful of the moment As any great sage Happy



Quick Slow Time

Time passes Too quickly Too slowly Days crawl Or rush Moments speed Or stretch Lives come Lives go And the clock ticks Quickly or slowly Ever on To beyond what we know



Out Of Horror There Was Beauty

The ship was lost In tragedy Yet a city was founded in its ruins In submarine reams Of shimmering suits The busy citizens flit Colourful in the deep waters The hull a shield from predators The cannons silent and confounded Hiding the octopus from harm The gold and silver treasures Shine as they might Have no value here The coral slowly taking in It's adopted child Using a timescale and currency of its own And out of horror There was beauty Deep down Below

Waiting For The Daffodils

Waiting for the daffodils And the little yellow promises Of a constellation of new born suns Waving at us joyfully From the roadside

Waiting for the daffodils On our journey to the spring And the thawing of a winter heart Will let the season sing



Bitter Anniversaries

Let me be bitter In my words today Cos all those things Actually happened And I have to face The unwelcome visitors Knocking on the doors Of my mind today And carry on lifting The anvils in my head That drop on top Of my thoughts this day So let me be bitter In what I say Let me be bitter At least for today



Hide And Seek

We played hide and seek On a global scale You and I You chose your hiding place So I came looking And one day I found you. Then it was my turn to hide I didn't try too hard I must confess To conceal my whereabouts But you haven't found me yet Maybe you are still counting Or perhaps you just wanted me To win the game


Little Earth

Little earth Lost in the firmament Lonely blue orphan Playing with the stars Round and round you go Round and round you go



Snake People

A den of snakes can writhe Behind a friendly face Laced with honeyed words The venom of their intention To curl their scales around your world And impale you on concealed fangs Then slither away smiling To digest you slowly



Drowsy Heart

Sometimes it takes some thunder To wake a drowsy heart And glue back together Shattered pieces of the art Of feeling and believing In a world that fell apart And feel the bolts of lightning That return you to the start



Stolen Lives

Stolen Lives Taken by your hate Stolen Lives Taken by your ignorance Stolen Lives Taken by your followers Stolen Lives Taken by the trainload Stolen Lives Taken by suffering Stolen Lives That we reclaim Stolen Lives That we remember Stolen Lives That hope regains



Near Life Experience

I felt my spirit enter my body I sensed the glory I saw the light at the end of the tunnel I walked towards it And saw the magnificence Of being alive Now



Squirrel Wisdom

The squirrel hoards it cache Yet it knows that half goes missing And that the lost nuts Will make the trees of the forest That it depends on



Dangerous Lies

If we are honest The most dangerous lies Are the ones we tell to ourselves Or is that a lie too?



Staring Down The Barrel Of Tomorrow

Staring down the barrel of tomorrow Taking the bet with time Carving a smile from my stoney face To Laugh at the odds Of winning A trophy of atrophy If Im lucky enough To dodge the bullets of today



London Skyline

The city was stabbed By a Shard in the heart And an unwanted Gherkin Spilled out of its guts Nearby a giant disc with monstrous eyes Swallowed people up by the riverbank Digesting them slowly round and round As The Canary screeched it's death from the money mine Out across the henges of high finance And in the distance The bridge over Dartford Took its toll



My Dilerium

The answer lies somewhere In between doubts And intrusive thoughts Can I find The moment of clarity And hold the rocks before they fall Long enough to let me function Before Im returned To my dilerium



Boundless Dream

Lost in the maze of existence Without a compass To find the way home Drifting steps into clouded futures To the crooked house of the unknown winds Blown by the myths of speculation Caught by the wave of the infinite source Hanging in the hall of visitation Held by the thrall Of a boundless dream Mixed by the pouring of the fountains of fortune The keys that are held in the forbidden night On the hip of the keeper of the gates of imagination Conceptions birth in the pulsing gyre Of the hidden heart of the daunted stranger left in the shadow of an errant child The torches of wisdom Passed by the embers of an ancient tongue Lit by the hopes of the generations Taken to the borders of visions end Hunter.com Held aloft by the wings of the wayward Rebels of the revelation Lifting the cup to the thirsty spirit Craving the dawning of a paradise new To live the days we are given on this earth In a mind forged dominion Of a boundless dream

The Gates Are Open

The music brought us To the secret place Hidden from the world But drawn to the curious To those that can hear The words are spoken The words are spoken The message is sent And a gathering held To take our place amongst them Rapturous and transcendent To carry the message Into the world That the gates are open To the place that is dreamt of In the depth of your heart



Scornful We Stand

Still here After all the blows That life has sent us The gifts of pain And kisses of doom Hitting back at the face of the taunting demons Scornful we stand At the world that turns against us Pushing back at every curse that's thrown Defiant in the blazing ship of our own demise Shaking our fists to the end



Into Eternity

Infinity beckons On the wings of the future Sweeping back To the deepest past The beating rhythm of time Taking flight from the centuries Ascending into the present A vanishing eagle Into enternity



The Distant Bells Of Sunday

The distant bells Of Sunday Haunt the air Long echoes and silence Mark the spaces In between Stillness No other sound But the distant bells of Sunday Far away



We Are Bubbles

We are bubbles Blown by chaos Fragile but soaring Defiantly higher Into the future Until we burst Into eternity



The Old Statue

How important you were Stood up there for all to see Alone in the crowd now Your only admirers Are the pigeons Or the placer of the occasional traffic cone Upon your weathered head As a crown of mockery And the rain that rusts you away Gradually fading Like the values you once held



Cathedral Of Light

Winter sunburst Defiant in its essence Pouring shafted rays across a resentful sea Unfolding a cathedral of spectral light Full of iridescent prayers of warmer times And a promise of the coming spring No longer crucified at the hands of the jealous clouds



The Lament Of The Evening Forest

The lament of the evening forest Abandoned by the sun once more To the flutterings of change on the wing As sky-dot murmurations descend To the kraas of the crows A message to unwelcome strangers Permeates the soul To leave this place now To its tenants of the night



Outside The Box

All the great people End up in a box All the great leaders End up in a box All the billionaires End up in a box All the best looking End up in a box And so will you End up in a box So while you are here Try and think Outside the box



The Jewels Of Eternity

Stolen from the night Rescued from dreams The jewels of eternity shine I lift them up to illuminate the gloom Of another winter morning



Brothers And Sisters Across The Sea

Brothers and sisters across the sea Alone on the pebbles I stand But I can see your faces in the turn of the winter waves I can hear your voices in the salty breeze I can see you standing on the far shores Beyond the mist and spray And we are together again



The Miracle Of Consciousness

A Celestial birth Cast by a trillion dice We came to exist By the turn of the spheres Out of the gloom of space And into the light Came the miracle of consciousness And eventually You.



Empty Bandstand

The empty bandstand plays The music of rain A symphony of droplets Mourning for the summer Drumming the deckchairs Strumming the pillars and archways As if the insistent notes could change the season itself



How Many Heartbeats?

How many Heartbeats Have you got left? What's the number? How many Heartbeats Have you got left? Before you go under? How many Heartbeats Have you got left? To do all those things in your head? How many Heartbeats Have you got left? For all those words to be said? How many Heartbeats Have you got left? To give carelessly away? How many Heartbeats Have you got left? Before the end of today?

Waves On The Promenade

Lashing chandeliers on the shoreline Bursting above The Battleship grey under belly Of the waves Clutching on the promenade The foaming claws Reaching in desperation for their Land lover lost Dragging back into the depths of the tumult Dissolved



The Song Of Boredom

I am boredom I am sometimes misunderstood Sometimes Boredom writes the song Sometimes Boredom starts the journey To where you truly belong Sometimes Boredom finds the answer Sometimes Boredom sets you free Sometimes Boredom points you towards what you truly believe Sometimes Boredom is the start of your inspiration Sometimes I am the father Of your creation



You Took My Feelings Hostage

You took my feelings hostage And I can't afford to pay Bound and gagged And hidden from sight They waste the days away Negotiation's hopeless I can't find the words to say To plead you for my freedom And my release some day You took my feelings hostage It's Stockholm syndromes curse I'm bound to you forever With an empty purse



You Could Go Looking

You could go looking But never find The things you truly seek You could go looking But never stop The endless losing streak You could go looking But never own What you think is yours You could go looking But never see What lies on your own shores



The Empty Chair

The empty chair Stares at me Dry wood patterns Shaping knotted faces Running down the arms and legs Merging with the tiles of the floor

The empty chair Silent Empty But somehow Full



New Year Dream

Half remembered constellations and Blurring fingers trying to make them out As we stumble Over the body of a dead December Left forlorn in the jet of midnight Pockets empty Spent and decayed On we stagger Until somewhere in the nebula Of our drunken swooning A child wakes happily in the arms of dawn To guide us safely on Along the light strewn road Of our messy existence Into the New Year



Wave And Breath

Wave and breath recognise each Other As life giving cousins of the earth Drawing in and out the spell of life Without bidding Rise and fall Shallow and deep Time and tide together Harmonious



Perfect/Solitude

Your dress is just immaculate Your deeds are just sublime Your work is always accurate And you're always on time Your words are always perfect And your manner on the phone But when the day is ended The world leaves you alone



Press One For Freedom

We will answer your call Shortly..... From the call centre of existence

We value your custom...... Your call is important to us......

Press One.....for the answers to life Press Two.....for the meanings...

We can help you.....

I'm sorry I don't understand..... I didn't quite get that.....

Press One.....

The music plays..... The music plays.....

The music plays.....

You are in a queue.....

The music plays.....

Goodbye.....

Remove your headset

One Day I Saw The Immensity

One day I saw the immensity Between the cracks of reality Split between the duality Of harmony and insanity I walked a mile in tranquillity Amongst the paths of infinity And found the realm of divinity Inside the wreck of humanity



The Song Of The Fox

Nonchalant Elegant Ghost of the streets Maverick rebel of the night Outcast of cast-offs I will stare you down Before I move on On my own terms I will access your excess And gorge before dawn Red in tooth and claw An apparition You can't touch me Gone


The Song Of The Chimneys

Silent stones of the roofscape Forgotten henges in the sky Victorian smoke holes Swept away by the children of time Relics we remain Up here above you With our friends the stars



The Shadows Run faster

The shadows run faster Across the brickwork As the burglars of the daylight descend The shadows run faster Than the spiralling synapses Hostages to the hooded figures encircling the Walls The shadows run faster Than the candle fire And the light of memory Fading before me Inching into the darkness



The Song Of The Nihilist

I don't care if you don't care I couldn't care less I don't care if you don't care About this whole damn mess I don't give a damn about The creatures great and small I don't give a damn about The world or you at all I don't care if Earth explodes when the sun expands I don't if care if everything is built on shifting sands I don't care if everything just gets worse and worse I don't care if we live in a meaningless universe All I care about is me me me Me me me.....



Therapy Me

Therapy me With your words Therapy me With your eyes Therapy me With your smile Therapy me.



Silence Says Everything

Silence says everything Of peaceful gardens and passing birds Silence says everything Of Eloquence without words Silence says everything Of your movements and your grace Silence says everything Of your absence from this place



Blake's Prayers

Infinite angels dance the trees If only you could see them Albion's children's eternities If only you could see them Beulah's shades upon the breeze If only you could see them From beyond my visions breathe If only you could see them



Too Many not Enoughs

Too many voices And not enough voices that need to be heard Too many ears And not enough ears to listen Too many opinions And not enough opinions that are informed Too many choices And not enough choices being made Too much talk And not enough talking to the right people. Too much fear And not enough fear to change Too much change And not enough meaningful changes Too Many Not Enoughs

Phil J Hambling Poem Function

Your Elixir

Badly injured And readmitted To the hospital of love.

Convalescent in your arms The wounds that never heal Without your elixir



Glory In The Journey

Left behind the others Fallen down the cracks Splintered from the mainstream Never coming back Try to find the new road Off the beaten tracks Build a bridge of something Circumvent the lacks Stumble in your new world Through the aftermath And glory in the journey On your new found path



Once More In The Moonlight

Once more in the moonlight Astral coins that fell To pay the day it's wages And splash the wishing well

One more check for heaven Hiding in the stars One more chance to dream of juices squeezed through iron bars

Once more in the moonlight Shaking freedom's bell Aching notes that circle In the soul of every cell



Music Is Dead

Music is dead But music will live on In the bank accounts of its manager and immediate family Perhaps it's now in hell with the bodies it could sell They'll sing a sweet duet And make a sure bet The royalties will increase Now music is deceased



Recipe For Disaster

Make something out of nothing Then simmer with resentment. Boil with rage, And add unnecessary details. Strain with internal agony Finally, cut up your feelings And serve cold

(Serves One)



Love Your Enemy

Love your enemies Keep them close They are your best teachers

Love your enemies Keep them close You share the same features

Love your enemies Keep them close Unlock the door to things

Love your enemies keep them close Hear the songs that you both sing



The Architecture Of Love

Victorian bricks cover Your plasterboard lies Classical features your flimsy Words Can we find amongst the ruins What is there to heard



By The Seine

Listen dearest heart of mine I won't sip your poison wine I have gone to start again To sit and drink By the river Seine



Leave Some Words Behind

Leave some words behind you Not your possessions Leave some words behind you Not your obsessions Leave some words behind you Before you go Leave some words behind you So that they know



One Of These Days

One of these days My heart will stop beating One of these days I will come to an end One of these days I will you seek out and find you And the words will be said Before demons descend



Matching

Who are you attracted to Is it just another you Is it that you want to find The same ideas A matching mind Maybe you can only see Those that nod and just agree



Spending Time

Freeze dried face and Dorian Gray Rolex clothes and time to play A yacht on the sea of vanity A floating corpse of profanity Boats of the migrants shame all humanity And you keep on spending and feed the insanity.



Under The Bus

Under the bus You threw me there Under the bus Why should you care Under the bus They laugh and stare But do you know what? Il see you there.....



Blind Spot

Am I callous Or is it a blind spot Don't I care Or is it a blind spot Am I monster Or is it a blind spot Can't I see it your way Or is it a blind spot Or maybe it's you Who should open your eyes



To The Train Lover

You love people And I love trains

You lay lovers And I lay tracks

You look at models I make models

You have emotions I got locomotions

You get their numbers And I write mine down

And Im waiting on the platform Alone once again.

I Can See The Beautiful

I can see the beautiful I can see the dream I can see eternity I could join the team I can see the cliff face My body falling free.



I Cant Heal Your Pain

I can't heal your pain

You say my kind of medicine is full of misdirections and bad intentions

You say my words fall from my lips and between your fingers as you juggle with their meaning

I watch them disappear down the cracks of our disagreements

And back into my heart



Lift

Never was there anything More than almost everything That could be born today.

Never was there something More than possibility More than opportunity To lift you from the pain



Meat Coffin

I'm in a meat Coffin Banging on the sides For no one to hear Deep underground Deep under the skin I'm in a meat Coffin Buried alive



The Sea Creature

Hear me I am the Sea Creature Every wave a word Every drop a kiss



The Seagull

The cockney condor The scavenging avenger The Lord of the discarded Rises above.



Now And Then

I wonder how we got to now I wonder how now came from then I wonder now about the when I will see your face again



Autumn Leaves

Urgent bronchial fingers, Flailing at the breeze, Dealing out their copper calling cards to the earth, Casting into the flux the torn tickets of time, In the hope of repeat business.

