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## 1. Songs of Love

Yellow warbler whistles in the wild oak tree  
With a field full of crickets chirping harmony  
And a big bass bull frog, singing songs of love  
Bumblebee buzzing on black-eyed Susan  
Susie's looking shy but she ain't refusin'  
Hummingbird approvin', singing songs of love

### Chorus

And the whole world's spinning  
Round songs of love  
And I'm just beginning  
To be aware of  
The music you awake inside my heart  
Like the warmth of the summer sun  
As the whole world's spinning,  
Spinning round songs of love

Whitetail watching her spotted babies  
Two squirrels scrambling round the trees  
Like crazy  
Rabbits in the grass, playing to songs of love  
Dragonflies darting in tight formation  
Honeysuckle breezes so intoxicating  
Butterflies floating, playing to songs of love

### Chorus

Hey pretty mama  
Won't you come and see  
All of God's creation  
Dancing for you and me

Red pines swaying in the gentle wind  
Bowing to each other and back again  
Brown hawk gliding carried on songs of love  
Woodpecker carving out a nest for the little ones  
Beaver and his lady build a hut  
Where the creek runs  
Laughter of the water carried on songs of love

### Chorus

## 2. Here's The Keys

When my granddad was a kid  
He bought an old Model T  
It didn't run at all  
It was a sorry sight to see  
He towed it home with two of his friends  
Tore it all apart  
And labored on it with all his heart  
That was the fall of '29  
And soon his job disappeared  
He forgot about that Model T  
For more than 20 years  
But while Dad fought in Korea  
Grampa worked real hard  
And when my Dad returned he found a shiny car

### Chorus

It's my heart and soul, my pride and my delight  
I've been working on it every day  
And I dream about it every night  
I've invested all I have,  
but you know it's not for me  
I built it for you, son, here's the keys

Dad and Mom were married  
In early 54  
And with the help of Uncle Sam they bought  
A three bedroom eyesore  
Why he worked so hard to fix it up  
I could never understand  
But on my wedding day he shook my hand

### Chorus

That old Ford grew rusty  
And was finally thrown away  
They tore our house down years ago  
And built apartments in its place  
But lately I've been thinking 'bout  
What my children mean to me  
And what on earth I can give to them,  
That will really make them happy

I sat in church last Sunday  
And I guess I fell asleep  
I saw my Granddad with a great big smile  
Starting up that Model T  
But then I saw a brilliant garden  
I saw a lion and a lamb  
And a voice choked with emotion,  
Whispered children, here I am,

It's my heart and soul, my pride and my delight  
I've been working on it every day  
And I dream about it every night  
I've invested all I have,  
but you know it's not for me  
I built it for you  
It's all there for you  
So what you going to do? Here's the keys

### 3. The Storm Ahead

When we set sail, many years ago  
Thrilled to hear the ocean roar  
How on earth, were we to know  
That we would sail so long

Our crew was hale, how our brasswork shone  
As we charted distant shore  
Now we stand weathered,  
By every wind that's blown  
Keeping us a'sail so long

#### Chorus

We've seen gales and raging seas  
Seen our mast break, and our sails ripped free  
Been stuck in doldrums where the sun beat down  
Longing just to reach dry ground  
Oh But Captain, nothing we've seen  
Looks as angry as the storm ahead

We will prevail, to bring our vessel home  
To be with those we love once more  
The stars still guide us, through the unknown  
Tho' we have sailed so long

#### Chorus

It's the final leg of our journey  
We're wiser from hard years at sea  
You've brought us this far  
Brought us this far

We've seen gales and raging seas  
Seen our mast break, and our sails ripped free  
I swear by God above we're homeward bound  
We'll soon be walking on holy ground  
But Captain, nothing we've seen  
Looks as angry as the storm ahead  
But Captain, nothing we've seen  
Looks as angry as the storm ahead

### 4. God's Got A Place In His Heart For Country Music

There's choirs of angels singing up in Heaven  
And saintly orders praising God in chants  
But when He's feeling blue,  
That classic stuff won't do  
And God just needs to loosen up and dance

There's a great big barn with sawdust  
Up in heaven  
Where they don't allow no clarinets or flutes  
And when they're getting down,  
And take off their long white gowns  
Underneath they're wearing  
Jeans and cowboy boots

#### Chorus

Sweet country music makes God happy  
It's right there near the top of Heaven's charts  
Sometimes that steel guitar  
Sounds better than a harp  
And God's got a place in His heart  
For country music.

God joins in when they're singing  
High and lonesome  
But He can't get enough of never ending love  
When the songs are young and wild,  
He'll just kick back and smile,  
As He's gently breaking broncos from above.

An angel plays the honky tonk piano  
A little boy is cookin on the drums  
And no one else can call  
A dance like old Saint Paul  
He can have them do se do til Kingdom comes

#### Chorus

## 5. Peter James and John

Peter James and John, come with me.  
You're the closest three I have here in this place  
God knows how hard we've tried  
And yet I can't deny the shift in tide  
At any moment this may all be washed away

Jerusalem O Jerusalem  
How many times I called you here to me  
As the flood tears stone from stone  
Am I stranded here all alone  
Or can you three find the strength  
    To stand with me

### Chorus

Father don't despair there still must be a way  
From Adam you've waited for this day  
Accept our blood and tears  
The four of us praying here  
From this beginning, surely there's a way

The soul is willing, the flesh so very weak  
Dear friends, for God's sake please don't sleep  
If only we can be united  
Then still that fire might be ignited  
To return to God the kingdom he seeks

### Chorus

Sleep on now, Sleep and take your rest  
Any chance we had has come and slipped away  
The hour is at hand  
No one stands with the Son of man  
Peter, James and John,  
    Somehow God will find a way

## 6. It Don't Mean I Don't Love You When I Snore

It don't mean I don't love you  
    When I snore (Pretty Mama)  
Heaven knows that's what your pillow's for  
If it's really that important  
    I'll sleep out on the floor  
But it don't mean I don't love you when I snore

You know that you're the one that I adore  
For better or for worse that's what we swore  
You can blame me 'cuz I'm messy  
    And curse me 'cuz I'm poor  
But it don't mean I don't love you when I snore

### Chorus

When I'm stretched out unconscious  
You know for goodness sake  
I'm really not aware of what I do  
Those are just involuntary noises that I make  
And every now and then you make them too

Last night you woke me up at ten to four  
You said that I was too loud to ignore  
You can nudge me lick me even kick me  
    But just don't get so sore  
It don't mean I don't love you when I snore

### Chorus

You hear sleeping horses  
    Through the old barn door  
You can hear a sleeping walrus on the shore  
Sleeping rattlers rattle  
    And sleeping lions roar  
And it don't mean I don't love you when I snore  
No it don't mean I don't love you when I snore

## 7. Arise

Like snow from the mountains  
As it flows cold and clear  
Like the first rays of sunlight  
When the morning appears  
Like the end of a long sleep  
Rubbing your eyes  
Open your hearts and arise

Ancient transgressions  
Forgiven at last  
Love unrequited  
A thing of the past  
Chains of resentment  
Fall to your sides  
Open your hearts and arise

Uncertain at first  
Feeling your way  
Emerge from a realm cold and gray  
Take it all in, as a song greets the day

Drink to the freedom  
When love finally reins  
Drink in the new life  
Let it pour through your veins  
Drink to the children  
Where your happiness lies  
Open your hearts and arise  
Open your hearts and arise  
Open your hearts and arise

## 8. Jacob's Song

Last night I fought with an angel  
Today I can hardly stand  
I've come back to win my brother's heart  
Or be buried in this sand

My Dad never spoke with his brother  
Til the day my grandfather died  
They stood together over his grave  
In hatred side by side

### Chorus

What kind of curse is bound with this blessing  
The wheel spins and stops on my name  
Did brother fight brother in time unremembered?  
Will I find a way to unravel that pain?  
Or fail and repeat it again.

Please keep these gifts my brother  
I have more than I need  
I believe I can see God smile  
As you're embracing me

### Chorus

How can I be free  
While he's consumed with hate towards me?

Two nations fight each other  
Older to serve the younger  
Until we reconcile our hearts  
Both of us will hunger

### Chorus

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## 9. Maryland Waltz

When the winds blow your hair in the moonlight  
And the stars show the glow of your eyes  
In my mind I return to sweet memories that burn  
With the passion of hot summer skies  
We were walking by Baltimore Harbor  
When from somewhere a song could be heard  
We paused for a kiss and started to dance  
To that magical Maryland Waltz

Was it the mist rolling in off the water?  
Or the hint of your subtle perfume  
It may never be known,  
    But there we were all alone  
Cheek to cheek 'neath that Baltimore moon  
As we glided on air by the harbor  
You traded your dear heart for mine  
And as we were swaying the angels were playing  
That magical Maryland Waltz.

Oh you nurtured my heart with such kindness  
Your love raised me high on a throne  
And our happiness multiplied over again  
As our children found loves of their own

There are memories  
    That slip through your fingers  
And memories that fade with the years  
And memories you hide deep down inside  
Until the shame or the pain disappears  
But I can still picture Baltimore Harbor  
And the dance that we shared long ago  
How our love remains strong  
    With the help of that song  
That magical Maryland Waltz.

## 10. When the Fiddles Start to Play

Mama don't make no plans tonight  
Got a few Jacksons gonna spend 'em right  
Ain't been out on the town since it snowed in May  
Put your lipstick on but don't take too long  
Got to get out on the floor  
    Before they sing that song  
When the house is jumping  
    And the fiddles start to play

My desk is piled high but it can wait  
Wanna take my one and only on a long lost date  
Gonna leave behind the office  
    And the bills I have to pay  
Grandma's got the kids they'll be asleep by nine  
We'll be dancin' and stompin in time  
When the house is jumping  
    And the fiddles start to play

### Chorus

When the fiddles start to play  
    And the crowd goes wild  
You got to clap along and you can't help smile  
And it brings back the warmth  
    And the joys of yesterday  
You can dance all night as if time stood still  
There'll be so much fun you can get your fill  
When the house is jumpin  
    And the fiddles start to play

We were bound together the day we met  
Love gets better the older we get  
Though I fear we've lost some moves  
    Along the way  
Just climb into the car and slam that door  
Tonight we're gonna be kids once more  
When the house is jumping  
    And the fiddles start to play

### Chorus

## 11. Rise Again

When the two great towers collapsed - Rise Again  
So many souls inside were trapped – Rise Again  
Victim and hero fell to their grave  
Policeman Fireman strong and brave  
We'll take strength from the lives they gave  
    And Rise Again

### Chorus

Rise again, Rise again  
We may be down for now, but  
We will rise again  
Take away our last dollar  
Cut us lower than we've ever been  
We may be down for now,  
But when the sun comes up  
We'll rise again

When the storm blew our city down – Rise Again  
When our friends and families drowned –  
    Rise Again  
All we owned lost in the flood  
What's left behind encased in mud  
We'll rebuild with our sweat and blood  
    And Rise Again

### Chorus

When hard times come to call – Rise Again  
Though our back's against the wall – Rise Again  
When our very lives are ripped apart  
So many offer hand and heart  
We'll stand up and together start to Rise Again

### Chorus

## 12. To Be a Man

There's a time when a boy becomes a man  
And you have to strike out on your own  
And whether you win or whether you lose  
It all comes down to you and you alone  
And all of your family and all of your friends  
Stand aside to let you through  
And even God looks on holding His breath  
To see just what it is you've got inside of you

With the strength of your gut  
    And the sharpness of your mind  
To realize the dreams that you pursue  
If you resolve with all of your will  
You can do whatever you decide to do  
And all that you've been given - all of your youth  
Will shape the earth on which you stand  
And deep in your heart there's a burning light  
To help you find your way on shifting sands

### Chorus

To be a man,  
    It means that you can shape the future  
If you are noble,  
    You'll plant goodness with your hands  
If you are strong,  
    You can give strength to those around you  
It's the purpose of your life, To be a man

And when it seems like the  
    Entire world's against you  
And a mighty wall of stone stands in your way  
And you start to doubt and you lose conviction  
And the dreams that you've been chasing  
    Begin to slip away  
And all of your choices and all of your chances  
Hang in balance before your very eyes  
And you dig way down and find the strength  
To keep on moving forward  
    Until you reach the prize

### Chorus

And before too long you'll turn around  
    And find a woman  
Who'll believe in you and help you on the way  
And one by one your sons will take your measure  
And one by one the time will come  
    When each will hear you say

### Chorus

### 13. What Would You Have?

What would you have oh my beloved,  
Before you pledge your heart to me?  
What would you have, surely I'd give it  
If it be mine to give thee  
Not for a life of fame or fortune  
Though either may come if our lives be true  
Not for a life of comfort or leisure  
For neither would I marry you.  
Fame and wealth with all their trappings  
Can't free the soul or lift the heart to song  
A union in pursuit of them is doomed to fail  
And surely break apart ere long

What would you have oh my beloved,  
Before you pledge your heart to me?  
What would you have, surely I'd give it  
If it be mine to give thee  
Not for a life burning with passion  
Though it will come if our lives be true  
Not for a life thrown to the winds  
For neither would I marry you  
Passion and freedom lack substance  
To build a foundation deep and strong  
A union in pursuit of them is doomed to fail  
And surely break apart ere long

What would you have oh my beloved,  
Before you pledge your heart to me?  
What would you have, surely I'd give it  
If it be mine to give thee  
A home filled with love where all feel welcome  
A lifetime serving others if our lives be true  
Circle of friends ever expanding  
And your vows to me for mine to you  
Side by side together building heaven  
Though days be long and all our muscles sore  
Our children secure in the love we share  
Promise these and I would ask no more

What you desire oh my beloved  
Is what I cherish deep within me  
What you desire let us create it  
With all my faith I pledge my heart to thee.

### 14. Across a Bering Strait Bridge

Ten thousand years ago, glaciers were melting  
The seas rose to cover the bridge  
The Arctic and Pacific embraced one another  
And the whale swam where mammoth once lived  
And the Chukchi and Eskimo went separate ways  
As the continents drifted apart  
And the East and the West  
Became two separate worlds  
In culture, in spirit, in heart

Once again ice has melted,  
The cold war has ended  
The world wakes as if from a trance  
The Earth's population begins circulation  
With six billion learning to dance  
Irresistible oceans of people in motion  
Moving as if by the tide  
From Alaska to Russia a way will reopen  
For travel from side to side

#### Chorus

Across a Bering Strait Bridge  
A highway of Peace  
Linking the world as one  
Like a river set free  
Starting slowly but once it's begun  
From every nation they'll come  
To cross a Bering Strait Bridge

Like the piercing of Panama a century ago  
Like sending a man into space  
The engines will scream  
And the steel will be shaped  
And a span will be put into place  
And the oldest of myths  
Will come true once again  
A connection no longer denied  
Then like lover to lover the world will go over  
The final remaining divide

#### Chorus

Our sons and our daughters  
Like clear running waters  
Flowing where deserts once burned  
With hope and elation  
The peoples and nations  
Share new understandings they've learned

#### Chorus

Ten thousand years ago  
We were divided  
Now it's time to recover the bridge.