

49 Tons
(Fred Eaglesmith)

There were seventeen cars out in my back yard,
The boys in blue are calling my name,
Semi-automatic up on the roof,
They just to want to talk to me,
I told them what they wanted to hear,
The only thing that I knew:
Forty-nine tons of diesel locomotive
Couldn't drag me back to you.
Everywhere you look, there's a train wreck, baby,
Everywhere you look, there's a runaway train,
Play my heart like a bottleneck, baby,
Running up and down and pulling its strings.
Everywhere you go, everybody knows,
You're looking for someone to do.
Forty-nine tons of diesel locomotive
Couldn't drag me back to you.
If I was a switchman, if I was a brakeman,
If I was an engineer,
I'd point that train on down the track
And clear on out of here.
If I was the man swinging the lantern,
I'd swing it 'til it was blue.
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Lean On Your Peers
(Tom Wilson/Colin Cripps)

On sleepless nights down in the laundrymat
Watching the clothes, ghosts playing tit for tat
We light a joint, talk about our old friends
Dead or alive our stories never end

Turn it over, look on the back page
There's Johnny GoGo looks like he'll never age
Sits in the Park House, drinking beer and landing flies
Just after noon, waiting for the trouble boys.

CHORUS

That's just the way it is here
No less and no more severe

That's just the way it is here
So pull up your socks and lean on your peers

Did you hear about Hank?
Booze rotted out his liver
Gray and depressed,
He gave his wife the finger
What about his kid,
What about his ex-wife
Ask themselves the same thing when they turn out the lights

I still remember the first time I saw him sing
2 black eyes, from a knuckle and a biker's ring
climbing up the speakers, hanging from The Balla rafters
Hamilton punk king swinging to his own disaster

CHORUS....

Pattie couldn't make it
She jumped right out the window
3 floors down cuz they cut off her cable
Dan took the same fall
Fire ball on Hunter Street
Landed on the sidewalk
Looked just like a chicken wing

It was a heartfelt night it was raining
Tim told us the whole story
Hanging at the gas station
I never wanted to hear that description
But now I know what is and isn't fiction

CHORUS X2

Tombstone (Jules Shear)

It's impatience that's holding back the clocks
It's a life of dates and documents
The soul searchers wheel and deal
If you're looking for repentance
They'll hand you down a sentence

Far away in Pittsburgh or Paris
Love's for sale and so reasonably priced
The answers few and far between
It's just bedsheets my friend
They're blowing in the wind

Tombstone, tombstone
I know your face one day I'll meet you
Down at that special place
The hard earned wisdom
Of the night is all for hire
And I can't tell a shooting star from a bird on fire

Tombstone, tombstone

There's a pump organ lives on air
And I can hear it from the market place
Wailing mourners in the crowd
Someone went over the line
Where our burning paths combine

The parishioners pour into the square
Thinking there but for His grace go I
But there among the deafened ears(?)
The neediest of sinners will forget it before dinner

Tombstone, tombstone etc..

Are you the jailer
Or will you set me free
How many misdemeanors
In one felony
Tombstone

Tombstone

Nickels and Dimes
(Stephen Fearing & Tom Wilson)

I tried to be someone else
Pick my own pockets for a change
Nickels and dimes - Shelly I told ya
This town's killing you and me

We could just drive to California
It's as easy as walking cross the street
Twenty-four hours, once around the sun,
Puts us anywhere we want to be

Cuz tonight drew a line around me
It's a circle I can't wear anymore
Tonight threw a fist at me
Shelly, I wish that we were some place else
Tonight

Look out any dirty window
This town's not going anywhere
I'm the freak of the week - waiting after hours
For some pinball cowboy to climb my stairs

And tonight drew a line around me
There's a circle I can't wear anymore
Tonight threw a fist at me
Shelly, I wish that we were some place else

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Boots of Leather
(Tom Wilson/Gary Scruggs)

Her bed was made of feathers
Her heart was made of gold
My boots are made of leather
I walked out, left her alone

CHORUS

Boots and hearts
What's the difference?
They both wear out
Before too long
I gotta get back
Before my soul's gone
Before her love turns to stone
Boots of leather
Heart of gold

My car broke down in Macon
And I can't get a ride
Lord, my feet are achin'
And I know how she must feel inside

CHORUS

Patience of a Working Man
(Willie P. Bennett)

last ones at the party
no place left to go
you sit and watch the seaside
I'll try to get some dough
you know I don't need no reason to understand
I got all the patience of a working man

well I've never been stranded
and I don't need dough
I got troubles of my own
that you don't need to know
hey yeah yeah
working man

I got troubles
like the shoes on my feet
my woman's waiting up
she gives me the dickens
when I come home late

man that's got to s
no I don't need no reason to understand
I got all the patience of a working man

well I've never been stranded
and I don't need dough
I got troubles of my own
that you don't need to know
hey yeah yeah working man
I said hey yeah yeah working man

I'm the first to smile
last to offend
I got a heart like an arrow
and it just won't bend

well I aim to push
I aim to shove
you got something, something
something to say
keep it to yourself

cause I've never been stranded
and I don't need dough
I got troubles of my own
that you don't need to know

hey yeah yeah working man

x3 working man

**You Don't Have to Play the Horses
(Bruce Cockburn)**

So we wait beside the desert
Nothing left to give away
Naked as the Hanged Man's secrets
Nothing left to do but pray

You don't have to play the horses
Life's a gamble all the same
It don't take much to make you lose sight
Of the object of the game

Anyone can be a soldier
It's a prevalent disease
Oh God I don't know where to step now
Help me find the right road please

So we wait beside the desert
Nothing left to give away
Naked as the Hanged Man's secrets
Praying for the break of day

Vigil
(Stephen Fearing)

Jenny ran along beside me
With a handful of roses
And a red petal caught in her hair
She said some never know
When their last friend is gone
You look out and there's nobody there

30 days I've been driving
Never once going home
Sleeping rough in the back of my car
And the nights when I was drinking
I would sit by the phone
And lose all my courage at the bar

CHORUS

On the darkest highway
On the hardest road
On the weary vigil
We keep alone

So if I turn the whole thing over
One more time in my head
Will that memory fade over time
Jenny lying awake in the arms of a man
And her eyes looking straight into my mine

CHORUS

King of Love
(Mark Johnson)

Let's go
King of love
ooh it's ugly
falling into love
everybody does it
everybody knows it

a a a oh (a a a oh)
sound off (sound off)
the king of love.....?
the power overcomes the rule
within himself there is a duel
a a a oh (a a a oh)
sound off
(king of, sound off)

off to the big city
everybody's lookin' (shitty?)
looking for a little pretty

a a a oh (a a a oh)
sound off king of, sound off

I think I hear the king falling
down down down
I think I hear the king falling
down down down

king of love
sound off

high school cherry
working in a Spanish shop
that's not good enough
she wants to meet the king of love

(a shitload of aoh's and such)

I think I hear the king falling
down down down
I think I hear the king falling
down down down
king of love
sound off

schools out 45
5 tricks before 6
dope comes really soon
the king of love is on the moon

(all them a oh's again...)

**Queen With a Broken Crown
(Colin Linden/George Ducas)**

She's a queen with a broken crown
She's a star searching for the sky
A songbird that can't find a sound
She's an apple waiting for an eye
She's a queen with a broken crown

The first to come and the last to go
She's the one that no one knows
A precious jewel for someone to find
Dancing alone in the pale blue light

CHORUS

She's a queen with a broken crown
She's seen the sun and she knows the rain

She's come undone and come back again
You can look in her eyes you can see the the sign
Of the tracks of the tears she's cried

CHORUS

She's a queen with a broken crown

She's a queen with a broken crown

Red Dress
(Willie P. Bennett)

run and get your red dress on babe
we're going to a dance tonight
you know it might seem unusual
but to me it feels so right

CHORUS

because I got you here
there's nothing to fear
ooh oh all right
you know I feel so free
with just you and me
waltzing in the moonlight

you know I work hard all week
and I come home with every dollar that I make
(something something)
there could be no mistake

CHORUS

run and get your red dress on babe
we're going to a dance tonight
you know it might seem unusual
to me It feels so right

CHORUS

you know I love only you
you know I'll be true
and love you till the day that I die
you know I feel so free with just you and me
waltzing In the moonlight
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Calling on the Angels
(Tom Wilson)

Tonight she's climbing up the hill

To rip the lights down from the cross
And crash landing again
Through the barstools again
I heard her cry out loud

CHORUS

She's not calling on the angels
She's not calling on the angels
She's just hoping for a memory
A child that's been lost from door to door

No radio on Christmas Eve
Can count the million stars she's tried
When there's no place in the world
That feels safe in the world
She looks for sleighs in the sky

CHORUS

Apostles standing in the snow
A church in Montreal
And there's no gospel station
Bringing down this nation
For a young girl to hold

CHORUS

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**Vale of Tears
(Janice Powers)**

she's laying in a vale of tears
laying in a vale of tears
he left her in the valley after 20 years
laying in a vale of tears

he met her when the moon was dry
met her when the moon was dry
they watched a copper sunset
so pretty made him cry
met her when the moon was dry

she said I'll give you babies plenty
said I'll give you babies plenty
but after 20 years she said I must be empty
I can't give you babies plenty

now she's laying in a vale of tears
laying in a vale of tears
he left her in the valley after 20 years
laying in a vale of tears

he waited till the moon was low

waited till the moon was low
nobody heard the gun
nobody saw him go
waited till the moon was low

the angels weep for the innocent
their tears fall down like rain
they're gonna spread their
snow white wings to cover up the stain

and now she's laying in a vale of tears
laying in a vale of tears
he left her in the valley after 20 years
laying in a vale of tears

momma can I please come home?
momma can I please come home?
I can't get no rest here on this bed of stone
momma can I please come home?

momma can I please come home?

The Lucky Ones (Willie P. Bennett)

The hardest part baby is smiling
when your plans don't work out
still count yourself a lucky one

with a God so smart
we were born with 2 hands reaching out
a heart that knows the joys of love
and the stars above, is a lucky one

CHORUS

oh the lucky ones
to have these dreams
to dream at all
oh the lucky ones
who never stumble and fall

blue flame searchin for a hot love
deep in the city
is deep in his heart
searching the scene
he raises his black glove
he wants the love
he don't know where to start

CHORUS

A wino wakes up on the street
and he counts his feet
sees there's two
counts himself a lucky one

with a God so smart
we were born with 2 hands reaching out
a heart that knows the joys of love
and the stars above, is a lucky one

CHORUS

they don't know nothing at all

Remedy
(Colin Linden/Jim Weider)

Now it's so cold in your doorway
I can hardly breathe.
You know I want to lay down but I'm afraid I'll freeze

I spent my last cold dollar
Getting the way I am
Running from the border just as fast as I can

Last September I was on the road
Now I'm out here and trying to save my soul.

CHORUS

You got the cure
You got the key
You got the remedy
I know for sure
It's plain to see
You got the remedy

I believe she got something
Like a stingaree (Stephen and Tom like to make Colin Laugh by shouting "stick of Brie"...)
When she moves you know
She puts a hurt on me

Well I might get better
Ah, but I won't get well
Until I'm over the line
And I'm under your spell

I'm like a spider crawling up the wall
Still looking for his all and all

CHORUS

Knocking on your window
Peeping through the blinds
Oh honey come here running
Don't you take your time

Well I ain't no preacher man
I'm no preacher's son
But I'll be shouting hallelujah when I see you come

I left my mind at the fork in the road
But I'm still carrying a heavy load

CHORUS

CHORUS

Once I was blind
Now I see
You got the remedy.

**As Lonely As You
(Murray McLauchlan)**

I think of your room
I think of you there
I think of you dragging
Your body upstairs
With your bed and your chair
And your stale perfume
Never knew anybody
As lonely as you

Your lovers leave
Before it's daylight
They want it for fun
You want it for life
And you get so angry
If they tell you the truth
I never knew anybody
As lonely as you

In my mind
your face disappears
but I still see your eyes
they looked
like they had heard
too many lies
they never seemed
to look straight into mine
they had nothing
left to lose
by wasting time.

I can't stand to see you
I can't look when you cry
I can't help you no how
Too selfish to try
But I wish there was something
Somebody could do
Never knew anybody
As lonely as you
Never knew anybody

As lonely as you.

Don't Want To Know
(John Martyn)

I don't want to know about evil
I only want to know about love
I'm waiting for the plains to tumble
I'm waiting for the sky to fall
I'm waiting for the cities to crumble
I'm waiting 'til I see you crawl
I don't want to know about evil
I only want to know about love
I don't want to know one thing about evil
I only want to know about love

Sometimes it gets so hard to listen
Hard for us to use our eyes
All around the cold is glistening
Making sure it keeps us hypnotized
I don't want to know about evil
I only want to know about love
I don't want to know one thing about evil
I only want to know about love

I don't want to know about evil
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I only want to know about love

I don't want to know about evil
I only want to know about love
I don't want to know about evil
I only want to know about love

If You Have to Choose
(Willie P. Bennett)

well if you have to choose
take the one you love, the best
not the one who wants you
just to hold you to her breast

well she'll treat you fine
she'll be great in bed
she only wants to get into your head
she'll always ask
what was that that you said to me
in the other room?

but if you have to choose
take the one you love
not the one who wants you
cause she feels you are above her

you can lie to her
won't mean nothing to you
she'll show pain
but you'll only see through
she only wants to hear those words
I love you
more than anything

well if you have to choose
take the one you love
one who could leave you
when you both have had enough

she don't want very much
the love that you bring her
the feel of your touch
but every day is not necessary
you can roam away

Paleface
(Colin Linden)

I don't need to be all things
to everyone but to you I can't try any harder
holding my half up in this arrangement
keeps landing me in hot water
oh to bring good will
I know that I can't buy you flowers
oh to cure your ills
would take more will than ours

gold dust at my feet
grease in my hair
shoes of black leather
kiss me again my sweet
and make my pale face grow redder

oh this ring comes from my girl
and this coat belongs to my brother
there's room for one other
in this hiding place
there is no disgrace

I can hear the trumpet
like Gabriel blowing out its reveille
the march of the saints
and roll call in heaven
far over the deep blue sea
oh the morning light
can be mistaken for the sundown
oh you set your sights
and you find your map's the wrong way round

gold dust etc

this ring etc

if you stay right here
I could be right back
I could give you some feathers to lay on
it's a lonesome ride and the deck is stacked
but we all need a hand to play on

gold dust etc

oh this ring etc

there is no disgrace

there is no disgrace

**Skybound Station
(David Wiffen)**

people all arising
in the morning bright and breezy
thinking back to yesterday
when life seemed to be so easy

CHORUS

and is it just imagination
pictures in my mind
just like waiting at some skybound station
for the train to bring us a peace
we never find

the river she flows so silently
never knowing of her death
never saying just what she feels
doesn't matter cuz I love her none the less

CHORUS

oh lord I'm falling again
sweet Jesus hear me call your name
oh lord I'm falling again
have mercy on me now and then
have mercy on me now and then

hey there goes a soldier boy
well I wonder where he's going
maybe home to see his girl
do you think that she'll be showing?
and is it just his imagination
pictures in his mind
like a- waiting at some skybound station
for the train to bring us a peace we never find

oh lord I'm falling again
sweet Jesus hear me call your name
oh lord I'm falling again
have mercy on me now and then
have mercy on me now and then

time goes by the seasons change
and our lives go quickly by
the time we have is short to us
yet we find it pays to try

CHORUS

oh lord I'm falling again
sweet Jesus hear me call your name
oh lord I'm falling again
have mercy on me now and then
have mercy on me now and then....

have mercy on me now and then