



## *Across Love*

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### **1. Don't Ever Doubt That You Are Loved**

Not a random occurrence  
And no throw of the dice  
No haphazard arrangement  
Could ever suffice  
Long before history  
Before old was new  
God was dreaming of you  
God was dreaming of you

Just the right combination  
Of humor and grace  
Fortified with courage  
Rooted in faith  
And a wide-eyed belief that  
Dreams really come true  
God was dreaming of you  
Yes God was dreaming of you

*Don't ever doubt that you are loved  
There's nothing further from the truth  
No matter how you may struggle  
Or what you have to go through  
Before the sun was golden  
Before the sky was blue  
God was dreaming of you*

He held you close to His bosom  
Until the time was just right  
He chose a mother and father  
And a bit of moonlight  
And then he counted the hours  
Until the day you were due  
How God was dreaming of you  
Yes God was dreaming of you

#### *Chorus*

And from the day that I met you  
I knew it was fate  
All the trials and frustrations  
Were worth the wait  
All those years of longing  
And loneliness were through  
How I was dreaming of you  
How I was dreaming of you

Don't ever doubt that you are loved  
No don't ever doubt that you are loved  
There's nothing further from the truth

### **2. Song of Cain**

Cast out of Eden, Eve lay with Adam  
And with God's help, she bore two sons  
God turned to Abel, his offering to favor  
And turned from Cain his offering to shun

LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry?  
If you do right, then surely you'll do well  
But you must know that sin is crouching at your door  
It desires you - to drag you down to hell.

*Sin prevailed, Cain killed his brother  
Where Abel's blood cries from the ground  
And once again the devil took God's children  
One lost his way, the other beaten down  
Beaten Down*

LORD said to Cain, "What have you done?  
Sin has bound you with a curse  
Now though you work the ground, it will not yield  
You'll wander restless on the earth."

#### *Chorus*

And Cain cried LORD, LORD, LORD  
My punishment is more than I can bear.  
Today you drive me from the land  
And I no longer feel you near  
Whoever finds me will surely kill me  
As I go restless and in fear.

LORD said to Cain, "I will protect you.  
The man who kills you, I'll punish seven times  
I'll put my mark on you, so all who find you  
Will forgive you and know that you're mine.

#### *Chorus*

*Beaten Down, Beaten Down, OhoOh*

### 3. Bandolin Café

Time ... has no desire to move along  
Sipping cappuccinos at Bandolin Café  
Just knowing you're here beside me I can do no wrong  
If I have your smile to guide me then everything's OK  
Strange ... the way that people stare at us  
Sitting here together passing the hours away day after  
day  
Could there be something obvious we've  
Somehow simply failed to see  
It's almost as if they think were falling in love

Calm ... I feel my fears receding now  
All of life's dilemmas fade as they slip away  
Your eyes are so titillating - sensitive and strong  
Your words are so fascinating - it doesn't matter what  
you say  
Odd ... how people act when they're with us  
Couples snuggle closer knowing they felt the same  
way, back in the day  
Could there be something obvious we've  
Somehow simply failed to see  
It's almost as if they think were falling in love  
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### 4. Everything's Changing

Chris and Jenna,  
Have always lived here  
Now their house is up for sale  
Her Daddy told her  
He wished they could be closer  
Grandma's getting frail  
It won't be the same without them  
It's tough to say goodbye to an old friend  
And walking home with you I get the feeling that  
Everything is changing  
Everything is changing  
Everything is changing  
But you

I've been trying for some time now  
To make ends meet somehow  
Working for myself  
I think I'll try another way  
Gonna post my resume  
And go to work for someone else  
Don't get me wrong I'm not complaining  
We'll get by for now on our savings  
Give me time and I'll find something new cause  
Everything is changing  
Everything is changing  
Everything is changing  
But you

Life goes through stages  
Sometimes it's hard to know what to do  
But hope is contagious  
With someone like you

Now isn't that something  
Just home from job hunting  
There's happy tears in your eyes  
Honey don't you worry  
I'll find work in a hurry  
And I'll be standing by your side  
I'll stock up on pickles and ice-cream  
And pick out a crib for the nursery  
I believe our dreams are coming true cause  
Everything is changing  
Everything is changing  
Even baby needs changing  
Too, Cause  
Everything is changing  
Everything is changing  
And I don't mind changing  
With you

## 5. I Woke Up Today And My Heartache Was Gone

*I woke up today and my heartache was gone  
Opened up my window to a brand new dawn  
Guess it's about time to move on  
Yes I woke up today and my heartache was gone.*

Losing you darling hurt me to the core  
As if I'd been wounded in the war  
Didn't know if I could go on any more  
Felt like life held only sorrow in store

When we first met you set my heart aflame  
But to you it was only a game  
I loved in vain drowned in an ocean of pain  
I was bound but now I'm freed of my chains 'cause

*Chorus*

I forgive you darling for making me cry  
I hope you learn to love by and by  
Faithful and true, you might give it a try  
If you ever hope to make it with a guy But

*Chorus*

And now those rainclouds are gone without a trace  
I've got a big smile on my face  
The hurtin' you laid on me has all been erased  
Leaving only sunshine in its place! Yes

*Chorus*

*I woke up today and my heartache was gone  
Opened up my window to a brand new dawn  
Guess it's about time to move on  
Yes I woke up today, I woke up today, I woke up  
today, and my heartache was gone.*

## 6. Far As I Can See

Honestly  
Far as I can see  
There's nothing holding us down  
Young and free  
Endless opportunity  
We've got our feet on the ground

*Have faith in love  
Have faith in life  
Hold on so tight  
Not even light  
Can come between us  
Don't  
Give in to fear  
Persevere  
And nothing can defeat us  
Chasing our stars  
Investing our hearts  
Right on the mark  
You and me  
Far as I can see*

Here we stand  
Our future in our hands  
All in with everything at stake  
Stronger than  
Whatever life demands  
Freely giving more than we take

*Chorus*

Let's keep our eyes open wide  
You know life is complicated  
It won't come easy  
But easy's overated

*Chorus  
Far as I can see  
Far as I can see*

## 7. Coming Home

Put some flowers in the window  
Put some cornbread on the stove  
Dust off a bottle of our peach wine, Mama  
This country boy is coming home

I know I told you I felt hog-tied  
Spending life in a one horse town  
But now I'm lost in a sea of strangers  
And I'm feeling I could drown  
Grab my hand or I'll go down

Put some flowers in the window  
Put some cornbread on the stove  
Dust off a bottle of our peach wine, Darlin'  
This country boy is coming home

All the letters that you wrote me  
They're on the table by my bed  
And when I fear I might get tempted  
I re-read every word instead  
And if you meant what you said

Put some flowers in the window  
Put some cornbread on the stove  
Dust off a bottle of our sweet peach wine  
This country boy is coming home

I ain't been spending my money  
Just what I need to get me by  
I have it rolled up in a sock in my bag  
I have an ample supply  
To keep us fed and keep us dry

Put some flowers in the window  
Welcome me home honey  
Go on and disconnect the phone  
Dust off a bottle of our peach wine  
This country boy is coming home  
Break out some of that peach wine, Mama  
This country boy is coming home

## 8. Long Way From Eden

Take my hand  
And gently place it on your breast  
Let me feel your heartbeat, listen to your breath  
We are real  
Like lightning storms in July  
Like the ribbon of the Milky Way stretched across the sky  
Conceived in love and freedom  
We've come a long way from Eden

Let's be clear  
Let's keep our feet on solid ground  
In a world of illusion that can turn your head around  
Don't be deceived  
Don't be persuaded to stray  
If we close our eyes and listen, we can surely find a way  
There are signs if we just read them  
We've come a long way from Eden

*The glitz and the glamour, the money and the might  
Right becomes wrong, wrong becomes right  
We learn to fear, we learn to fight  
Tattered torn and bleeding  
Such a long way from Eden*

Only love  
The source and destination of our lives  
The heart behind the kindness, the power to revive  
The golden rule  
No one can steal the love we give  
Or tarnish our treasure; if that's the way we live  
We may be bruised but never beaten  
We've come a long way from Eden

### *Chorus*

Take my hand  
And gently place it on your breast  
Let me feel your heartbeat, and listen to your breath  
We are real  
Like lightning storms in July  
Like the ribbon of the Milky Way stretched across our sky  
Conceived in love and freedom  
Still following that beacon  
Such a long way from Eden

## 9. Renew

When times grow dark  
And hopes turn grey  
When fading sparks  
Just slip away  
When what is right  
And what is wrong  
Become confused  
You see your world  
Begin to spin  
Friend that's the time  
To search within  
And ask your heart  
And ask your God  
What is true?

God poured His spirit  
Into clay  
And it remains there  
To this day  
An active line  
To the divine  
In me and you  
If you just ask  
He'll show the way  
Go find a quiet  
Place to pray  
He will revive, He will restore, He will renew

Lord touched a leper  
Made him clean  
He said don't speak  
What you have seen.  
Just make an offering  
As Moses taught you to.  
Yet news spread quickly  
All the more  
Great crowds approached  
From every shore  
Even Jesus  
Felt need to pray  
So he withdrew

God poured His spirit  
Into clay  
And it remains there  
To this day  
An active line  
To the divine  
In me and you  
If you just seek  
You'll surely find  
He will show you  
Peace of mind  
He will revive, He will restore, He will renew

The mountains melt beneath him  
The valleys split apart  
He'll lead us from the labyrinth  
Locked within our hearts  
When challenges are many  
And you can't see your way through  
He will revive, He will restore, He will renew

The wealthy man whose ventures fail  
The prisoner in jail  
And the sinner crying in his pew  
Can wallow in their grief  
Or reach out and find relief  
We all are called but still the chosen are sadly few

God poured His spirit  
Into clay  
And it remains there  
To this day  
An active line  
To the divine  
In me and you  
If you just knock  
The door will open  
Still true today  
As when first spoken  
He will revive, He will restore, He will renew  
He will revive, He will restore, He will renew

## 10. Out Of Nowhere

After the fantasies and games of childhood, slaying the  
dragons and becoming king  
After the adolescent introspection, wondering if I'd  
amount to anything

After pursuing what I thought was my path, reaching  
for truth but finding only questions

Trading my freedom for a weekly paycheck, playing  
my role with only half a heart  
Trading fulfillment for an empty rain check, aimlessly  
waiting for my time to start

After pursuing what I thought was my path, reaching  
for dreams but finding empty shadows

Changes can happen when you least expect them,  
tumblers align and then you turn the key  
Love can arrive seemingly out of nowhere, melting  
despair into harmony

You are my truth at last uncovered  
You are my dream at last revealed  
You are the strength of my faith recovered  
You are the joy of my soul now healed

After the memories of our youth grow distant, after the  
seeds of our lives are sown  
After our blessings have been freely given, after our  
children have fully grown

Beyond the mountains yet to climb  
Beyond the reach of death or time  
Beyond all we can know  
My love will flow to you

## 11. The Miracle We All Are

If you have love for others  
And a generous heart  
The pillars that divide us  
Will begin to break apart

If your word is golden  
If your word is true  
The world will learn  
To put its trust in you

You can cut through all the fear  
See it melt away like mist  
Give hope to the hopeless  
And relax the angry fist

If you stand tall and steadfast  
When the wars around you rage  
And by courage and example  
Help others find their way

You will see beyond the chaos  
You will reach a higher place  
Uphold the other's dignity  
See yourself in every face  
Grow beyond your family  
Beyond nation beyond race

If you have love for others  
And a generous heart  
You may come to see  
The miracle we all are

## 12. To Bring a Mermaid Home

Come gather around young sailor lads and pour yourselves a glass  
And contemplate my brave story as you pour one for your lass.  
I'll share with you my adventure, like none you've ever known  
When a hundred and three cast out to sea  
To bring a mermaid home, boys to bring a mermaid home

Now any good sailor worth his salt has seen a mermaid swim  
But when he's come back to port its sure his friends all laugh at him  
When narry a bloke believes your tale, you feel so all alone  
That's why a hundred and three cast out to sea  
To bring a mermaid home, boys to bring a mermaid home

We sailed around Cape Good Hope boys and headed further East  
We scoured the oceans far and wide a hundred days at least  
When suddenly the lookout shouted pointing towards the foam  
A pale blue beauty waved at me  
Let's bring a mermaid home, I cried, let's bring a mermaid home.

We hoisted her up on board the ship and offered her some wine  
She said it was sure a pleasant change from tasting only brine  
The alcohol went straight to her head and gave her cheeks a tone  
Lord shiver me tree, it looks to me  
We'll bring a mermaid home boys, we'll bring a mermaid home

One strapping young lad moved closer asking if she'd e'er been kissed  
She modestly blushed and closed her eyes awaiting for his lips  
They shared an embrace a moment til he jumped back with a groan  
She's as cold as an eel and foul to feel  
I'll keep the girls back home boys I'll take the girls back home

No corner of hell hath fury like a jilted mermaid's wrath  
Her flippers bombarded every sailor standing in her path  
Full half of the crew was black and blue and half had broken bones  
We as near as died as o'er the side  
We threw that mermaid's home, boys we sent that mermaid home

We pointed into the wind boys and finally made it back  
With many a crew in bandages or braces round their necks  
When I've sailed my final journey, carve these words upon my stone,  
Don't fancy your thrills from girls with gills  
Leave well enough alone, boys, don't bring a mermaid home.

### 13. I Hate Goodbye

Hey, I'm not a singer  
But I'll sing for you  
Babe, you know I'm not a dancer  
But I'll dance with you.  
Cause the way that I feel every time I see your eyes  
I love to say hello, but I hate goodbye

Now, I'm not the most romantic  
But I'll try for you  
And Lord knows I'm not the strongest  
But I'll die for you  
I can't pretend that every time, when you're away that  
I don't cry  
Cause I love to be around you, but I hate goodbye

*Day by day I wonder how you go  
Without me there with you  
Cause for me, the only way I don't die  
Is from hopes to see you soon  
And every night, I close my eyes  
You're right there next to me ...  
You're the answer to my prayers  
You're the princess in my dreams*

I don't have very many things  
But I'll give them all to you  
And I can't promise a fancy life  
But I'll live it all for you  
Cause the way that I feel every time I see your eyes  
I love to say I love you, but I hate goodbye

#### *Chorus*

I don't have very many things  
But I'll give them all to you  
And I can't promise a fancy life  
But I'll live it all for you  
Cause the way that I feel every time I see your eyes  
I love to say I love you, but I hate goodbye  
I love to say I love you, but I hate goodbye.

### 14. My Sweet Sweet Beautiful Wife

I remember when we first met  
You were stunning wild and free  
And I wanted so bad to talk to you  
But felt weak in the knees  
You just laughed and made it right  
I fell in love with you that night  
I unlocked my heart  
And gave you the keys  
  
I remember when we said our vows  
Then you tossed out your bouquet  
And I asked "what are you dreaming of now?"  
And that's when I heard you say  
"a warm and cozy home  
And a child of our own"  
So we started looking for houses  
The very next day

*My dearest lover  
My shining light  
Such an elegant mother  
Caressing a brand new life  
The glow of your face  
And your natural grace  
I want to hold you all through the night  
My sweet sweet beautiful wife*

I remember seeing those two blue lines  
On your pregnancy test  
And that frustrated look in your eyes  
When you couldn't fit into your dress  
I said it's just for a while  
Kissed your lips until you smiled  
You know you look like an angel  
Even though you think you look like a mess

#### *Chorus*

I just squeezed your hand and prayed  
Standing there by your side  
And when they handed you our daughter  
We both broke down and cried

#### *Chorus*

## 15. I'm Gonna Be A Grandpa

It was just a quiet stay at home affair  
A couple friends and our kids were there  
The guys shot bull left the cooking to the wives  
Over dinner we shared some jokes  
And reminisced 'bout all the folks  
Who'd ever made a difference in our lives

One candle stood for 58  
I blew it out, we shared the cake  
As I read a note on the card from my eldest boy  
"Dad you know we've tried for a month or two  
Then just last week we got the news  
So we waited 'til tonight to share our joy."

I'm gonna to be a grandpa  
Never thought I'd see the day  
Still feeling like I'm pretty young  
Even though my hair's turned grey  
I think I'm ready  
After five kids worth of drama  
I'm gonna to be a grandpa  
And baby's gonna to be a grandmamma.

I've fought fearsome battles through the years  
Paid my dues with sweat and tears  
Still I learned a thing or three along the way  
My boy can kiss goodbye to the life he's livin'  
As he cares for that child 24 / 7  
While I come intermittently to play

I'm gonna to be a grandpa  
It might not be so hard  
We'll eat crackerjacks and fingerpaint  
And look for lizards in the yard  
I think I'm ready  
After five kids worth of drama  
I'm gonna to be a grandpa  
And baby's gonna to be a grandmamma.  
Yes she will

You know each generation pops in to creation  
Green behind the ears  
You can appreciate it when you graduate it  
After being a parent 30 long years

I'm gonna to be a grandpa  
I can't wait to hear him say  
Still feeling like I'm pretty young  
Even though my hair's turned grey  
I think I'm ready  
For a year at Grand Bahama  
I'm gonna to be a grandpa  
And baby's gonna to be a grandmamma  
We survived  
All that teenage emotional trauma  
I'm gonna to be a grandpa  
And baby's gonna to be a grandmamma

## 16. My Favorite Girl

She's got her mother's sparkle,  
that disarming smile she flaunts  
And she's got her dad's persistence,  
If there's something that she wants  
She's got a most refreshing way of looking at the world  
I'm her granddad, and she's my favorite girl

She's got to have a cell phone,  
'cause she loves to try and talk  
She's got to have her teddy friend to carry on a walk  
And she's got to move when music plays,  
she loves to dance and whirl  
I'm her granddad, and she's my favorite girl

When she's riding on my shoulders  
I feel like just like a kid  
And when she throws her arms around my neck  
I kiss her on her eyelid

She stops to smell a flower, and marvels at a bird  
She loves it when I read a book,  
and hangs on every word  
After decades on the sea of life I finally found a pearl,  
I'm her granddad, and she's my favorite girl  
I'm her granddad, and she's my favorite girl

## 17. When He Guides Us Home

All throughout history  
Life was a mystery  
Seen through a glass darkly  
So little was known  
Like children He led us  
Out of the wilderness  
But we'll outgrow the childish  
When He guides us home

Be not overwhelmed  
Though battles are raging  
Though famines and earthquakes  
Encroach all around  
Just find where you're needed  
Til' the work is completed  
And never stop searching  
Til' your place you have found

*He said As I intended  
It shall come to pass  
As I have purposed  
Just so it shall stand  
This is the promise  
I extend to all nations  
And who shall annul it  
Or turn back my hand?*

Oh you'll hear of wars  
And rumors of wars  
Still don't be discouraged  
For these things must pass  
But he who endures  
Will be he who matures  
And loving his neighbor  
Achieves peace at last

### *Chorus*

All throughout history  
Life was a mystery  
Seen through a glass darkly  
So little was known  
Like children He led us  
Out of the wilderness  
But we'll outgrow the childish  
When He guides us home

## 18. You And Me And God

There is a love that can't be measured  
And a longing rarely expressed  
With more passion than the galaxies  
And more tenderness than a child's caress  
It can lift you up to the mountaintop  
It can break you down in tears  
It can wash your soul with a flood of joy  
That you won't forget for a thousand years

Let's close our eyes  
And bow our heads  
And invite the Lord of Hosts into our bed  
And burn so bright  
Our deepest hearts awakened in the light  
Might surrender and be thawed  
Just you and me and God

Like an ocean wave a mile high  
There's a power we can't resist  
That can sweep us up in love's embrace  
And enrapture us in bliss  
Let it pour through me as I'm loving you  
Let it pour through you to me  
Let us heal a heart that's been racked with pain  
Let us love so strong that we set it free

We're going to close our eyes  
And bow our heads  
And invite the Lord of Hosts into our bed  
And burn so bright  
Our deepest hearts awakened in the light  
Might surrender and be thawed  
Be humbled, be awed  
As the Seraphim applaud  
Just you and me and God