

This Old Road

Look at that old photograph
Is it really you
Smiling like a baby full of dreams
Smiling ain't so easy now
Some are coming true
Nothing's simple as it seems

But I guess you count your blessings with the problems
That you're dealing with today
Like the changing of the seasons
Ain't you come a long way (Ain't you come a long way)
Ain't you come a long way down
This old road

Looking at a looking glass
Running out of time
On a face you used to know
Traces of a future lost
In between the lines
One more rainbow for the road

Thinking of the faces in the windows
That you passed along the way
Or the last thing you believed in
Ain't you come long way (Ain't you come a long way)
Ain't you come a long way down
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Say you tried to chase the sun down
And you let it slip away
And the holy night is falling
Ain't you come long way (Ain't you come a long way)
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Pilgrim's Progress

Am I young enough to believe in revolution
Am I strong enough to get down on my knees and pray
Am I high enough on the chain of evolution
To respect myself, and my brother and my sister
And perfect myself in my own peculiar way

I get lazy, and forget my obligations
I'd go crazy, if I paid attention all the time
And I want justice, but I'll settle for some mercy
On this Holy Road through the Universal Mind

Repeat Chorus

I got lucky, I got everything I wanted
I got happy, there wasn't nothing else to do
And I'd be crazy not to wonder if I'm worthy
Of the part I play in this dream that's coming true

Repeat Chorus

The Last Thing to Go

The angels were singing a sad country song
It sounded like something of yours
With a conscience as clear as the tear in your eye
And a heart beaten golden and pure

And I felt all the feelings we set down in song
Torn from the body and soul
And the fortunes that faded like stars into daylight
And tear drops we turned into gold

****Chorus**

Every hard rocking wreck on the highway
Every heartbroken rule of the road
Every true thing we wrote on the wind is still singing
Love is the last thing to go

Love is the reason we happened at all
And it paid for the damage we done
And it bought us the freedom to fall into grace

On our way to our place in the sun

*Repeat Chorus

Wild American

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You're the one they never tamed
'Cause you stood your ground
And they could not make you change
You're the warning they still don't understand
Watch your back, boy, they'll kill you if they can

When they burn your brother down in the name of Freedom
I don't care if it's left or right
It's wrong
If that's all they can do then you don't need 'em
You're the one, Wild American

In the News

Read about the sorry way he done somebody's daughter
Chained her to a heavy thing and threw her in the water
And she sank into the darkness with their baby son inside her
A little piece of truth and beauty died

Burning up the atmosphere and cutting down the trees
The billion dollar bombing of a nation on it's knees
Anyone not marching to their tune they call it treason
Everyone says God is on his side

See the lightning, hear the cries
Of the wounded in a world in Holy war
Mortal thunder from the skies
Killing everything they say they're fighting for

Broken babies, broken homes

Broken-hearted people dying everyday
How'd this happen, what went wrong
Don't blame God, I swear to God I heard him say

****Chorus

"Not in my name, not on my ground
I want nothing but the ending of the war
No more killing, or it's over
And the mystery won't matter anymore"

Broken dreamers, broken rules
Broken-hearted people just like me and you
We are children of the stars
Don't blame God, I swear to God he's crying too

****Repeat Chorus

****Repeat First Verse

The Burden of Freedom

I stand on the stairway, my back to the dungeon
The doorway to freedom so close to my hand
Voices behind me still bitterly damn me
For seeking salvation they don't understand

**Chorus:

Lord, help me to shoulder the burden of freedom
And give me the courage to be what I can
And when I am wounded by those who condemn me
Lord, help me forgive them, they don't understand

Their lonely frustration, descending to laughter
Erases the footprints I leave in the sand
And I'm free to travel where no one can follow
In search of the kingdom they don't understand

**Chorus:

Lord, help me to shoulder the burden of freedom
And give me the courage to be what I can
And when I have wounded the last one who loved me
God, help her forgive me, I don't understand

Chase The Feeling

It takes one to know one, baby
I know how you feel
You got your hunger
And some problems that are real

And you're dealing with some demons
Who are driving you insane
And I've seen them drag you screaming
Down the hallways of your brain

***Chorus

And you got loaded again
Ain't you handsome when you're high
Nothing matters
Chase the feeling 'til you die

Let it right on in there, baby
Let it run your life
Let it run your children off
And let it run your wife

Let it take the joy you love
And turn it to despair
You knew you knew better, baby
You just didn't care

**Repeat Chorus

Blame it on the moonlight, baby
Think of number one
Tangled up in two
When you were shining like the sun

With a pretty piece of hunger
Who was younger than her eyes
On the scale of cosmic thunder

It's a wonder you're alive

**Repeat Chorus

Holy Creation

So many questions
So many answers
So many reasons
Most of them wrong

Facing the future
With the faith of my father
I let a stranger
Into my home

And right there before me
I saw it happen
There's no denying
Nothing's the same

The truth is a highway
Leading to freedom
All is forgiven
Love is to blame

***Chorus

And I've seen him hold her
With his head on her shoulder
Singing her love songs
Soft as her smile
Tender affection
Under the rainbow
Holy Creation
Mother and child

I know the story
I read the papers
I see the anger
I feel it too

But when I see the wonder
In the smiles of my children

It reminds me of dreams
Worth coming true

***Repeat Chorus

The Show Goes On

We used to talk about the Rock and the Roll
That made it matter not to sell your soul
Like a banner that we held so high, we weren't afraid to fall
Steady rolling through the warning signs
That were hidden in between the lines
That kept us rocking 'til the break of day
Or any break at all

We used to take about a day and a night
To try to sing up all the soul in sight
And anyone who couldn't see the light
We had to leave behind
And the sweetest thing you ever heard
Was the singing of the Speckled Bird
And commercial was a dirty word
We laid it on the line

Chorus

It was all so easy then
We could do no wrong
We'll never be the same again
But the show goes on

We used to drink about a bucket of booze
To try to chase away the black and blues
And when it came the time to pay your dues
You gave an I.O.U.
To the devil with the dirty smile
Which he added to the growing pile
Of the promises you mean to keep
The day your dreams come true

Repeat Chorus

Thank You For A Life

Thank you for a life that I'd call happy
Overlooking all that we've been through
When it comes to loving I've been lucky
Everything I am I owe to you

Thank for the little girls you gave me
Thank you for them bouncing baby boys
Thank you for the sadness
That you saved me from the madness, baby
All I'm crying now are tears of joy

Thank you for that burning sun that's rising
Golden in the air that smells so sweet
Thank you for that empty far horizon
That opens to a new eternity

(Instrumental)

***Repeat First Verse

Final Attraction

Well here you are
The final attraction
Awaiting direction
From somewhere above

Your finest performance
Approaching perfection
I know what you're making
Is some kind of love

Somewhere in your lifetime
You were dared into feeling
So many emotions
That tear you apart

But they love you so badly
For sharing their sorrows
So pick up that guitar
Go break a heart

Come on boy, get back up there
You can do it one more time
For Hank Williams, go break a heart
And Janis Joplin, go break a heart
And Waylon Jennings, go break a heart
And John Lennon, go break a heart
And Roger Miller, "
And Jimi Hendrix, "
And Mickey Newbury, "
(add on....)
And maybe one time for me
Go break a heart

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