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BIRDS DON'T FLY - 1996

Had a dream
Freedom took it back
All alone
By myself but far from home

There I flew
Toward the bright pearly sky
In the clouds misconceptions
But I know now I'm not alone

And though it feels the same
Trapped inside big cage
I know we'll all be saved

All along I know I was wrong
All along could not give myself all up
Got to keep my mind to fly high

Found a subway and rambled out of here
Clouds round came crashing down
When the man appeared near
If minds open we all can find the key
And I won't let anything capture me

And though it feels the same
Trapped inside big cage
I know we'll all be saved

GOODBYE LULLABY - 1996

So tell me a story
The one about the one that flies
That unusual story
Of love lost long ago

And stay complimentary
When asking for her hand
Don't be so anxious to hear her sing her lullaby

And now that I've warned you
On how to set up your lines
The time has come for me to sing
To her my goodbyes

Simon says I've got to give her away today
Whispers wipe away the tears under veils
With the yells I've been well

Now I hear that things
Aren't working out quite right
And I fear that my blushing bride
Doesn't smile anymore

So tell me a story
The one about the one that flew
That unusual story
Of love won back from you

Simon said I was wrong to stay away that day
Whispers should have said the things I'd ought to say
Holding to my patience I came away okay
Victory I pray has come today

THE GET A JOB SONG - 1994

Starman says I am only a child
And I already don't know
What I need to know but think I know anyway

I'm still young, 21 is still F.U.N.'s grin
But society says to

Grow up and act your age before you become a bum

Reggae says short or tall, haired or bald
Every night scared of ghetto plight
If you want to play the game come and take his hand

He'll lead you to the daydream place of love
But to stay in
You have to learn to love what you've got

And bring all of your friends
In the world of pretend we'll let you in, be our friend

It makes no sense to me why we live to fight

It doesn't bother me I don't have anyone named
My fiancé
To split everything I don't have anyway
I don't care what you think of my place
If you want a seat for diner
Just come and knock on the door

And bring all of your friends
In the world of pretend we'll let you in, be our friend

It makes no sense to me why we live to fight
Why, oh why, why, oh why can't we just live for life
Why, oh why, why, oh why can't we just live for life
Why, oh why, why, oh why

WHEN WILL I WIN - 1997

Sat beside myself tonight
Wondering why I am who I wanted to be
Can't play myself away
I need to be part of something bigger than me

Doing things I thought were real
Wondering how I can get here
Without stepping on everyone I care about
I refuse to be
Part of something smaller than me

I can't turn my back on my destiny

Innocence has lost all cost
Of what it needs to feel
As I close mine eyes to sing to you all
I need to be

I can't turn my back on my destiny
It's hard for me to see
Can't see the starstruck lights
Behind the crowded eyes

The life involved is blind
While skies evolve to bright
With flash of the glare
Stares steal my soul from flight
Knock down my dreamy heights
And leave me standing bare

When can I why not anymore
Why can't I win anymore
When can I why not anymore
Why can't I win anymore

SUNSHINE - 1997

A lonely souls window seldom opens
While grey seasons blow white
As well the mind seems to shut off
All thoughts and dreams of the sunshine

Wafting down, warming the heart
Illuminating the sense that let's love shine
But bright eyes can still see roses

And though the winds have shifted
While seasons changed outside
Perceptions granted lessons
That shouldn't be denied by pride

Covered up by all the rain
That falls when all the snow is gone
Bright eyes can still see roses through it all

You bring meaning and joy
With every breath I hear
You eyes unlock my thoughts
Of mystical beauty

Flowing hairs are as rays
From your inner glow
That I notice each second
I gaze at my sunshine

PERFECT WORD - 1997

_____ is the name I hear
When beauty is whispered through the air
Onto my ears
For sweetheart, princess and my darlin dear
Just will not suffice

Enamorous feelings abound with the sound
Time stands silent and still chills run down
Visions of elegance like I've never found
Memories make me smile twice

Premature contemplation for the expectations
Of feeling the first syllable turn
_____ is the most perfect word in the world

_____ is the name that I want to hear
When night falls cold and when daylight appears
Though my love, my life, my all is true
Justice has not quite been introduced

Longing recapitulation savoring the annunciation
Of feeling the first syllable turn
_____ is the most perfect word in this world

WHO WILL LOVE ME NOW - 1993

And now I stand alone thinking why
I did the things I've done wrong, done wrong and

Why does everything come back at me not right
And why can't she believe me, I'm wronged

Who will love me now
And when will I raise and see the clouds round
Who will love me now
And when will it start to feel alright being alone

And now I sit and wonder what I'll do tomorrow
I've got to know I've got to go and
Find a better way to deal with my pain
Find a better way to get back the strength I've lost and

Who will love me now
And when will all the pain and misery go and
Who will love me now
And when will it start to feel alright being alone

HAD A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS - 1998

Had a little talk with Jesus in my lonesome cell
Had a little talk with Jesus in my lonesome cell
He said to me son God will pay your bail
And until that day you call out my name

Had a little talk with Jesus when I was falling down
Had a little talk with Jesus when I was falling down
He said to me son you can get up now
And because I came you call out my name

Had a little talk with Jesus when I was feeling low
Had a little talk with Jesus when I was feeling low
He said to me son I have saved your soul
For all I did the same so you call out my name

Had a little talk with Jesus cause now he's my only friend
Had a little talk with Jesus cause now he's my only friend
He said to me son on me you must depend
And on judgment day I will call your name

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - 1998

Conjure great scenes
Of past crowds applauding their dreams
For the encore
Blank faces want more

Hear their cheer
When I'm alone it's still near
Remembering fun
Back when this life begun

Smell the air
Electric and ready to share
Move those lines,
Here comes the good times
It's a wonderful life

With years comes the fears
That the crowds won't appear
How can you be
What no one wants to pay to see
Can you tell me

I wonder
Is it supposed to be this way
I wonder
Should I stay and play

Absolutely
It's a wonderful life

BIG MONEY - 1997

It ain't even hard if you want to do it do it
Just buy a turntable and a Macintosh computer
Or even PC you see it doesn't even matter
Just hit the enter key and start to flow about the splatter
That you cause in your hood and the drugs
Or pimpin' all the ho's or hoeing all the broads

Cause that's what it takes to make the next hit song
That all the labels push for all the reasons wrong
To line those mighty dollars and lead them to the bank

To pay for all their friends and hire all their skanks

Sure they put us in limos
And we always drink for free
Don't clean or cook
Eat up all the food and clothed from the factory
But if you elevate and escalate
Your pinnacle is bound by fate
And dollars don't add to the life they take
Big money cuts it off before they waste a dime

On something that can add up those dimes
You may fill the lines and the shows pound rhymes
Honeys make the time
But all that's nothing without the biggest sign
Big money won't deal the dollar bill

Ain't mad at `em though
They just making ends ya see
They sleep with Hollywood honeys
That wouldn't even talk to you and me

DREAMING - 1998

Dreaming on a rainy day
Contemplating life and things
Is it right to be at home
I'm alright I'm not alone

Watching stranger as they pass
Consumed with images that last
Wondering why their mellow tone
I'm alright I'm not alone

No need crying with you by mysids
Fear escapes me overcome by pride of knowing

That you'll be home soon
And turn this dismal afternoon
Back to like when the sun shone
I'm alright I'm not alone