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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

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

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.