

NEW YORK

ALBUM LYRICS

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I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU

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Verse 1

Babe – babe – baby sweet baby – tell me your name

Babe – babe – baby sweet baby – tell me your name

Don't you know – since I met you – things will never be the same (yeah)

Don't you know – since I met you – things will never be the same

Pre-Chorus

I just gotta know who you are

I just gotta know who you are

Baby sweet ba-yay – baby – baby

I'm in love with you

Chorus

I'm in love with you

I'm in love with you

Verse 2

Babe – babe – baby sweet baby – where have you been

Baby sweet ba-yay – baby – baby – where have you been

Don't you know – (that) in this very moment – I am born again

Don't you know – in this very moment – I am born again

(Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus)

Bridge

Faith can move a mountain

And turn a raindrop into a lake

You're an accident about to happen

You're my story about to break

Pre-Chorus 2

My sweet ba-yay – baby – baby

My sweet ba-yay – baby – sweet baby

My sweet ba-yay – baby – baby

I'm in love with you

Chorus (2x)

I'm in love with you

I'm in love with you

ABOVE THE LAW

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Verse 1

There's a grease fire at the 39th Street Grill
It's late in the morning
And the tracks are there still
There's a smell of ashes – burning down
But if someone had planned to burn it
They would have burned it to the ground

Bridge 1

Through a hole in the heart of Miami
Blows a wind heard 'fore the country was born
And it speaks to a time – like the kind we're living in
Where the leaders live above the law
Above the law

Instrumental

Bridge 2

Doctors and lawyers get happy
There's a contract got broke on the streets
And the blood got spilled – when a gun at random killed
And the game was played – was played for keeps
(Got) Played for keeps

Instrumental

(Verse 1)

(Bridge 1)

Tag

Above the law
Above the law

IF THE FILLY WINS

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Verse 1

When the rain starts to fall on the tin
And the mournful coyote call
I'm a rocking horse rider alone with the wind
I let the chips fall where they fall
But my luck has been no good at all

Verse 2

There's no home any more on the range
Where the buffalo roam
And the names of the owners of farms have all changed
My future is gnawed to the bone
And I'm too many miles from my home

Chorus

If the filly wins – I'll be out from under
If the filly wins – things are gonna change
The filly runs – she runs like thunder
My life begins – if the filly wins

Verse 3

I'm a lonesome traveler with nowhere to go
I spend all of my time on my own
And the chances of having somebody to hold
They come twice in this lifetime I'm told
And the first was a long time ago

(Chorus) 2x

Tag

My life begins – if the filly wins

A STRANGER'S DREAM

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Verse 1

There's a stranger in town – in town
There's a stranger in town
I saw him walking around – around
This stranger in town
I don't care who knows it
I don't care who sees
This stranger in town looks a lot like me

Verse 2

Is he going to stay – to stay
Is he going to stay
Or will he go away – away
Will he go away
I don't know what he's up to
It must be no good
This stranger in town's in my neighborhood

Chorus

Am I blind – am I fast asleep
Or am I lost in a stranger's dream

INSTRUMENTAL

(Verse 2)

Chorus (Extended)

Am I blind – am I fast asleep
Or am I lost in a stranger's dream
Am I blind – am I fast asleep
Or am I lost in a stranger's dream
A stranger's dream

STEALING MY LOVE

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Verse 1

Feels like you're stealing – stealing my love
Feels like you're stealing – stealing my love
And I'm lost in a world without feeling
Cause you're stealing my love

Verse 2

Feel like a cabbage – you're slicing in two
Feel like a cabbage – you're slicing in two
I'm a wreck of a forest that's ravaged
By your fire burning through

Bridge

I surfed the Internet – I haven't found you yet
I'm gonna catch up to you
I've become worldly wise – I see through your disguise
And now I recognize you

Chorus

Feels like you're stealing – (that's what it feels like) – stealing my love
(Feels like you're stealing my love)
Feels like you're stealing – (that's what it feels like) – stealing my love
(Feels like you're stealing my love)
And I'm lost in a world without feeling
Cause you're stealing my love

Instrumental

(Bridge)

(Verse 2)

(Chorus)

POWERLESS

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Verse 1

She's a chameleon – she can change her colors – right before your eyes
She's a chameleon – she can change her colors – right before your eyes
She will stop at nothing – she will not be fazed – not by anything
She will stop at nothing – she will not be fazed – not by anything

(Verse 1)

Pre-Chorus

She's a chameleon – she's a chameleon
She's a chameleon – she's a chameleon

Chorus

(And) nothing will change about the love that I have for her
Nothing will change the fact that I love her
Nothing will change about the love that I have for her
Nothing will change the fact that I love her
Powerless – powerless – powerless – I can't change anything
(I'm) Powerless – powerless – powerless – I can't change anything

Instrumental

Bridge

She's a chameleon – she's a chameleon – whoa-oh
She's a chameleon – she's a chameleon – whoa-oh

(Chorus)

Tag

(I'm) Powerless – powerless – powerless – I can't change anything
(I'm) Powerless

THIRTY-FIVE DEGREES

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Verse 1

Just above freezing – the wind's blowing cold
(The) ice frost is melting – down to the road
From the tops of the trees and the buildings like rain
The ice falls around us – the shadows remain
As sure as the sun sets – and night comes to pass
The road to your heart – will be frozen like glass

Verse 2

It's just above freezing – warm enough to melt
Cold enough to remember – the longing I felt
That will not get answered – the need won't get met
It never will happen – it has happened yet
I could wait forever and never have you
The way that I wanted as a child of two

Chorus

It's thirty-five degrees – ah hah
There's an ice frost on the trees – ah hah
It's thirty-five degrees – ah hah, ah hah

Bridge

Just above freezing – the sky's dark and gray
Twilight is fading and slipping away
I need to let go of this hope that I harbor
Someday I'll find the ideal father
For the man that I need – is the man who's inside me
For he understands me and he stands beside me

(Chorus)

Tag

Ah hah

I JUST WANNA CRY

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Verse 1

Don't see no reason to talk about nothing
Don't see no reason to talk about nothing
Don't see no reason to talk about nothing
Nothing's going to change my mind

Chorus

I just wanna cry - don't wanna talk to people
I just wanna cry - is that hard for you to understand
I just wanna cry - and there's nothing you can do about it
I just wanna cry – I just wanna cry – I just wanna cry

Verse 2

People keep saying it's always something
People keep saying it's always something
People keep saying it's always something
But nuthin's going to change my mind

(Chorus)

Bridge

I got no clue
What will make you understand
There's not a girl in this world
Who makes me hurt like you can

(Verse 1)

(Chorus)

Chorus 2

I just wanna cry - don't wanna talk to people
I just wanna cry - is that hard for you to understand
I just wanna cry - and there's nothing you can do about it
I just wanna cry – I just wanna cry
I just wanna cry – I just wanna cry
I just wanna cry – I just wanna cry – I just wanna cry

STUBBORN LOVE

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Verse 1

It's my stubborn love that won't let go
It's my stubborn heart that needs you so
It's my stubborn dream that comes at night
And my stubborn arms that hold you tight
It's my stubborn love – my stubborn love – it's my stubborn love

Verse 2

It's my stubborn love that will not cease
It's a stubborn urge that seeks release
It's a stubborn voice insisting I
Have a stubborn love that will not die
It's my stubborn love – my stubborn love – it's my stubborn love

Verse 3

It's my stubborn hope that never learns
It's a stubborn flame that always burns
It's my stubborn wish I keep alive
That your stubborn love will soon be mine
It's my stubborn love – my stubborn love – it's my stubborn love

Verse 4

It's my stubborn pride that won't turn 'round
It's a stubborn wind that won't die down
It's a stubborn truth – it's you I love
With a stubborn love I'm speaking of
Such a stubborn love – my stubborn love – it's my stubborn love

Tag

My stubborn love – it's my stubborn love
My stubborn love – it's my stubborn love

IN THE CITY OF SHADOWS

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Verse 1

In the city of shadows
In the blue black of the night
There's a someone who's keeping
Their shades pulled down tonight

Verse 2

So I sit by my window
Though I don't know what for
'Cause it's only a shadow
I see anymore

Bridge

I could sit forever sequestered this way
And nothing would come from it
But for one glimpse of you
In the flesh one day
What I wouldn't do for it

Verse 3

In the city of shadows
In the corner of my room
I sit mulling over
This vision I have of you

Tag

This vision I have of you

NEW YORK

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Verse 1

I hear the rhythm of the city - I hear the heartbeat of the town
I see the women that are pretty - I see the shoes that buckle down
I see an innocence that's missing - I hear a motor that's run down
But it's not out of gas - the subway's just faster than the car to get around

Chorus

Come on - New York - I'm walking up Fifth Avenue
I'm talking New York - into the very heart of you
So tell me New York - what's happening, what's up, what's new
New York

Verse 2

In nooks and crannies of the buildings - in alleys beckoning to you
Inside the walls they make a killing - outside the homeless make do
Will the pressure of protection that makes the attitude seem rude
Start to snap or come unfastened - will the mind become unglued

(Chorus)

Bridge

I got a dream that I hold on to - I can't seem to let it go
So I borrowed from the future for a life I may never know
So here I go - here I go

(Chorus) 2x

Tag

New York

UNTIL THEN

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Verse 1

Until I see you again
Please be my love until then
Until I see you again dear
Please be my love until then dear
Until all wishes come true
I will be faithful to you
Until all memories are new dear
Until then

Bridge

Oh the sky is clearer
When I'm holding you nearer
To me – to me

Verse 2

Until the rains never fall
Until the birds never call
Until the end of it all dear
Until then

(Bridge)

Tag

Until forever is gone
I pledge my love will go on
Until forever is gone dear
Until then