

The Easy Work

Five swallows sit - on a telephone wire
Resting their tired, little wings
I have not heard - a sad note or desire
In any of the songs that they sing

We have the easy work
But we still complain
We know dry ground needs water
But we curse the rain
We know the dry ground needs water
But we curse the rain

It's better to take - the difficult path
Than to travel the road that is worn
Make your mistakes - and know you'll be strong
When the hard times come and knock on your door

Many hands make this easy work
Let them lighten your load
And always know if you're lonely
You are never alone
Always know if you're lonely
You are never alone

[bridge]

Don't count the days, don't count the years
Don't count the grains of salt in your tears
Don't count the ways, in which you have won
Just remember to give, and remember to love
Remember to give, and remember to love

Please take me out - where the wild things still grow
Where no one can be seen for miles
Where I can forget - everything that I know
If only for just a short while

None of its easy work
So let's set it aside
We can get to it later
Let's enjoy the ride
We can get to it later
Let's enjoy the ride

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In Its Own Time

Between the battles that you could not win
And the first time you cried out for help
That's when you realized you were only making deals
 With yourself
 Filled with your conviction and belief
 No signs of surrender or retreat
But now it seems your white flag is waving high
 On every street

[chorus] But there'll be times I know
 When it's better to let go
Even if it's taking one hand off the line
 You must let everything show
 And like mud upon the snow
Know that it will wash away in its own time
 In its own time

Now you must throw yourself into the fire
And burn away the remnants of your desire
Watch the ashes fall around you as - you climb higher
 And from that mountaintop you will see
 Everything that you are meant to be
 Waiting for you on that middle ground
 Between the dream

[repeat chorus]

[bridge]

So set your foot upon the trail
And your sails to the way the wind blows
 It will take facing your fears
 And thousands of tears
 Before you know
 If you ever know

So, when troubled times and worry come
When you're restless and you need to run
Don't let your destiny become - a setting sun
 Greet every day in its new light
And before you close your eyes each night
 Give thanks for everything you have
 With all your might

[repeat chorus]

For Them

You say "happy ones are best"
Some are sad and some confess
 There are ones about love
 Growing old, and oh death
But it seems everybody wants
The song to be sung just for them

There are ones about the road
The sickness of a heavy load
Ones that make you cry with friends
And ones that make you smile again
But it seems everybody wants
The song to be sung just for them

[bridge]

If I could sum up this whole world
In the span of just one verse
Then I could put this guitar down
And I could shed this writer's curse
But it's really not that easy
When you have a way with words

You say "happy ones are best"
But will they really stand the test
When they're up against the issues
 That the difficult address
'Cos it seems everybody wants
The song to be sung just for them
 It seems everybody wants
The song to be sung just for them

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Making Good Time

One of these days
I'm gonna step off this highway
And stop running from my trouble
One of these days
I'm gonna find me a straight job
And there'll be - no more trouble

[chorus] I've been walking down the line
That keeps me in between
The earthly and divine
I never calculate the cost
Of being - hopelessly lost
And making good time

One of these days
I'm gonna build us a new house
Ground up - from the rubble
One of these days
I'm gonna buy me a new car
One without - engine trouble

[repeat chorus]

[bridge]

We don't need to pull over
There's some coffee in the holder
And I - feel like I could go all night
But I - I don't want to disappoint you
So tell me what you want when we're older
Just help me make it to daylight
To daylight

One of these days
My eyes and ears will fail me
And my heart will give me trouble
One of these goddamn days
I won't be here to hold you
And keep you safe from your troubles

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OK

Head on back to Oklahoma
Cause that is where you home is
And that is where your heart is
You weren't too keen on California
As we drove through Arizona
That's when it hit you hardest

[pre-chorus] I used to think I had the answers
But life is moving faster
Than I ever thought it would
It used to eat at me like cancer
What looked like a disaster
Is looking pretty good

[chorus] But it's ok, it's alright
I'll make it through tonight
It's ok, it's alright
I'll make it through tonight - without you

You used to lay against my shoulder
When nights were getting colder
And winter brought the snow
And for hours I would hold you
If I'd known I would have told you
It's harder letting go

[repeat pre chorus and chorus]

[bridge] I should have counted blessings
Instead of second guessing
And wondering why nice guys finish last
But maybe without warning
I'll wake up Monday morning
Wishing I had run, instead of passed

[repeat chorus]

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Coming Home

Homesick and tired
With my face against the glass
Miles of pole and wire
I'm watching the scenery pass
From the passenger side
The passenger side

We're making memories
From near catastrophe
But the New York State line never
Looked so good to me
Now that I
Am coming home

Wide awake and wired
Trying to make moments last
I spend half of my life
Watching the world flying past
From the passenger side
The passenger side

We're making memories
From near catastrophe
But the city limit sign never
Looked so good to me
Now that I
Am coming home

[bridge]

Another night of six string heartbreak and love songs
When I get back I'll wonder
Why it took me so long
To find you

We're making memories
And laughing hysterically
But the sight of your face never
Looked so good to me
Now that I
Am finally home

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Nothing Could Go Wrong

Out here where the sky meets the road
The years keep rolling
Like the wheels that take you home
Drawn toward a bright horizon line
It ain't hard to look ahead
When there's nothing in your past to leave behind

Courage comes in many different ways
It can be the tears that form a pool
Of nothing left to say
But in the silence you must remain strong
Surrounded by the walls of thought
And wanting to belong

[chorus] But these are times, these are times
When it seems the world is pushing us along
These are times, these are times
To get lost inside an old, familiar song
Watch the trees sway gently on the lawn
At times it seems like nothing could go wrong

[bridge] And I suppose that we could disappear a while
Free from superstition and denial
We'll throw our rope around the moon
Between the drops of rain
And hope the hard times never come again

Out here where the sky meets the road
You can hear the whispers
Of the ones who've gone before
Spoken with a wisdom you can't buy
Something you will need
When you start running out of exit signs

[repeat chorus]

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My Parade

The radio and the driver's seat
The view from my window
I'm unaware of all the miles gone by
I used to know the backstreets
What I was getting into
When I set out beneath the great big sky

[chorus] But those clouds up ahead
Ain't gonna rain on my parade
This dream isn't dead
It's still marching in my parade

I'm tangled in the road map
Without a destination
And no way to get out of my own way
I'm caught inside a trap
That is of my own creation
With no plan to escape or get away

[repeat chorus]

[bridge]

I will know - when's there is nothing left
I will know - when there is nothing left
To hold on to
Oh, to hold on to
Then I'll let go

The radio's been static
For the last couple of miles
I can't get a signal all along the dial
But it might not be that tragic
'Cos I know I'll crack a smile
Once I hear your voice coming down the wire

[repeat chorus]

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To Buffalo

I'm goin' home now, I'm goin' home
I'm gonna follow that light up in the sky
I'll let this moonlit road lead me straight to your door
I'm goin' home, I'm goin' home

I spend my days wandering this land
Sometimes without a purpose or a plan
And sometimes so broke, it seemed every word I spoke
Cost me more than I held in my hand

I'm goin' home now, I'm goin' home
Where the winter is long as it is cold
Where the snow falls deep and silent on these streets
I'm goin' home, I'm goin' home

I've never been one to understand
All my thoughts that go to paper from this pen
Sometimes they flow like wine, in harmony, in time
And leave me with a sense of wonderin'

I'm goin' home now, I'm goin' home
To a place as familiar as can be
Where the folks walking by, always greet you with a smile
I'm goin' home, I'm goin' home

[bridge] I am listening my friend
And I'm wishing that this conversation
Didn't have to end
But it's time for me to make amends
I hope to see you when I come
Back 'round here again

But I'm goin' home now, I'm goin' home
It is a long, long ride that is for sure
But I'll take that wheel and with every mile I'll heal
I'm goin' home, I'm goin' home
I'm goin' home, I'm goin' home

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