

Album: Precious Cargo

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Along the Tops

Are you walking back along the tops?
Are you going home now love is lost?
I could walk it with you
Stop a while and talk it through
Oh tell me now
Are you walking back along the tops?

I was walking out in the evening light
Past the church and the school to the lighthouse, to the edge
Where the sea reflects the sky
Turning to climb I saw a face
Full of beauty and sadness and longing and glory and
Full of grace

There's nothing waiting for me
Nothing here but a mess of memories, and
Nothing waiting for me so I say, oh yeah
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, now

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Are you going home now love is lost?
I could walk it with you
Stop a while and talk it through
Ah baby now
Are you walking back along the tops?

You could walk it with me
A hundred miles beside the sea
Ah tell me now
Are you walking back along the tops?

Her City

Some places fill your senses
Bright lights and screaming cars
Love and war on street corners
And in restaurants and bars

Her city lies on the water
At night you can see the stars, and you can
Live your life as you feel it
Just be who you are

Some people live in the shadows
Running from day to day
Looking over their shoulders
They don't find love that way

Her city lies on devotion
Something beautiful and strong
And you can live your life as you feel it
And sing your song
Live and let live
And sing your song

And hey baby the sky's on fire
And you're so looking so fine you know
The sky's on fire
And I still believe

Some men walk straight to war
On the world they the way they think it is
But they don't love my girl
Don't care about my baby

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Live your life as you feel it
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Just be who you are

Live and let live

Precious Cargo

5 am on a Saturday
That was a real show
Bring an angel into being
With all the science they know
Through hours and hours you struggled
Just to make it so
Here was your precious cargo
Here was your precious cargo

Then you were on your way
Through airstreams indigo
Sailing to the moon
On a mighty ship of souls
Through all the days he travelled
She was watching him grow
I love you my precious cargo
I love you my precious cargo

The light on an I phone flashes
In the darkened hotel glow
It's a message from the past
But you already know
For all the years you've waited
Now you've got to let it go
So take care my precious cargo
Take care my precious cargo
Take care my precious cargo
Take care my precious cargo

Leaving Spain

I drank you in
Maybe let you down
I was running away
From the love I'd found

By road and sea
Through wind and rain
I fell asleep
But I woke up in Spain

Still hold on to pride and passion
Changing shades of light and dark
Hope I left just one impression
Somewhere a space in someone's heart

And it's always the same
I lost myself and found myself again

Always the same
(I wonder if I'll see your face again)
Leaving Spain
(I think the sun will dry up all your rain)
Leaving Spain
(I wonder if I'll see your face again)

Waiting for Life to Begin

Three perfect angels
Three rays of light
The only things that wake me from the darkest night

Trying to raise you
Trying to win the fight
Now I start to wonder if I got it right

Cos I'm lost
And I don't know why
Lost
And I don't know why

But I saw you standing in the hallway
Lying in the garden
Walking down a church aisle
Praying for pardon

Standing on a beach
Then running to learn
What's out and what's in
Waiting for life to begin

Two perfect strangers
Met in the night
Quite soon they were feeling that the feeling's right
Travelling together, ooh the road is hard
Now I get to wonder if we've gone too far

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Waiting for life

...standing in the hallway
Lying in the garden
Walking down the church aisle
Begging for pardon

Standing on a beach
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What's out and what's in
Waiting for life to begin

Heart of Stone

So I'll change, yes I will
I'll walk through the doors and I'll be stronger still
Yes I'll change for all to see
And all your love might come to me

Once I thought the dark would cover me
And all my days would fade to night
But now with you they're both the same
Both of these are both alike

I've been standing on the threshold
Is this where it begins?
Waiting for your soft voice
Call to enter in

You showed me your affection
Pure truth without exception
How you made my heart sing
Yes you changed everything
Showed me your affection
Pure truth without exception
Opening the heavy doors
Rolling my heart of stone

So I'll change, and let you in
Scrape the demons from my skin
But never walk this world alone
Cos here with you I've found a home

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Showed me your affection
Pure truth without exception
Opening the heavy doors
Rolling my heart...

You showed me your affection
Pure truth without exception
How you made my heart sing
Yes you changed everything
Showed me your affection
Left behind the disconnection
Opening the heavy doors
Rolling my heart of stone
Rolling my heart of stone

About Us

I work all day and get home at sun down
As the sky turns to grey
Leave my car on the driveway
Pour a beer and think what I might say

I thought that I would stay here safely
Till I saw you yesterday
And I had this dream about you baby
And it won't go away

Cos I never thought about what might be
I prayed for love as I watched it die
So I built a wall right around me
I don't want a castle in the sky

Yeah, I thought that I would stay here safely
Till I met you yesterday
And I had this dream about you baby
And it won't go away

I thought that I would stay here safely
Till I held you yesterday
And I had this dream about you baby
And it won't go away

Hey, but don't you change anything for me now
It couldn't work out anyway
Still I had this dream about us baby
And it won't go away

Starland

I'd been indifferent to the distance
Till I met you on the stairs
Now I know there's someone here who knows
the difference
Someone here who really cares
You were working just across St Martin's Green
Living south on Kildare
And walking out into the half dark
We looked up into the air

The stars are looking bright tonight
In starland
The future's looking bright, alright
In starland

He never listened to your silence
Never heard your whispered prayer
Always thought he had the answer
Within the within the life you shared

But you were looking for a brighter light
You were wishing on a star
And now we're all among the angels
Who know exactly who we are

The stars are looking bright tonight
In starland
The future's looking bright, alright
In starland
And you know I'll catch you if I can
In starland
And we'll hold the future here in our hands
In starland
Starland
Ooh in starland

Sad Man's Song

I don't want to talk about it
Could take me all night long
I'd rather shout it from the rooftops to the highest hills
Hope you'll sing along
Or whisper these words in your sleep
It's just a song on the wind
You'll hear the sad man's song
Only the sad man's song

Life can treat you kind or it can treat you cruel
Or leave you hanging
You could open your eyes to the beautiful skies
or you could fall behind
All hope dying
But there's a place in my heart
And it's as good as good can be
Still you'll hear the sad man's song
Only the sad man's song

Don't leave now
Don't leave me now

I guess you could see love as a broken dream
Gone forever
Or the gentle flow of the ripples running down
a mountain stream
In autumn weather
And one day you'll know what I mean
You might meet me somewhere in between
Till then you'll hear the sad man's song
Only the sad man's song
Till then you'll hear the sad man's song
Only the sad man's song
'Till then you'll hear the sad man's song,
only the sad man's song'
Till then you'll hear the sad man's song

Recovery

I really don't know what to do with these feelings
Right now I think I never looked back
At all the people who were hurt in the unravelling
When I did it stopped me in my tracks
I was really glad you recovered
Not so different from the person before
Still I feel I should have tried to get there

Hard words in the houses at the ending
Cold sheets on the beds where we sleep
History drawn from mythical stories
The past captured and buried down deep
Architecture's not the shape that you'd chosen
In your head and within your sight
But standing up and shaking it down
You got ready for a final fight

Wondering if I could have loved you better
Knowing I couldn't have loved you more
Now I feel the clouds are lifting
Feel the sun burning though the haar
You were just caught in a place
Among the troubles in the dark of the night
Man, if I could have saved you
I just might

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