



Noise From Words (2007)

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Mess Of Things

The sweet Kentucky rain
Hit the New York street
I was on the lamb
I was in retreat
But I swore i'd never let this happen again
But i'm on 23rd, waitin on a friend
This city, girl, got the best of me
And taught me how to make a mess of things

Through recent history, I have never known
This feeling of feeling so alone
Listen to me i've said it before
That I love you and will forever more
Like a poet writes, a singer sings
You and I we make a mess of things

The circus lights shine as bright as day
I'm terrified by what you might say
Sometimes I behave just like a kid
But I love you and I always did

The trouble with trouble
Is that it sometimes sticks
It plays tricks with your mind
While it gets its kicks
Then slowly there's a momentum shift
The weight becomes too great to lift
I woke up last night and heard my mama
scream
Saying " Boy you always make a mess of things"
What will become babe of you and me
If we keep on making a mess of things

Michael McDermott

Still Ain't Over You Yet

LA woman, babe what are we gonna do
I'm so tired of drinkin'
I'm so tired of thinkin' about you
We ain't even together but still something seems so wrong
That's got me turned upside down, Its got me singin' this
song

Hey pretty babe, get out of my mind gal for good
I know it ain't up to you , but i doubt that you would if you
could
The moon shadows are many and i can hear each one of
them breathe
The way i've been actin', well frankly, its hard to believe

Most nights i wish, that we never met
Most days i choke on my fear and regret
But I hate to admit, but I still ain't over you yet

Some mornings I wake and i'm startled when i see you're
not there
I remember the way we made love, in the cool morning air
But your good intentions they never seemed to be quite
good enough
Maybe I was right, maybe you're just not that tough

I remember the way that you'd talk to your friends on the
phone
I remember the day you swore you'd never leave me alone
But you live by an ocean, and babe, I live by a lake
I hate to believe, that this whole thing has been a mistake

Most nights I wish, that we never met
Most days I choke on my fear and regret
I hate to admit, but I still ain't over you yet

I've been wandering around, as lost as i've ever been
I don't even think that Jesus Christ knows the piss poor
shape i've been in
Everything it seems so hazy and i'm wondering, " what the
hell have I done?"
Yeah, I'm certain I'm crazy, because I was thinking that
you were the one

Most nights I wish, that we never met
Most days I feel weak and i just can't forget
I hate to admit, but I still ain't over you yet

Michael McDonald

Tread Lightly

This water ain't holy
That bird ain't a dove
But when the road gets darkest
Tread lightly my love

When your heart gets heavy
With what you've been in fear of
When you need some surrender
Tread lightly my love

The spring it is coming and the air it is sweet
The ice it is beginning to thaw
The seasons of running from the winds of defeat
The ugliness we're certain we saw

There's a distant moon laughing
He's perched high above
Take my hands and trust me
Tread lightly my love

There's a box you've been keeping
Filled with old useless stuff
Let's set it all a fire
Tread lightly my love

You've colored every rainbow with the colors of your
sound
The blue skies are beginning to crack
You've got a rusty ole halo, you've lost what you'd found
Your innocence it ain't coming back

There are Sunday's of wonder
Some roads ride so rough
Don't disappear under
Tread lightly my love

I'd be willing to bet you
But your money ain't enough
I'll be coming to get you
Tread lightly my love
I'll be coming to get you
Tread lightly my love

Michael McDermott

The American In Me

Steeple of white, winds of change and fear
Flag's on fire, something looming near
From shore to shore, from sea to shining sea
I am this land, maybe this land is me
Familiarity breeds contempt,
My innocence, wondering where it went
You must defend what you think is yours
Sometimes I fight little dirty wars
It's the American in me

Foxhole prayers, crucifixions burn
You can endure, that don't mean you learn
I'm not even sure what is being done
Sometimes I wonder what will become
Of the American in me
Sometimes I look, I don't want to see
It's the American in me

Old men in dining cars of all-night trains
Looking out the windows at the small town names
They dream of days gone by with eyes soaked in reverie
And singing "My Country 'tis of Thee"

Sometimes I'm right and sometimes I'm wrong
Sometimes I go where I don't belong
What's liberty? The history books are stained
Sometimes I'm proud, sometimes I'm so ashamed

Of the American in me
Don't mistake dissent for disloyalty
It's the American in me

Michael McDermott

A Kind Of love Song

I'm sorry my sweet belle
My sweet lover
That things didn't work out as you planned
Know that i loved you like no other
A love I couldn't even understand
My love is like a raging river
Sometimes it will crash you
Upon the rocks
In these nights alone
I start to shake and shiver
Listening to the ticking of the clocks
You can blame it on everything around us
I know the blame it rests with no one else
The last thing she said it just destroyed me
She said " I'm sorry but i have to save myself"

I wish i could write you a kind of love song
That a better writer than I could pen
But all I think about is all that went wrong
And the things I'd give my life to do again

Listen hard and you will hear me singing
Singing a song just for you
Every time your ears begin a ringing
Know that my love for you was true
Every time you see a leaf falling
Remember all the times we stood
Every time you hear a voice calling
Know I'd be there if I could

I wish i could write you a kind of love song
That a better writer than I could pen
But all I think about is all that went wrong
And the things I'd give my life to do again

Michael McDermott

No Words

Paint me with rubies and rust
Scars that you can't cover up
You see the beauty in something so wrong

Here at the end of it all
Where even angels can fall
If you had wings I swear you'd be gone

The night has come undone
The world has just begun
There are no words
There are no words

Find me a black colored rose
Opening doors that have closed
Lean in to show me that you are still listening
I need you to be here with me
The night has come undone
The world has just begun
There are no words
There are no words

The nights getting colder
With the world on your shoulder
I see you and run to your side
Closer and closer i'm falling like stars
Through your eyes

The night has come undone
The world has just begun
There are no words, There are no words
Nothing can convey, why it is i feel this way
There are no words

(McDermott, Petty, Lewis)

Michael McDermott

All My Love

The air is still
My breath is gone
Lay down the phone and put on Highway 61
I shut my eyes
To see you again
An image burned into me
Like a halo round the sun

I give all my love
I give all my love
I give all my love
to you

I wasted time
chasing ghosts
dreams that were never realized
Until that door was closed
But its your smile
Etched on the face
Of one who will remember
What we never can replace
Your love I can't replace

I give all my love
I give all my love
I give all my love
to you

Maybe all we are
Is all we are right now
I had to lose to find out
what i want has been here all along
And before its gone, before its gone

I give all my love
I give all my love
I give all my love
to you

Michael McDermott

Just A Little Blue

I'm just a little blue, my love looking for you
Because you're so far away
I'm just a little blue, and all I want to do
Is to see your face
I'm just a little blue in this place

Soon a day will come
When we won't have to run
Babe, you give me this hope
Will you whisper me a word
I know it seems absurd
So i could feel your breath
I'm just a little blue I guess

I close my eyes and call you name
When I open them, its still the same
Because I don't feel you near
I'm just a little blue
My love, my love is true
And I'll keep holding on

I'm just a little blue, and all i want to do
Is to be by your side
I'm just a little blue tonight
I'm just a little blue tonight

Michael McDermott

Broken

The nameless and faceless
The infinite places
That hands reaching out are denied
The night tends to swallow
The meek and the hallow
Living on burnt, borrowed time
The feelings resounding
When you're taking a pounding
You tell yourself you don't care
Inside the museums
The lost mausoleums
Some lives just can't be repaired

The pieces line these streets
With bloodshed and tokens
Say a prayer tonight, for the broken

Old hags and dime bags
Lost SoCo day drags
Pick yourself up off the floor
There's bending and breaking
The endless forsaking
This path that you've traveled before
I know for certain
When God raised the curtain
I wasn't prepared for this role
There's knowing and learning
The one light a burning
In the cool dark night of the soul

The gypsy's and magicians
Said the God's were all awoken
By the roar of the lost and the broken

Reflections so telling
The feelings I'm quelling
I've walked a mile in your shoes
The face that you don't recognize
Pontificate or philosophize
Deep down you know its a ruse

She comes from her castle
Where the winds cannot lasso
The moons that exist in her skies
Babe, forever talk to me
I swore you once knew me
I see my regret in your eyes
You spoke like a witness
Of love and forgiveness
Maybe its just noise from words
With your sweet misdirection
Your songs of rejection
You said you know its real
When it hurts

So go ahead and walk away
This time i ain't joking
Remember me tonight, among the broken

From the mountains to the rooftops
The muskets all are smoking
Say a prayer tonight, for the broken

Michael McDermott

Long Way From Heaven

Wandering streets with rain and light
I'm not feeling like myself tonight
Crossroads and signs we cannot read
I'm not sure what it is you think i need
Its a city of ghosts that no one trusts
Its a city of wings that turn to rust
I'm turning and I still can't find
These things i wish to leave behind
Its a long, long, long way from heaven

Twilight leaks through this open book
I know what you're saying with every look
Danger dances in these half lit rooms
Confusion reeks in these saloons
Hey Lazarus, where have you been boy?
Is death something you still enjoy?
You're a long, long, long way from heaven

The lord he giveth and the lord he take
I've broken laws that i couldn't face
Between the colors of your love and hate
Its a time to murder and a time to create

The din of despair and broken, drunken tongues
Who are these people we've become
I feel it, do you feel it to
Happiness always eluding you
I'll weave you a liars blanket, snug
And show you what i've learned from love
Yeah, we're a long, long, long way
Such a long, long, long way
We're a long, long, long way from heaven

Michael McDermott

My Father's Son

My old man, I don't understand
Neither does my mom
Sometimes I look at him and smile
Because I'm my fathers son

We're getting older, he and I
Time keeps rolling on
I see myself, there in his eye
Yeah I'm my fathers son

He knows something about everything
There ain't nothing, he ain't seen or done
Me, I was born with a crooked wing
Yeah I'm my fathers son

He spent every dime he ever had
Boy he had some fun
I don't know why i get so sad
I guess i'm my fathers son

The sickness got into his blood
He'll fight it until he's won
Me, I'm still drowning in the flood

He carry's around a heavy load
Its as though it weighs a ton
I wish I could help him carry it
I'm my fathers son

The cops came and took him a year ago
For some damage with a gun
Me I did some time myself
I'm my fathers son

My old man, I don't understand
Neither does my Mom
Sometimes I look at him and smile
Yeah I'm my fathers son
I'm my fathers son

Michael McDermott

I Shall Be Healed

Everything here lately
Everything, more or less
Seems its slowly becoming
Such a beautiful mess
From the gates west of Eden
To the oceans leading out
Round here everybody's bleeding
Everybody's filled with doubt
Then out on the horizon
They say the truth is revealed
Say the word, Just say the word
Say the word, I shall be healed

My mother and my father
They always believed
But me I felt different
I always felt so deceived
I went looking uptown
Went looking downtown too
I even went to the westside
I went looking for you
One day in South Carolina
I saw you in a cotton field
Say the word, Just say the word
Just say the word, and I shall be healed

Many is the hour, that i've seen go to waste
Is your heart wilted like a flower
How will i find you in this place?

I heard you were seen on Ashland
On your way to Wicker Park
They say that you looked different
You were standing in the dark
You were there for just a minute
When they looked back you were gone
You were always like that
You loved to keep on keeping on
Then I stood at an alter
The weight had caused me to kneel
Say the word, Just say the word
Just say the word
I shall be healed

Michael McDermott