

Orion's Belt

Watch and Smile

Salutation – is the place to be
Validation – when she's lost at sea
Watch them run – when the man picks up his gun
I watch and smile as you make your way to me

The lengths she'll go to – for that sunset smile
Pain and sufferance for the extra mile
I've heard it said – 'Funny what goes through your head'
I watch and smile as you make your way to me

Running late now
Oh, when she gets here
She'll smile so sagely, pretend to know

Escalation – not sure what she'll find
Affirmation – two of a kind
Travails ahead, I'll see your graveside flowers are red
I watch and smile as you make your way to me

The Garden

Race to the top, as fast as I can
Slowing right down, to see where I am
It's 3 o'clock in the morning
Baroque and bathos, they tell, a tale of you

She combs her hair while watching the news
Life in colour found in the garden with you
Another derris day dawning
'I owe my pride and my soul to the company store'

Spinning round, falling down
Another summer's night, floating with you

Race to the top, as fast as I can
Slowing right down, to see where I am
It's hard to smile as she's falling
The lost and far-away stare as he walks through the door

Falling down, spinning round
Another summer's night, floating with you

Looking Out

You think that the only reason I live and breathe is because of you
You think the only time when I have a smile is when I'm with you
You feel your way, neglect to say how servitude hangs in the air
Esau found, schemes abound, though I don't suppose you even care

Looking out on a sea of faces, so many there, and yet so few
All with their knives held at the ready, we're not going to change ourselves for you

Here comes the man, the also-ran, the cause of your dark secret
Indulgent sigh, a wistful eye, ensures that you don't forget
You'd think by now, you'd learn somehow
That imagery won't fade away
Present your pearls, [as] the flag unfurls
For a nation that's had its day

Looking out on a sea of faces, so many there, and yet so few
All with their knives held at the ready, we're not going to change ourselves for you

Say it's all the same for you and I'll be there
Point the way to a golden day and I'll get there
But you and me you must concede we're a raindrop before the sun
Counting down the clock to the final stop of a journey long begun

You weave your dreams, the awkward scenes you create with your knowing smile
You'd see and hear, the cracked veneer, if you'd just sleep for a while
I watch you burn, perchance to learn, as summer's fire fades away
A scented sigh, won't mask the cry
Of a siren's scream on Christmas Day

Looking out on a sea of faces, so many there, and yet so few
All with their knives held at the ready, we're not going to change ourselves for you

We're not going to say that we're mistaken
We're not going to dress like the village clown
We're not going to trample on the needy
We're not going to smile to mask a frown

What Is Your Need?

Try as you might, you just can't seem to stop your fawning
You solely proclaim it's a symbiotic affair
What is your need, your failure to see?
Life so unclearly?

Sit with your smile and I'll wait for sweet retribution
[a] peripheral yawn, your tuts are measured and timed
Is that all you've got? It's not worth a lot
Your contribution

The love that you feel is a strange kind of solemnization
Surely by now, you can see that the stars still shine
What is your need? Your intrinsic greed,
Your reason to bleed me?

For all of your bluster you must know that it's going nowhere
They await your directive but you've lost your perspective of your true cares

Rubicon crossed, fuelled by a lurid ideal
Existential threat – to that which defines yourself
But why can't you see, the impact on me
Of your isolation?

Perfect Sunday

See the sun through the window
Coming into land
Try to mask your amusement
As they make their stand

The feeling is one of decline
The clock ticks so slowly
But how they miss, the way things used to be

First, he told her: 'I'm leaving'
As a matter of fact
So, she baked him a big cake
To entice him back

Another perfect Sunday dawns
One word preferred to three
But how they miss, the way it used to be

She said: 'It always stops and it's been the same – all my life'
'I try to run and my legs are tied – all my life'

To a class in the evening
Just to keep her around
'Tonight, we'll learn how the sun works'
And then the shutters came down

Confide in friends: 'It's just a phase'
Of that they both agree
But this can't be, the way life's meant to be

'I've been flying with the sun in my eyes – all my life'
'Trying to sleep when the baby cries – all my life'

Strike Another Lonely Bell

They said advise you all I said is: 'Don't look down'
And 'heavy is the soul and head that wears the crown'
Like the fool who said, 'the blind you cannot teach'
Like a dying man whose drink is out of reach

She strikes another lonely bell today
He steams the shirt and spits a shoe shine
She pens her tribute to a better way
He sees the band for now's the right time

I heard from Angie that you'd flown in today
We laughed and bet on just how long you'd been away
We walked across the bridge and marvelled at the sound
Then laughed again and bet how long you'd stick around

She strikes another lonely bell today
He steams the shirt and spits a shoe shine
She pens her tribute to a better day
He books the band for now's the right time

So, turn the clock around tonight
Eat on the wing you feathered fair
So, turn the clock around tonight
Eat on the wing to take you there
Eat on the wing you feathered fair
Eat on the wing to take you there

'You know I'm nothing without you'
'You know I'm nothing without you'
'You know I'm nothing without you'

Dream On

I used to think we shared the dream, but now I'm not so sure
I used to think we'd float away, but now I'm not so sure
I used to think we'd ride the waves, now I'm not so sure
I used to think we'd find the key, but now I'm not so sure

A new way to me
A new way to see,
you believe in me

I used to think we'd change our ways, but now I'm not so sure
I used to think we'd turn the page, now I'm not so sure

A new way to me
A new way to see,
you believe in me

I used to think we'd find the way, but now I'm not so sure
We'd only ever need to pray, now I'm not so sure

A new way to me
A new way to see,
you believe in me

Mirror Your Time

No, she'll never sell out
No, she'll never spin out
Bend a knee for the old soul in her sacred shroud
As you mirror your time

No, they'll never turn out
No, she'll never give out
Loyalty for the witness as the panther prowls
As you mirror your time

Oh, architect of your fortune
A moonlit walk, bewitching smile
You know your dreams are waiting there
Ignore the smiles, the frowns, the stares

No, they'll never find out
No, she'll never sell out
Spare a thought for the faces on your bedroom wall
As they mirror their time

Trepidation don't show
As you wait there to go
Nothing more than a small smile as you close the door
And you mirror your time

Oh, dollar princess misfortune
A sense of fate, obligatory smile
Your perfect life is waiting there
Dream home addressed: 'The Wolf's Lair'

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Bend a knee for the old soul in her sacred shroud
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Who Knows Who?

Trying to get out from behind this locked door
But these shoes just won't take any more
Sybaritic as they fall down the tube
Like an air bubble in an ice cube

Cos, they know very little and they care even less about you

All that frolicking will get you nowhere
At a party sat alone on the stairs
When your best day's in bed with the flu
Without a hope, care or clue what to do

Cos, they know very little and they care even less about you

You can spend your life searching you won't find
You can spend your time waiting for the sign

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Escorted all the way to the train
'You make sure you never come here again'
But the Canada geese have returned
So, you put it down to 'you live and you learn'

Cos, they know very little and they care even less about you

If they dare draw a line in your sand
Simply tell them 'Judgment Day is at hand'
You'll see the colour then drain from their face
These paragons of their bleak human race

Cos, they know very little and they care even less about you
Cos, I know very little and I care even less about you

Sweet Marie

Oh, sweet Marie we say goodbye
Oh, sweet Marie we say goodbye

Forced to feel you'd lost your way
To survive another day
I miss your blank and icy stare,
the smell of fags, your peroxide hair and you knew
You knew

The tiny fish in the tiny pond,
I sit and watch it all go wrong and you knew
You knew

Oh, sweet Marie we say goodbye
Oh, sweet Marie we say goodbye

Your acolytes who sneer at you,
for your world view that it spins for you – Cos they knew
They knew

Bravura stars which shine so bright,
but soon they fade 'till they're out of sight and you knew
They knew

Oh, sweet Marie we say goodbye
Oh, sweet Marie we say goodbye

The vacuum scale fails to produce
Just lies, distortion of the truth – Cos they knew
They knew

Your disciples with their hidden fear,
the gnomes who tell you what you want to hear – Cos they knew
They knew

Oh, sweet Marie we say good bye
Oh, sweet Marie we say goodbye

[But] I thank the Lord for our paths they crossed,
and laugh you feel I've a battle lost – Cos He knew
He knew

But strangely I still wish you well,
but sweetheart choose your battles well – Cos I knew
I knew

Oh, sweet Marie we say goodbye

All You Need

Seems we've walked this path a thousand times
Always feeling you were by my side
Comfort by the need to forgive
Though I don't suppose I always did

You've got the chance to show it
To radiate the calm and sow it
To climb the hilltop and observe all you need

Take your time to dream and make your plans
Avoid conceit and the 'great I am'
But have the strength to fight – make your stand

You've got to take the bad days
Accept that life's a hard race
Just climb the hilltop and observe all you need
All you need

When you're all alone
All your cards are shown
Climb the hilltop and observe, all you need

Accept not always will you get it right
But much revealed by how you fight the fight
As long as you and He know what's true
Strength you'll find that way – you'll get through

And when the day is done
The final battle won
Climb the mountain and observe all you need
All you need