

SNAKE IN THE GRASS

ALBUM LYRICS

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SURVIVING YOU

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Verse 1

Rudder – rudder – without a rudder you can't steer your
Boat in – clutter – if you don't clear away the clutter
Thoughts and feelings start to weigh you down

Bridge

If you take a tree branch and you start to shake it
(Isolated leaves fall to the ground)
Isolated leaves start falling down

Chorus

Tell me your troubles and I'll sympathize
Cry me a river and I'll dry your eyes
But I've learned to stop caring or apologize
That I'm still surviving you
(I'm still here)
Yes I'm still surviving you

Instrumental

Verse 2

You give reasons – but you don't have to have a reason
(You don't have to have a reason)
To give up the illusion of control
Habits - habits – habits that have served their function
(Outlived usefulness sometime ago)
Outlived usefulness sometime ago

Bridge 2

I tried moving the Empire State Building to Texas
And I worked my fingers to the bone
(and I worked my fingers to the bone)

Chorus 2

Tell me your troubles and I'll sympathize (sympathize)
Cry me a river and I'll dry your eyes (dry your eyes)
But I've learned to stop caring or apologize (apologize)
That I'm still surviving you (surviving you)
Yes I'm still surviving you (surviving you)
Yes I'm still surviving you
Yes I am
Yes I am
Yes I am

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

GET LIKE THIS

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Verse 1

Where did it go
How could I know
We would end up like strangers we were long ago
And how did our dreams
Come apart at the seams
We got stuck in a jam and now we're left with this damage control

Pre-Chorus 1

I once knelt before ya
And ya held my heart in your hands

Chorus 1

Baby this is crazy
How did we let it get like this
How did we let it get like this
Oh baby this is crazy
How did we let it get like this
How did we let it get like this

Instrumental

Verse 2

We've come to the end
No chance to amend
Our love's now a one-horse carriage parked in the garage

Pre-Chorus 2

Something's come between us
That neither one of us will let go

Chorus 2

Baby this is crazy
How did we let it get like this
How did we let it get like this
How did we let it get like this
How did we let it get like this

Tag

Get like this
Get like this
Get – get – get like this

RUN TOGETHER

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Verse 1

Through the grassy fields and the violet haze
We'll run together – we'll run together
Like water on the streets on a rainy day
We'll run together – we'll run together

Pre-Chorus 1

Like paint upon a canvas or colors in a rainbow
The die they use in madras or raindrops on a window

Chorus

Two streams become a river that travels through a canyon
Heading toward an ocean where rivers run together

Verse 2

Through an open door to the valley below
We'll run together – we'll run together
Like thoughts we had before only moments ago
We'll run together – we'll run together

Pre-Chorus 2

Like waves upon the shoreline or shadows after sunset
The things that haven't happened and dreams that are not born yet

(Chorus)

Instrumental

(Pre-Chorus 1)

(Chorus) 2x

GUANTANAMO

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Chorus 1

Guantanamo – your spirit haunts me wherever I go
Guantanamo – I feel your heartbreak deep in my soul
I feel your heart break deep in my soul

Verse 1

How do you win a war against a feeling
That belongs to every single human being
Whether you're a rich man – a beggar or a thief
The language of the heart brings no relief
When love's a terrorist

(Chorus 1)

Verse 2

Blessed are the poor in spirit – their kingdom is heaven
Love thy brother as thee love thy self
Beholdest thou the mote that's in thine own eye
And resist ye not evil – Jesus said
To love thine enemy

Chorus 2

Guantanamo – I feel your heart break deep in my soul
Guantanamo – your spirit haunts me wherever I go
Your spirit haunts me wherever I go

Tag

Guantanamo
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SNAKE IN THE GRASS

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Verse 1

When you're down at the bottom – goin' out of control
There's a trap door down – at the bottom of your soul
In the words of your lover – you're a pain in the ass
And like your mama used to tell ya
You're a snake in the grass

Bridge

Easy – easy does it – here I go
Sliding down through the pipes of the toilet
To free my soul

Verse 2

Lookin' out of the window – I can see it now
I'm gonna make my way for cover – gettin' out somehow
Heavy load – I'm gonna shed this heavy load
I'm gonna shed my load
Shed this heavy load

Instrumental

(Hey hey hey now
Ma-ma-ma-ma-ma my
Heavy load
I'm gonna shed this heavy load)

Verse 3

When you think you got ya bucket – full of all thatch you need
There's another shot comin' – gonna make your bucket bleed
And you couldn't-a been better – if you'd-a lived to the last
Ya just-a leave your life behind ya – like a snake
Like a snake – like a snake in the grass

Tag

Snake in the grasssss
Snake in the grasssss
Snake in the grasssss

ROCK 'N' ROLL IS DEAD

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Verse 1

This world is not the world – this world I see – this world is not the only reality
The world that lies below knows – the news is not the news – it's an insidious insistence
And a brainwashing strategy – to which we offer no resistance

Chorus

Rock 'n' roll is dead – it's selling Fords and Chevrolets – it's selling Christianity
Though it's not for a patriot – and it's un-American to say
Rock 'n' roll is dead – rock 'n' roll is dead – whether you like it or not
Rock 'n' roll is dead – does it piss you off to hear it said
It's nostalgia – it's history – rock 'n' roll is dead

Bridge

No man – don't say that man – don't even think it man
Bring it down – slap it – slam it – bring down the back beat – man
Whack it – smack it – crunch it – crunch it good – that's right
'Cause I gotta have it – lay it down – break it down to me – hard – man
Yeah – I can't give it up – I don't want to – I'm holding you to it – man
'Cause I can't let go – no don't let go of the back beat – man – back beat – back beat
Back beat – back beat – back beat – play me some rock 'n' roll – man
Play me something good – do you know anything good – man
Lockstep – lockstep – lockstep – lockstep to conformity
Lockstep – lockstep – all that other crap is just trash – man – trash and deformity
Go ahead chuck it – thuck it – thuck it – man
Let me hear you thump it – pump it man – bring it on home
Bring it on home to me – bring it on home to the back beat
Like it's supposed to be – it's the only place to be – back beat territory
Back beat territory – under back beat tyranny – yeah man – yeah
Now what was that – what was that you were saying man

(Verse 1)

Chorus 2

Rock 'n' roll is dead – it's selling beer and magazines – cell phones and designer jeans
It's selling Fords and Chevrolets – it's selling Christianity – it's selling fighting overseas
Though it's not for a patriot and it's un-American to say
Rock 'n' roll is dead – rock 'n' roll is dead – whether you like it or not
Rock 'n' roll is dead – does it piss you off to hear it said
It's nostalgia – it's history – it's an exhibit in a museum
Rock 'n' roll is dead

Rest in peace

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY MAN

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Chorus

Won't you please – please – listen to me
I'm a twenty-first century man
I'm a scrub brush blowin' – 'cross the desert sand
I'm a twenty-first century man
I'm a corporate man
I like grilled cheese sandwiches
I'm drinking just as fast as I can
Won't you please – please – listen to me
I'm a twenty-first century man

Bridge

Oh – brother – brother
I'm doing the best that I can
And there's no other brother
I can depend on right to the end
So I will depend on you

Chorus 2

Won't you please – please – listen to me
I'm a twenty-first century man
I'm a scrub brush blowin' 'cross the desert sand
I'm a twenty-first century man
I'm a corporate man
I'm the chief executive
I'm moving just as fast as I can
Won't you please – please listen to me
I'm a twenty-first century man

(Bridge)

Tag

I'm a twenty-first century man
I'm a twenty-first century man
I'm a twenty-first century man

1995, APRIL 19th

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Verse 1

Losses go and then they come
Days go by and then there's some
That just overtake us somehow
And forgetting them time won't allow

Chorus

When the sun sets red in Oklahoma
And we're safe in bed between the sheets
We'll remember when we lost security
1995, April 19th

Verse 2

Wherever you are or you may go
And whether you're young or growing old
Like a prophecy carved into the wall
That day in history we'll always recall

Chorus 2

When the sun sets red in Oklahoma
(Oklahoma)
And we're safe in bed between the sheets
We'll remember when we lost security
(Remember)
1995, April 19th
(Remember)
1995, April 19th
(Remember)

REDEEMER

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Verse 1

Give me something to believe in
Give me something to remember
Hold me close – don't let me go
Tell me something I should know
Bring the tide back to the shore
Keep me sheltered – safe and warm – when the cold winds blow
And if things should fall apart – don't let me know
In the thunderstorm – be my rainbow

Verse 2

Tell me lies and tell me stories
About other people's lives – other people's glory
People with more money – more success
People with more comfort – with more rest

Pre-Chorus

If there's one thing I have learned
It's that grace cannot be earned – it's a gift that's free
And there's nowhere else on earth I'd rather be
When your face is turned – and it's turned to me

Chorus

(Oh) I was a dreamer
Out of a dream you came
Now you're my redeemer
I'll never be the same

Instrumental

(Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus)

Tag

Now you're my redeemer
I'll never be the same