

ELEVEN ROSES

ALBUM LYRICS

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LET IT GO

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Verse 1

You take a walk – it's nice outside
You wipe your tears away
And listen to that voice inside
And what it has to say
Let it – let it go

Bridge

I know that you're torn up inside
It's not like it don't show
I know your dream has up and died
Everybody knows
Let it go – let it go
Let it go

Verse 2

Soon you will be strong enough
To push off from the shore
When this has gone on long enough
You won't take it anymore
You'll let it – let it go

Bridge 2

You came back – to pick up something left behind
So said the note on the table – left unsigned
Let it go – let it go – let it go

Tag

Let it go
Let it go
Let it go (whoa – whoa – whoa – whoa – whoa)
Let it go – let it go – let it go – let it go – let it go

AIN'T GO'N' DO IT

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Verse 1

When my head is full of vengeance
Then my heart is full of lead
Why can't you see – what you have gone and done to me
Give you my heart – there goes my head

Chorus 1

Well I ain't go'n' do it (now) – unh-uh
No I ain't go'n' do it now – (unh-uh)

Verse 2

I went walking toward Damascus
Waving a sword above my head
Looking for the strife – to save me from my life
Fight tooth and nail – until I'm dead

Chorus 2

Well I ain't go'n' do it now – unh-uh
No I ain't go'n' do it – unh-uh
No I ain't go'n' do it – unh-uh
No I ain't go'n' do it now – unh-uh

Bridge

Who are the takers – who are the makers of this life
Who are the ones who'll walk away
And who will stay

Instrumental

Verse 3

Was to no one I pledged allegiance
Down to the bottom of my soul
Till the last fiber of my being comes undone
Till the last ounce of my control

(Chorus 1)

Bridge 2

(No - - -)
Who are the takers – who are the makers of this life
Who are the ones who'll walk away

Chorus 3

Well I ain't go'n' do it now – unh-uh

(I won't walk away)

Ain't go'n' do it now – unh-uh

(Gonna stay)

I ain't go'n' walk away – unh uh

Ain't go'n' do it now

(Gonna stay)

(Gonna stay)

(Put)

(Gonna stay)

(Gonna stay)

(Stay - - -)

THE ONE HE LEFT BEHIND

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Verse 1

There's a motel sits on a highway in Texas
With a clapboard sign says – "where Elvis used to stay"
When he drove a truck loading boxes off the back
Next to rows and rows of other trucks just like it
Shining in the sun – gleaming like silver fish
Stranded in the sand
Parking lot weeds – frustrated in concrete cracks
Windshield ads flapping in the wind

Verse 2

'Cross the county line on the legs of a journey
In the arms of someone that he barely even knows
And he can't talk back at an aimless conversation
That could last all night and not tell him where to go
He's whistling in the dark – wishing he'd never left
The one he left behind
Coffee ground dregs – at the bottom of a shaving mug
Six o'clock blues – thinking of the one – he left
The one – he left – behind

CLAUSTROPHOBIA

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Verse 1

Squeeze – squeeze – squeeze
I'm in a tight squeeze
My life is closing in on me

Bridge

There is no room left at the inn
There is no vacancy
And all I got is this closet I call myself
And the clothes that don't fit me anymore

(Verse 1)

Pre-Chorus

Started out thinking I was into something good
Partying and drinking in the neighborhood
I said who do – got that voodoo
Beer and marijuana – Almaden wine
Whatever happened – when did we cross that line

Chorus

Claustrophobia – claustrophobia

Instrumental

(Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus)

Instrumental Tag

IF I DIE TONIGHT

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Verse 1

If I die tonight – it will be all right
Because I know that I am going home
You have come to me and you have set me free
Now I will never be alone
The wonder of my life – I'll always own

Chorus

The moon may block the sun
Stars may disappear
But like an endless summer
You will still be here

Verse 2

On the wings of prayer – you will take me there
And you will show me where I come from
I have been released and I will know your peace
Your tender mercy has become
In the equation of my life – the final sum

Chorus

The moon may block the sun
Stars may disappear
But like an endless summer
You will still be here

RED LETTER DAY

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Verse 1

Guitar pickin' in the mornin'
Singin' with the birds 'fore the sun comes up
Dancin' 'round the circle while we're yawnin'
May stay in our pajamas all day

Pre-Chorus

Nothin's gonna stop us – no exhaustion's gonna drop us
We're in high flyin' spirits – nothin's in our way
Just set in employment of a simple enjoyment
'Cause we want what we have – everythin's okay

Chorus

This is our red letter day
This is our red letter day

Bridge

When we size up our situation – we're the best we've been
Like a kite that flies up – lifted by the risin' wind

Verse 2

Eatin' fried chicken in the mornin'
With mashed potatoes and a hot cross bun
Ain't gonna wait until the evenin'
Now is the time to have fun

Pre-Chorus 2

It's all downhill sleddin' – there'll be no wood sheddin'
Got somethin' on our plate – the workin' world can wait (yup)
Nothin's more important than to be in the moment
So we tune our ears to what the children say

(Chorus)

Tag

Yes!
This is our red letter day
This is our red letter day

ALL I KNOW IS YES

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Verse 1

All I know is yes – I know – I guess
I should know better
Oh dear God – I must confess
This tendency to acquiesce
Has ruined me and made my life a mess
I can't go on – I've got to have some rest

Bridge 1

For as long as I've been living
I always end up giving
I never learned the art of saying no

Spoken

Why does it always seem to go
When I'm saying yes I'm meaning no
And why when I'm meaning stop am I saying go
And why when I'm saying more do I mean less
And why when I mean no do I say yes

Bridge 2

For as long as I've been living
I always end up giving
I've never known the art of saying no
Yes I know

Verse 2

All I say is true – it's true and you'd think
You'd know better
Yet you go on doubting me
I'm not what you want me to be
I can't be what you think you see in me

Bridge 3

I am only what you make me
I'll gladly let you take me
As long as you don't make me tell you lies
You know why
It's all I know

INTIMACY

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Verse 1

Come on down to the river
We'll see how the moonlight reflects in your eyes
Yes I am thinking what you think I'm thinking about
'Stead of shooting the breeze we're spreading rumors
Running our mouths gossiping
When we should be facing the truth
We keep settling for lies
But something tells me you want it all –

Chorus

– So
Let's have our cake and eat it too (let's have our cake)
Let's have our cake and eat it too

Bridge 1

Our desire sets us in motion
Like a fire under the ocean

Verse 2

Come on back to the cave
For a lesson in how to remember ourselves
Nothing can save us from what we're intended to be
We've come to our senses – we've stopped building fences
We're pulling the ropes from the trees
Our better nature's been given the chance to be free
But just in case I'm misunderstood –

Chorus 2

– I'm gonna
Send you back to the jungle – send you back overseas
Send you back to the desert – equal's too much for me

Tag

Equality's too much for me
Too much for me
This intimacy

FOREVER BLUE

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Verse 1

Robin sing – on the first day of spring
Poor hurt thing – you have broken your wing
Fly away – you won't today
But come what may you will again

Chorus

Like starlight above – keep shining your love
And though I know it's hurting you
It takes a love forever blue
To make a love forever true

Verse 2

Fertile plains – from a winter's remains
Growing pains – are the wanderers' gains
Outside of me – I cannot see
To tell if we are at the end

Chorus

But like starlight above – keep shining your love
And though I know it's hurting you
It takes a love forever blue
To make a love forever true

Tag

It takes a love forever blue
To make a love forever true
Forever blue

ELEVEN ROSES

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Verse

Finding fault – laying blame
So that everything turns out the same
It's way too much work
Making me happy
Nonetheless – placing stress
On this point of emphasis
I get pleasure watching you
Struggle and strain

Pre-Chorus

So keep it up – my impossible lover
I can see the effort that you're putting in
It's not so much appreciated
As it is what I expect
When I go about the business
Of being under duress

Chorus

What my restlessness discloses
What my boredom has in store for you
I will give eleven roses
I'll never give one more
Eleven roses
Eleven roses

(Verse)

(Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus)

Tag

Eleven roses - - -
Eleven roses

LOVE TRAVELS

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Verse 1

I'm crazy sad – I'm sad-eyed blue
I don't know what in the world I'd do
Without your love to see me through
I'm crazy sad for fear of losing you

Chorus 1

But love travels
Over land and sea
Love travels
I can feel you touching me
And as the grief of being 'part from you unravels
I take comfort in the thought that love travels

Chorus 2

Yes love travels
Over land and sea
Love travels
I can feel you touching me
And as the grief of being 'part from you unravels
I take comfort in the thought that love travels

Tag

Love travels