

PLAYING FOR KEEPS

ALBUM LYRICS

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PLAYING FOR KEEPS

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PRELUDE

Playing for keeps like the dead man sleeps
Nothing's gonna wake him up
Illness is pure when there is no cure
Drinking from a hemlock cup
Goodbye illusion - hello conclusion
We're playing for keeps
Playing for keeps

INTERLUDE

You stand by the window and block your own sunlight
From coming into the room
Deny, disavow, deflect, distract
Avoid and assume - pretend and presume - advise then consent
To this impending doom

Over and over you're not really listening
Vacantly staring into space
No one can convince you it's real
Can't repeal and replace this truth that we face
That there is only one - we're only one race

POSTLUDE

Playing for keeps like a time bomb beeps
Nothing's gonna stop the clock
On the brink of extinction - will our fate sink
Into the chamber that we load and lock
Does evolution offer solution
We're playing for keeps
Playing for keeps
Playing for keeps
Playing for keeps
Playing for keeps

BAD DREAM

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Verse 1

Dead on the road - straight out of Lola
Killed by a stranger - some passer by
Went from his own thoughts straight into nothin'
To a void in his mem'ry where it's her time to die

Verse 2

Brother comes up - says best not be forgettin'
No good can come from it - this way 'r that
Rec'a'lect while you can this path on which yer bettin'
Leads around in a circle right back where yer at

Chorus

There's an end to this road 'a broken rock to the water
See the size of the people loom way out of whack
His wife says it must be that bad dream he's havin'
While the hearts of all children stop - in their tracks

Verse 3

This man I am with is unhinged - talkin' crazy
Knife in his hand - huddled down on the floor
There's a man hov'rin' over - don't seem to be bothered
If it's nowhere we're goin' - he's been there before

Verse 4

I can't remember before this fer nothin'
Seems like I woke up 'n found myself here
She points down the hall to a restroom or somethin'
No rest for the wicked - that much is clear

(Chorus)

Tag

While the hearts of all children stop - in their tracks

LOVE OF A DIFFERENT KIND

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Verse 1

I've been thinking about loving
This kind of love on my mind
I've been thinking about loving
Of a different kind

Bridge 1

I can't hold out forever - but I can hold on awhile
So if you choose while we've time to lose
Please keep me distracted with your smile

Bridge 2

This kind of love's not a bad thing
Though may be dark in some eyes
When we decree it is consensual
There's no compromise

Bridge 3

Let this desire spark the fire to be alive
To be alive
Let this desire spark the fire to be alive
To be alive – to be alive

Verse 2

I can picture this hap'ning
This kind of love swallows hate
I can picture it hap'ning
I'm your empty plate

Bridge 4

Love's a strong conflagration - a conflagration sublime
Can't hold down or pin to the ground
Every judgment 'bout love of a different kind

Tag

Love - of a different kind
Love - of a different kind - of a different kind
Of a different kind
Love – Love – Love

FEED THE SOURCE

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Verse 1

Something tells me you're not really here
It feels like I've been living alone
You've got a strange way of showing you care
One more time you're not there
I reach the top of the stairs
Oh, I remember now

Chorus

Something is that always was
We are something that remains when we're gone
Feed the source - let it come through
Let it be a vehicle for the you that is you

Bridge

You help invent the one you love
You help invent the one others see you to be
You help invent the below and above
You help invent our species reality
But it's not only you - it takes me and you
For the source to come through - to - me - and - you

Verse 2

Something tells me it's all on the line
And now is the time to decide
Do we choose to live or get ready to die
Keep living a lie and let life pass us by
Will we remember how

(Chorus)

Tag

Feed the source - let it come through
Let it be a vehicle for the you that is you
Let it come through - the you that is you
Feed the source

WHERE ANGELS CHOOSE

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Verse 1

We didn't see it comin' - now we can't believe it
We can't believe but it's true
In our wildest imagination we did not dream it
What is this world comin' to
Somebody make it go away - we can't take it
But, sometimes there's things we can't undo
We didn't see it comin' - no we can't believe it
But it's true

Chorus

We're on a dead end - dead end - dead end street
Where angels choose to meet
We're on a dead end - dead end - dead end street
Where angels choose - we fight - we lose
If we fight we lose - where angels choose

Verse 2

Our time is slowly goin' - we can't prolong it
We can't prolong it but it's true
Our salad days are over - we hand it to ya'
Our future now belongs to you
Somebody make it go away - we can't take it
But, sometimes there's things we can't undo
We didn't see it comin' - no we can't believe it
But it's true

(Chorus)

Tag

Dead end - dead end - dead end street
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If we fight we lose - where angels choose

BEFORE THE CIRCUS IS OVER

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Verse 1

The lion master shows his trust and pride
The clown takes off his nose and climbs inside
The cannon shoots him higher than a cloud goes

Verse 2

We can feel the tightrope quivering
The tingles on our skin are shivering
We work without a net to cushion our fall
We got to be willing to believe
We still have a few tricks up our sleeve to use
That we must use

Chorus 1

Before the circus is over – before the circus is over

Verse 3

The ringmaster still teases our fantasy
Artists on trapezes fly gracefully
The bareback rider tumbles through hoops of fire
The big top was our mecca - our getaway
Now let's make sure what matters is what holds sway and choose
But we must choose

Chorus 2

Before the circus is over – before the circus is over
Before the circus is over

Bridge

As the parade winds out of sight - and disappears into the night
As we wave our fond farewells - we cannot stop the thought that dwells
What do men have in common with the circus
What do men have in common with the circus

Pre-Chorus

We got to be willing to believe
We still have a few tricks up our sleeve to use
That we must use - we're free to choose - but we must choose

Chorus 3

Before the circus is over - before the circus is over
Before the circus is over - before the circus is over

HERE WITH ME

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Verse 1

I got your number written down on my wall
And I have been thinking about giving you a call
Right next to my pillow that I sleep on at night
I keep your picture – so you're never out of my sight

Chorus

And I'm high on a mountain of love when you're here with me
'Cause you shine with a light that is bright as the stars could ever be
I'm impatient to have you – here with me

Verse 2

You gave me a reason when I thought they were all gone
I was sure I'd never need someone so bad – but I was wrong
That's why I've been thinking about giving you a call
And I've got your number written down on my wall

Chorus

And I'm high on a mountain of love when you're here with me
'Cause you shine with a light that is bright as the stars could ever be
And I'm so glad to have you – here with me

Tag

Here with me – I've been impatient to have you
Here with me

WATCH OUT

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Verse 1

Watch out for the hand that is moving while the other hand
Our interest does command till we're just too tired to see
In the presence of the blonde whose words are like a waving wand
In clothes of which we're fond – mesmerized and mired totally
The fact that she can get by with that look in her eye
Does not confirm or deny it will work for you - try and see

Chorus

Watch out – things aren't what they seem
Do we say – do we say what we mean
When things aren't - things aren't what they seem
Watch Out – Watch Out

Verse 2

We can build a wall - we can build it several stories tall
It wouldn't work at all to divide our worst enemy
Because our enemy's inside and it cannot be denied
That it's to ourselves we've lied about our complicity
Can we extract what we need from our hatred and greed
We share the blood that we bleed and we can only succeed
When we're a we

Pre-Chorus

Yes, it's true that we're sick and there's no foe we can lick
It's in this fight that we pick with ourselves
There's no victory

Chorus

Watch out - things aren't what they seem
Do we say - do we say what we mean
When things aren't - things aren't what they seem
Watch Out - Watch Out

Tag

Watch Out - Watch Out

ALREADY KNOWN

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Verse 1

On a winter's morning - looking at the snow
When the winds of appetite - no longer blow
(Then) you will find a peace of mind of a very special kind
Where everything you know is already known

Bridge

You can call on one more fantasy or you can see things as they are
You can take life on life's terms or you can wish upon a star

Verse 2

When it's not budging - keep on trudging - keep keeping on
When nothing's doing - keep moving through - and keep keeping on
Then you will find a peace of mind - of a very special kind
Where everything you know is already known

Tag

It's those that know they don't know - they're the ones that know - you know
It's those that know they don't know - they're the ones that know - you know
It's all already known

HE LIKES TO THINK SO

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Verse 1

He likes to think so – that we stay up all night
Thinking about him – with a fondness oh so true
That the world wouldn't last without him
Due to a grief so deeply blue
That if it wasn't for his depth of character
There would be no point at all to
Such admiring contemplation – of his comely visage
In that mirror on the wall
But – is he good looking

Chorus

He likes to think so – He likes to think so – He likes to think so

Verse 2

He likes to think so – that we'll grow back our hair
Reclaim our Samson – from the Delilahs of the world
Who think that they are oh so special
When they don't know anything
About what it takes to live in the real world
Hail to the once and future king with
Such admiring contemplation – of his comely visage
In that mirror on the wall
But – is he good looking

Chorus

He likes to think so – He likes to think so – He likes to think so

Tag

He likes to think so

WING IT

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Verse 1

Put your wings on backward – reach for the sky
Your arms reaching upward – relearning to fly
You think it might happen again
You'll fly too close to the sun (ba ba blind spots)

Verse 2

You keep your feet in motion – one step at a time
The next thing will happen – it's gonna be fine
Even if you make a mistake - this time it's gonna be fun (but, just for today)

Pre-Chorus

How to get – how to get down
Don't overthink it too long
Put your back to the wind
Like Sky King your soul belongs

Chorus

('Neath a sunset) canopy of brilliant color
Gaze upon southwestern sky
Searching for sisters and brothers
Wing it with you by your side

Verse 3

Wash away all color – see black and white
Fail to remember – try as you might
Can't stop feeling blue until it's over and done (knock wood - it's over)

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Tag

Wing it with you by your side

THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

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Verse 1

We got to begin again - as we move closer to the end
Stand in the light that's leaking in
The middle of the night

Verse 2

Honor the old but start anew - there is a daunting lot to do
So light the lamp and plunge into
The middle of the night

Verse 3

Down deep inside the lies we hear - something truer that we hold dear
Teaches us we need not fear
The middle of the night

Verse 4

In this paradox we face - something missing we can't replace
So with our grief we now embrace
The middle of the night

Oh!

Verse 5

We got to begin again - as we move closer to the end
Stand in the light that's leaking in
The middle of the night

Tag

The middle of the night
The middle of the night

NO YES SUITE

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No

Verse 1

I don't want to take it - so give it
C'mon give it to me – don't make me take it from you
Give it your best – gotta give it your all
Give it a rest – every once in awhile
But give it, give it, give it – don't make me take it from you

Verse 2

You can't afford to fake it - so live it
C'mon make it with me – don't make me take it from you
It's one for you but it's two for me
When it's two for you then it's three for me
So give it, give it, give it – don't make me take it from
Give it, give it, give it – don't make me take it from
Give it, give it, give it – don't make me take it from you

Chorus

I won't take for an answer no, no, no, no
I won't take for an answer no, no, no, no
I won't take for an answer no, no, no, no
I won't take for an answer no, no, no, no

Bridge

Take it to heart – better take it from me
I am the best – I am the best that can be
I am a mess – but I am the mess of your
Wildest dreams come true

Pre-Chorus

Give it, give it, give it – don't make me take it from
Give it, give it, give it – don't make me take it from
Give it, give it, give it – don't make me take it from you
But if it's what I must do – I'll just take it from you

Chorus

NO YES SUITE

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Yes

Verse 1

I can't see the red behind the green behind the blue
And I can't see my way through one more fence to get to you

Pre-Chorus

I may be a saint or I may be lower than a worm
But if I had my way - you'd take your chance to watch me squirm
You're my one and only one - I let get to me
Don't you see - won't let them close to - lay another finger on me
So - oh - so - oh

Chorus

Come on, come on, come on and love me - make love to me
Come on, come on, come on and love me - make love to me
Come on, come on, come on and love me - make love to me
Come on, come on, come on, come on, come on

Verse 2

We watch every step you take and every breath you draw
On every single TV set we see your gaping maw

Pre-Chorus 2

You can't see the forest - for the trees are blinding you
You're the rug I - pull from underneath the self that's true
You're my one and only one - I let get to me
Don't you see - won't let them close to - lay another finger on me
So -oh - oh - oh

Chorus

Tag

Come on, come on, come on, come on, come on
Yes - yes, yes, yes - yes, yes, yes

THE HARD WAY

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Verse 1

The TV is on but I'm not really watching
I'm just staring at it when I'm not – wailing and weeping
With tears all over my face - I can't put it in words
What the essential thing is - I'm keeping from daylight
I can't put it in words
But I wish I knew – how to fall out
How to fall out of love with you

Bridge

I'm in love with the idea of love
I don't really know what it means
I don't know how - will you show me how
I don't know how to feel

Chorus

I know what it's not - it's not boom, boom, bye
Something so over so quickly
I can't do that - I won't even try
I do it the hard way

Verse 2

In and out of my life like a moving shadow
You leave every time that you promise to stay
You keep a packed bag in the room - down the hall
Behind the door
And you come and you go - while deep inside me I know
There'll come a time you won't come anymore
But I wish I knew – how to fall out
How to fall out of love with you

Chorus

Tag

Do it the hard way
Let's do it the hard way (nothing easy)
Do it the hard way (why take it easy)
When we can do it the hard way

REACH OUT

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Verse 1

Gazing out into the hole of the donut
From the inner shore
Standing where we've never stood before

Verse 2

Nothing fills the hole of empty spaces
Left by absence in our history
Only arrival in the present turns the key

Bridge

Can't you see I'm free and clear
You can jail my body
Cut out eyes and teeth and tongue
But you won't - no you won't - ever kill - never will
Still the voice that's inside me

Chorus

When you feel that hunger rumble deep inside - reach out
When you feel that hunger rumble deep inside - reach out

Verse 3

You can yearn and turn - then burn the blank pages
Though who was never there is still not today
Don't let the one who stands beside you get away

(Chorus)

Tag

When you feel that hunger rumble deep inside - reach out
Reach out - reach out - reach out - reach out - reach out
Reach out

TIME TO GO

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Verse

Baby, baby - don't throw your life away
But you must leave it behind
There's nothing left to do - except to make up your mind

Bridge 1

There is a time to - though you may fear to - move on down the road
Guilt is the price you - pay, to lay down your load

Chorus

All your life you've tried to let it go - I think you will this time

Bridge 2

So no more chasing windmills - follow the dragon's roar
Out through the open window - when they block the door
Don't count yourself out before - the miracle is here
Fate's been waiting for your fog to clear

Bridge 3

No, no, no, no, no, no - you know it's time to go
You know down to your core
Let go the helping hand - row to the farther shore

Bridge 4

You seek something fulfilling - the sum more than the parts
It happens when you're willing - then the healing starts

(Chorus)

Tag

Time to go – time to go - time to go – time to go