

Long Road

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*D*edicated to my
Daddy and Granny
in loving memory...
You were my angels
here on earth.



Hello My Friend

Hello my friend
It's been such a long, long time
The world has changed
But you and I still look the same
Yes I'm still a dreamer
And I chase my rainbows through the sky
But I never seem to hold them very long

Chorus:

What do you do when your dreams have all
ended
And you're standing in a corner
While the tears fall from your eyes
And what do you do when the rain comes too
late
And the rainbows I've all ended much too soon

The world has changed
But I still feel the same
It just keeps getting sadder
And the people growing older fast
But life goes on
Well that's what I've heard
Whether with you or without
And I guess it's true for how many times
Have I awakened from a nightmare that has
Lasted much too long
And the world has changed
Oh the world has changed

Chorus

Stop the world
And the endless clicking of the clocks of time
I can't take it anymore
Have you ever wished
You could go back through the years
There's so much I should have done
Before they slipped away now tell me

Chorus

Crystal Glass of Romance

The faces smile in passing
Asking more than they do tell
A hand reached out is searching
Half the questions still withheld
And I think of all my memories
The loves that I have known
All the roads that I have traveled
For most were not alone

Chorus:

And if I never find another magic world of love
again
I will still go on believing knowing full well
where I've been
For I have tasted the wine from a crystal glass
of romance
I've known the warmth of love as the snow lay
on the ground
I have been a thousand times where some peo-
ple only dream of
I've known the peace of mind that the lonely
never find

The eyes tell such a story
That the words never explain
And the traces of the tears last
A long time past the rain
There's a fear somewhere in all of us
Of things we've never seen
But when you've been somewhere in love
A part of you remains

Chorus

To the lonely go my memories
With the secrets they contain
And to the ones who've lost their hope
For life I give my dreams
For the wine may be expensive
And though bitter it may seem
When the cup is returned empty
To a world that's filled with rain
Even though the hand's left searching
At least it's touched the world
For dreamers all will tell you what the world

Can do to dreams
But they can't destroy a memory
Or things the heart has seen
And the heart my friend remembers
Even longer than the dreams

Chorus

Daddy's Hands

I spent most of my life with a man
Who remembers and who understands
What life in a knee-cap land
Felt like long ago
Standing steady and six feet tall
I'd forget that I was small
I rose above it all
Riding in Daddy's hands

Chorus:

And Daddy's hands were always big and strong
They helped me separate the right from wrong
And always left me feeling safe and warm
And loved in my Daddy's hands

Sitting on his shoulders so broad
I rode, unafraid to fall
Not from where I could see it all
Safe in my Daddy's hands
And every time life knocked me down
He helped me make it to a higher ground
Defeat never really hung around
Thanks to my Daddy's hands

Chorus

Looking back now I understand
How life with a special man
It helped to make me every thing I am
Thank God for my Daddy's hands
Cause even now you see it helps to know
There is comfort in just going home
Reaching out and feeling love take hold
Safe in my Daddy's hands

Chorus

Promised Land

Six o'clock in the morning
Got a cane pole in my hand
Sun is rising on the lake
With Grandma and Granddad,
First bite of the day seems is
Always on my line
I was only four years old
Living in the Promised Land

Chorus:

The Promised Land was light and love
A safe warm place to land
Life was so much simpler then
Living in the Promised Land

My Daddy was a hero
When he pulled me from that lake
Third time I was going down
When he saved me from that fate
Once again on solid ground and
Safe there in his hands
I was only five years then
Living in the Promised Land

Chorus

Now Granddad left us early
He was Grandma's only man
She just joined him recently
Right after Daddy played his hand
Now Mama's in a hurry
And little Brother don't understand
But I know we'll all meet again
There in the Promised Land

Chorus



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Sweetheart's Arms

He turned the corner in his Ford
She was standing by the road
The prettiest blue-eyed blond
He'd ever seen
He was a brown-eyed handsome man
He reached for her
She took his hand
And that's the way they started
So I'm told

Chorus

And she'll be sleeping in her
Sweetheart's arms tonight
They'll be dancing by the light
Of God's pure light
For twenty years she's been alone
But tonight she's going home
And she'll be sleeping in her
Sweetheart's arms tonight

He took her home, made her his wife
For thirty years they shared a life
Four children through the laughter
And the tears
She cooked his supper every night
While he sang by candlelight
And "Sweetheart" was the only name he used

Chorus

He's been gone now forty years
Still his memory's so clear
In her heart those years
She stayed right by his side
But now at ninety-four
She thinks she hears him at her door
And soon they will be side-by-side once more

Chorus

20th Century Lute Piece

Instrumental

The Other Side

What was on your mind
What did you hope to find
Once you reached the other side
Was it a memory
Or dream that couldn't be
Even if you had the time
Chorus:

You balanced on the line
One moment to the other side
You never looked behind
Where I was standing right beside you

You built no walls inside
No matter how you tried
Your eyes gave every thought away
You never said goodbye
You never told me why
You just closed the door that day

Chorus

Words without a rhyme
Dreams run out of time
Pieces scattered everywhere
You just closed your eyes
With nowhere left to hide
And made it to the other side

Chorus

Get Down On My Knees

Chorus:

When I've nowhere left to go
I get down on my knees
When I've nowhere left to go
I get down on my knees
When I've nowhere left to go
I get down on my knees
And I cry Father won't you help me
Please Father rescue me

I'm so tired of wandering
Aimless and alone
I've gotten off the beaten path
Can't find my way back home
Like Jesus in the wilderness
I cry out and I moan
And I cry, "Father won't you help me?"
"Please Father, lead me on"

Chorus

This world is full of sorrow
This world is full of pain
I've had my share of heartaches
And I've seen my share of rain
But when I just can't take another step
Another day
I call upon my Father
And he always lights my way

Chorus

There's a home that waits for me
Far above this world
There'll be no more sorrow
There'll be only love
My friends and family wait for me
And I can't wait to go
But until my time has come
This is what I know

Chorus

Little Boy Blue

Started off a little fairy tale
But even good fairies sometimes fail
A thousand miles
Too little smiles
Under a cloud grows little Boy Blue

Chorus:

And oh my little Boy Blue
Yes there's someone looking after you
And there's a lullaby

In every starry sky
That's just for you my little Boy Blue

Even Alice in her Wonderland
Found there were things she didn't understand
Her world turned upside down
But she landed on the ground
And so will you my little Boy Blue

Chorus

Grownups living in a fairy tale
Make up the rules to hide the times we fail
The rain still falls
Upon us all
But you're the rainbow little Boy Blue

Chorus

My Mother the Artist

In the mountains and valleys
Collected in frames
Strange sounding places
With strange sounding names
They're all tinted with majesty
Painted with joy
With a light for the living
And a day for the dark

Chorus:

And I thank God for the hand of my
Mother the artist
Who painted this child full of love
And it took years full of patience and
Though I'm not finished
I'll just thank her for what she's begun

The world through her eyes
Is a place full of beauty
She taught me to see it that way
With a thousand and one ideas for loving
That are found in just one single day

Chorus

It's All Right to Cry

It seems so long ago and now so far away
But I still see your eyes and the lines upon
your face
Your smile so warm and tender
Your hand so big and strong
For I was small beside you
Always hanging on your arm

Chorus:

And it's all right to cry
But it's better when you sing
Often easier to remember
Then to chase an aging dream
Even now I think of you
And the songs you used to sing
And when I sing for someone else
I wonder can you see

You taught me all of life's harmony
When I was still too young to sing
And thought someday I'd learn to play
When the guitar still outweighed me
You never had a chance to see
The songs within my heart
Where somehow they grew up alone
And echoed in the dark

Chorus

If you could sing with me right now
How sweet would be the sound
For they're simple, honest love songs
And you were just that kind of man
From where you are I wonder if sometimes
You just might hear
For I can hear your harmony
Between my smiles and tears

Chorus

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I know you've wondered
And perhaps I owe you
All the things I should have said
About tomorrow
And walking with you
But I turned away instead

Chorus:

For it's a long road
For a dreamer on her own
And it gets so lonesome sometimes
And I can't take you with me even though
I wish I could
But I'll meet you there in time

A love song's pretty
And I know many
That I could always give to you
But they're so short and sad
And would you understand
When the love song was through

Chorus

It may sound crazy
But I do love you
In spite of all I've done and said
And if I had the right
To stay I'd stay
with you
But there are
things I have to
find

Chorus





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