

Be Gentle With Me

This is the farthest I've fallen since I don't know when
So far that my heart can't imagine me hoping again
Too sure to give up but it's gotten so hard to give in
That's why I'm asking you please
To be gentle with me

Ashamed of this fear and the errors it leads me to make
I'm a slave to a heart that's so brittle and easy to break
But now I'm in awe of these chances I'm willing to take
That's why I'm asking you please
To be gentle with me

Chorus

Be gentle with me, I'm not quite ready
to carry the weight of a love strong and steady
and I don't want this weakness of mine
to poison the promise I see
Be patient and kind, be careful and caring
with the heart and the mind and the soul that I'm sharing
Do what you must and I trust you'll be gentle with me

Now I am inspired by this fire that's been missing so long
I'm finally living to learn and to grow and be strong
Becoming the man you said that you've wanted so long
But until I get there, if you care
Please be gentle with me

Chorus

So don't be dismayed by the sureness I'm seeming to lack
With you in this garden I'm tending it's sure to grow back
Why in no time at all, I'm sure I'll be up and on track
That's why I'm asking you please
To be gentle with me

Chorus

She Feels The Same

Sit down, friend, ignore the clock
Look me in the eye, we need to talk
There's something I must tell you, if I can
I went there like you asked me to
I meant to bring good news to you
But it didn't quite work out the way you planned

Chorus

She feels the same
Her lips are soft and they ache to part
She feels the same
Her hands are strong when they break a heart
But no tears came when I spoke your name
I almost wish that it weren't true
She feels the same, but she no longer feels the same for you

I must confess I was not sure
Why you fell so hard for her
But one look one touch, now I understand
She met my gaze I lost my soul
She set a blaze I can't control
But I can't say I'm sorry that it got so out of hand

Chorus

Give her up, just let her go
She's never coming back you know
I'm sorry but the one she loves is me

Chorus

You And I

Now that our song is over
And we're ready to call it a day
I need just the briefest moment
Before you head on your way
Now that I've got your attention
I've a question to ask of you
I felt something go on in the course of our song
Tell me did you feel it too?

Chorus

Tell me it's more than the music
That set up that shine in your eyes
Tell me it's more that we're living this for
Tell me it's you and I

I hope this won't make you angry
That's not what I wanted at all
I just hope if I've put you off balance
You'll be a little more likely to fall
Just as I did the moment I saw you
And surrendered myself to your glance
So in essence I'm saying
Each moment we're playing
I'm wishing I could ask you to dance

Chorus

I guess I could have asked you in private
With every one else out of sight
I could have trusted in fate
Or just waited 'til later
'til it grew too late to get two hearts
To dream together tonight

I've got all my cards on the table
Tell me what are you going to do?
You see I think I know the answer
Oh, but I need to hear it from you

Chorus

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Never Should Have Had To Say Goodbye

Tried to make connections but I caught your damn machine
I wonder if you'll take a chance and call
Forgive the indiscretions now that we've both come clean
Maybe we can find love after all
Every love of consequence who's come to me before or since
Never held a candle next to you

And we would have stayed in touch if we hadn't strayed so much
There's too much in our past to just pass by
Don't say there's nothing there
We've shared too much not to care
We never should have had to say goodbye

Tried to hide my feelings by disguising them in song
Never could convince you I was fine
Too many double dealings to remember right from wrong
Still your smile was never far from mind
Until the day I dream no more
I'll dream you walking through my door
To share the life that we were meant to know

And it did not have to end I would have been your friend
There's so much in my heart I can't deny
And it would not be the truth
If we blamed it all on youth
We never should have had to say goodbye

Our happily ever after never seemed to come in style
What I'd give to live that time again

So don't make me let you go
We've come too far to stop this show
The ordinary rules do not apply
We've taken time to grow
And now it's time you know
We never should have had to say goodbye

Grace

I could give a thousand reasons why this never should begin
And at least a thousand more we should deny what lies within
I could list a thousand options with a better chance than this
But none is more appealing than a contemplated kiss

Don't tell me that I'm crazy and pursuing this is wrong
The fact that I am older means I've waited twice as long
With this fear of not belonging and this need to be fulfilled
I'm familiar with that longing and my voice will not be stilled

Chorus

So come on Grace and while this lasts
Indulge until the moment's passed
Leave your empty worries on the side
Well a dancer must have music and that I can provide
So you give yours and I'll give mine
And we can smile and say we've tried

Some rules should be broken and some should not apply
Whether this would work should hinge on what we both decide
The ones who swear we're erring are the ones who never fell
For it's only love that guides us
And only time will tell

Chorus

Common sense is boring and it's commonly ignored
This is no flight of fancy, this is just our just reward

Chorus

Oh, come on, Grace, let's try...

Is It True?

So rare to find someone of like mind
Who knows my heart and how it tends to stray
So in my times of doubt
It was your voice I sought out
Knowing you would know just what to say
Whatever love came calling
You kept my heart from falling
When you'd ask me in your careful, caring way

You'd ask me: is it true?
Does she offer something lasting?
Is her heart yours for the asking?
Will she be gone when what she needs is through?
Is it true?

In time you came and bid me do the same
Assess your suitors suitabilities
And without fail you'd fight me tooth and nail
Until the scales were shed and you could see
I was never kind nor clever
In each difficult endeavor
I would simply ask just what you'd ask of me

I'd ask you: is it true?
Does he offer something lasting?
Is his heart yours for the asking?
Will he be gone when what he needs is through?
Is it true?

And now my friend and confidant
I believe it's you I want
I can't believe I fell so hard, so fast
I could swear I've seen you see it too
One last time ask me: is it true?
Could it be we've saved the best for last?

And is it you?
Can we find a love that's lasting?
Is your heart mine for the asking?
Do you believe as I believe you do?
Is it you?

Secrets

Johnny at the Gas-n-Go, he sweats the four-to-twelve
It's a necessary evil, at least that's what he tells himself
The shift drags on and he wonders if there might be more than this
Until the beating of his heart feels like the clenching of a fist
So he locks the restroom door and switches on the ceiling fan
And fires one up to taste the only freedom that he can
And that's a secret...

Mabel at the diner watches traffic streak the street
Wondering if those tips are worth this throbbing in her feet
With thirty pounds of makeup Mabel's trying to disguise
The forty pounds of overweight that the apron can't quite hide
She's been married twice to fists and fights
and she swears it's done no harm
Now she's staring out that window praying third time is a charm

Chorus

And that's a secret no one else can know
That's a secret she won't ever let it show
Beyond dissent, without a doubt
You never know who's inside looking out
Behind the secrets...

Karen in the living room she's drying off the tears
Borne of sudden sadness at the passing of the years
She was certain she'd be famous and the envy of her peers
But when it came to home or Hollywood
She just could not choose careers
It's been three weeks since her husband joined his secretary's nights
So she sips her Southern Comfort and sits down to Guiding Light
But that's a secret...

Sharon's bare and empty where her soul once shined within
Since a man betrayed her body she's a stranger to this skin
Long and scalding showers have not seemed to fade the blight
And no matter how that sun shines she relives her darkest night
She knows there must be someone who can soothe the ache inside
And she wants so much to meet him but she can't bear to step outside

Chorus

Stacy's all of seventeen
she's the high school hormone beauty queen
Grown up some, but she's still got some to go
But Stacy's got a secret even her best friend don't know
And in six or seven weeks, man, it is really gonna show...
It won't be a secret anymore

Winston strikes a figure in the office of the mayor
Proud of his election and the power of fervent prayer
At his local church on Sunday he plays deacon for the day
And he asks the congregation: "Man, what's wrong with kids today?"
But no one knows the shambles that his family's become
Or the pretty preteen daughter he just can't seem to leave alone

Chorus

Just got off the phone, I'm sitting alone
And I'm missing you more than I should
And I just can't believe in one night you've achieved
What I always said no woman could
Now I can't go to sleep for in my mind I keep
Hearing music and words, trite, but true
And where my heart used to break all that's left is an ache
And it's shaped just exactly like you

Chorus

Now that I've let you take it, I beg you, don't break it
Keep it healthy and happy and free
I'll keep ready the space with your form and your face
In the hole where my heart used to be

It's silly but true I just never knew
I would miss you until you passed through
And I don't mean to scold, I just wish I'd been told
That my heart would be leaving with you

Chorus

So I'll just have to wait 'til you're in the same state
To see what I gave you on loan
And it hurts like a smile and it will for a while
'til you call a trip here coming home

Chorus

Sunshine

Everybody knows my lover left me
They wonder why I do not cry out loud
I tell them I don't feel no pain It's just a little fall of rain
My heart feels fine, it's just behind a cloud
'cause every day brings me a new beginning
Every morning is a sweet surprise
And though your day with me is done
Well there's another day waiting to come
To catch my heart as it starts to rise..

Chorus

You see the sunshine's due to come around the corner
Upon his way across that summer sky
He don't mind that he's alone, he can shine out on his own
I figure as long as that sun keeps shining, so will I

Every time that I pull out your picture
I might feel a twinge because you're gone
But your memory will do, I don't need to wait for you
There's a new love waiting right beyond the dawn

Chorus

Even when it's dark, remember
The sun is shining somewhere every day
You still know its real even if you cannot feel it
It's never, ever very far away
Everyone deserves their share of sunshine
If you know what to look for it shines through
There's a light on that horizon for you to keep your weary eyes on
And I'm hoping that it shines as bright on you

Chorus

Bring The Light

Deep inside of each of us there burns a tiny flame
Illuminating ways to go and the roads on which we came
It serves to light each friendly smile reflecting back the same
Until our brilliance bests the borders
Of what one light alone can claim

For one lone candle in the darkness
Sheds precious little light around
Enough so those who look for it can see
But only eyes that have been opened
Will admit that precious light
Those still closed are blind to what this world can be

Chorus

So bring the light among your brothers
Bring the light among your friends
Leave no man to face the shadows
Leave no child to brave the shade
But bring the light that we may no more be afraid

When amid the rush of things we're subject to a breeze
That threatens to extinguish us and all that we've achieved
Then those who count our tiny lights as precious as their own
Will rush to shield that fragile fire
Until it's solid as a stone

For together we burn brighter than that sun may dare to grow
And to those who suffer darkness
We may be all the light they know

Chorus

Some burn bright and all too quickly
Some burn low but linger long
But since we all can be a beacon
Let that light shine on and on

Chorus

Just be a light

She Sings To Me

How I love the singing of these strings
The wisdom and the wonder
In this wooden box of dreams
Leading like a piper to a place to pause and play
Magic times of weaving rhymes
Then leading me away

But when the fields lie fallow
And the well seems dark and dry
And this wooden box of dreams
Seems only full of dreams gone by

Chorus

She sings to me
In the night when no one's there
She sings to me
In the language that we share
You could never understand
The life she's given to these hands
I am the best I am
When she sings to me

How I love the signs along the road
They used to point the way to where
I thought my life would go
A path of true distinction - ha-
At least so I believed
Paved with good intentions...
Well we all know where that leads

So when somewhere some distraction
Leads my life a different way
And this path I thought I'd chosen
Grows more distant every day

Chorus

I love believing love will set me free
And fill this void within me
Like a lock that's found its key
To share a daring journey
With this true but troubled soul
Who waits and hopes for someone
To arrive and make it whole

So I sometimes fall to pieces
When the pieces just don't fit
And though I know my life is up to me
I fear that I'm not up to it
When I'm sure that lock is broken
I can feel the tumblers click when...

Chorus

Two in tune, the perfect pair
Here and now, with time to share
Won't you take my hand, my friend
and sing to me?

Won't you sing to me?

Blow 'em Away

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