## Be Gentle With Me

This is the farthest I've fallen since | 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 | 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 | 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

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# She Feels The Same

Sit down, friend, ignore the clock Look me in the eye, we need to talk There's something] must tell you, if] can | went there like you asked me to | 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 | spoke your name | almost wish that it weren't true She feels the same, but she no longer feels the same for you | must confess | was not sure Why you fell so hard for her But one look one touch, now | understand She met my gaze | lost my soul She set a blaze | can't control But | can't say | '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

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# You And |

Now that our song is over And we're ready to call it a day I needjust 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 l

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

## Chorus

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

l've got all my cards on the table T ell me what are you going to do ? You see | think | know the answer Oh, but | need to hear it from you

#### Chorus

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## Never Should Have Had To Say Goodbye

Tried to make connections but | caught your damn machine | 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 ] was fine Too many double dealings to remember right from wrong Still your smile was never far from mind Until the day | dream no more |'ll dream you walking through my door To share the life that we were meant to know

And it did not have to end | would have been your friend There's so much in my heart | 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

| could give a thousand reasons why this never should begin And at least a thousand more we should deny what lies within | 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 | can provide So you give yours and |'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...

## |s |t 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

l'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 | believe it's you | want | can't believe | fell so hard, so fast | could swear |'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 | believe you do? Is it you?

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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 himbut 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

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## The Hole Where My Heart Used To Be

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, | 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 | just never knew | would miss you until you passed through And | don't mean to scold, | 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

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## Sunshine

Everybody knows my lover left me They wonder why | do not cry out loud | tell them | don't feel no pain |t'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 (Jpon his way across that summer sky He don't mind that he's alone, he can shine out on his own [figure as long as that sun keeps shining, so will]

Every time that | pull out your picture | might feel a twinge because you're gone But your memory will do, | 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

lt'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

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# 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 acheived Then those who count our tiny lights as precious as their own Will rush to shield that fragile fire (Intil 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 | thought |'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 | sometimes fall to pieces When the pieces just don't fit And though | know my life is up to me | fear that |'m not up to it When I'm sure that lock is broken | 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?

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