Not Without Love LYRICS

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1. Come Around

(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

Lyrics:

I thought I'd win them all with words
I'd say a smooth little line to win the room every time
And they'd be moved by what they heard
My tongue as empty as my heart
It's not enough to play the part
O Jesus give me more than words

Chorus:

We pass out paper facts all week but they won't come around We can debate theology, but they won't come around Apologetic reasoning, but they won't come around There's only one way they'll come and it's love

I am a one man marching band And you'll be mighty surprised to realize just how I'm playing my songs It's all live music ten til one Come hear some cymbal crashing, son And maybe hear me beat the gong

(Chorus)

Men with other men loving the mammon more than Godman They're in a sinking ship and who can save them? God can

Maybe for a minute I can get back to the heart of it Sure I've got zeal, but does love have a part in it? Passionate words and beautiful phrases They just don't mean much if I don't have Jesus in it

(Chorus)

2. A Breath or Two

(*Psalm 23*)

I think it's terminal, this terminal I'm waiting in Could use a change of scene, it seems I've been repeating it Another day, another plane, another same thing Yesterday became tomorrow that's the strange thing Another string, another strum, another rhyme, another hum

Chorus:

I want to breathe in
I want to breathe in and out again
I'm tired of putting one foot in front of the other
I'm weary of where it leads me to
I'm tired of moving on from my Father
Make me rest my head, take a breath or two

Simply stated simple-minded love for You
Has simply been completely complicated
And I'm finding
This daily drudgery is finally catching up to me
It's time for this abandon to make much of You and less of me

(Chorus)

O for a slower pace Moving at the speed of sound sounds like a race to me O to be at ease Moving at the speed of sound gets hard on the knees

(Chorus)

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3. Hurricane

(Hebrews 12:7-11, Psalm 51:17)

Lyrics:

I have built a city here Half with pride and half with fear Just wanted a safer place to hide I don't want to be safe tonight

Chorus:

I need You like a hurricane
Thunder crashing, wind and rain
To tear my walls down
I'm only Yours now
I need you like a burning flame
A wild fire untamed
To burn these walls down
I'm only Yours now

I am Yours and You are mine You know far better than I And if destruction's what I need Then I'll receive it Lord from Thee

(Chorus)

And it's Your eye in the storm Watching over me And it's Your eye in the storm Wanting only good for me

And if You are the war Let me be the casualty 'Til I'm Yours alone I am only Yours I am Yours alone, Lord

(Chorus)

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4. Firefly

Lyrics:

It's tulips and it's daisies Your favorite flowers lately You think that I ain't listening But you know I do

With your two lips on me baby My head starts getting dazey Don't give me a flower What I want is you

Chorus:

It happened on the day you put your hand in mine You went up to my head just like a glass of wine Girl, you spark my attention like a firefly And make me happy to be alive

You move into a room like Summer breeze at noon time Baby, out of nine, I'd give you ten

Your love is like an ocean Surf and spray in motion Baby, I'm a diver and I love to swim

(Chorus)

These are just simple words of mine And though most of what I feel is hard to rhyme Ain't it good to know your boy gave it a try? O a try

It'd take a thousand colors just to paint your eyes Like saving grace, they raise me up to paradise This ain't opinion, it's consensus from my heart and mind You make me happy to be alive

5. Forgiven & Loved

(Romans 8:1, Ephesians 3:17-19)

Lyrics:

Tell me I'm forgiven and loved 'Cause I hear it from the street corner priests On how God is love and how man can be clean But my joy has been on holiday And my peace has almost passed away Tell me I'm forgiven and free

Chorus:

O I tried and tried to rectify my hopeless situation
But I bought the lie I still have work to do
Now I'm working nine to five like I can earn my own salvation
But there is no condemnation in You

O whisper to me now that it's for real 'Cause in the silence of these walls righteousness lost its appeal Dirty deeds have done me in O but that can't stop the Faithful Friend Giving mercy once again as You heal Here it is I'm feeling it

(Chorus)

O He died, He died to rectify my hopeless situation And His blood commands my guilt to leave Now on Calvary I stand Empty pockets, open hands O there is no condemnation for me

(Chorus)

Child, you're forgiven and loved Child, you're forgiven and loved

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6. Before and After

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Lyrics:

I said you gotta leave, you gotta promise me
It's the beginning of my end, you gotta promise me
How can a holy God renew a wicked Pharisee
I'm saying I'm like Peter in the boat, so just depart from me
It seems I'm destined for doom like ancient prophesy
And in the dark I'm consumed, it's just too much for me
With sin in full bloom, my gloom booms by the full moon
And I'm thinking to myself, 'how can You rescue me?'

Chorus:

My before and after
I can't but sing
My before and after
I'll sing praises to my King
My before and after
Here's the anthem, let it ring
One love, two arms, three scars
Draw us to where You are
No one is too far for You to save a heart

Then in the darkness of this room, You snuck up next to me You put your hand upon my wound and whispered 'rest in me' And there I stepped out of the tomb and into destiny The rest they say is history Your grace is such a mystery

(Chorus)

I got a name change And that's the strange thing 'Cause I was once stained But now I'm called saint

(Chorus)

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7. Tossed by the Wind

(Colossians 2:8-10)

Lyrics:

This here's the story of Tossed By The Wind Who went out on his own with deceptions of men He was warned by his Mama 'Son, don't listen to them' And here's what she said to our friend

Chorus:

Be sure that no one takes you captive By deceptions of men 'Cause you will find it to be tragic in the end

To begin he was with Him
With Him and glad
Mr. Pure and Simple was the only one he knew
Oh, and all that he had
'Til he heard from the learned
'Son, your facts are all wrong'
The Jesus he knew got cut out of his songs
Now he sings praises to Hume all day long

(Chorus)

We've been infecting your sons and your daughters Make all checks payable to your alma mater They're training for life on their own So far from home

This here's the story of Tossed By The Wind Who was cursed for his thirst for the wisdom of men Now broken and hopeless He heard from within A still small voice calling to him 'Lies always fail in the end Truth will prevail in the end My grace is sufficient my friend'

(Chorus)

8. Unfailing Love

(Isaiah 54:10)

Lyrics:

You're my unfathomable precious unimaginable joy And you're exceedingly exciting and abundantly more than I could ask for With your hand in mine we will pass through time and space And every second, every minute, every hour of every day I'll say

Chorus:

My unfailing love for you will not be moved For you will not be moved My unfailing love for you And though the mountains be shaken And the hills be removed Yet my unfailing love for you

He tells a story of a King coming in glory and He is And that same Man who devised that plan united ours with His And so hand in hand we will walk with Him as our two become as one And all the promises He promises to us He promises will never be undone

(Chorus)

Be my wife

(Chorus)

9. Rend

(Joel 2:12-13)

Lyrics:

You've been tarnished And you've been stained And all the varnish you've used to cover up with is peeling away

Chorus:

Yet even now, return to me with nothing less Than your wounded, broken heart And cling to Me, your gracious King Be shattered glass of empty jars and rend Rend, rend, rend Rend your hearts

You've been tarnished And you've been stained And all the varnish you've used to cover up with is peeling away

(Chorus)

I don't need a grand display Show me that your heart has changed I don't need a show Only just to know your own heart breaks

(Chorus)

10. The Author

Lyrics:

You spoke the Word into the vacant universe You breathed and life became You wrote the script into the sky The story told in black and white Spelling out the glory of Your name

Chorus:

Thanks to Your love every I was dotted
Thanks to Your love every T was crossed
All of heaven and all of earth acknowledge
You're the Author of the story of the glory of God

Before the earth, before the curse, before the crown of thorns was made You penned the end before we even went astray So why are we surprised? The Son of Man that came to die Knew this day before the world was made You know our prayers before they're even prayed

(Chorus)

The words You speak are poetry
I'll gladly be the melody
Until every ear has finally heard
It's all part of Your perfect plan
From the garden to the fall of man
From the day You rose to the day You'll return

(Chorus)

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11. The Great Love Story

(Genesis 3:8-9, Ephesians 2)

Lyrics:

Where do you hide Where do you go? Why are you running from Me? And why do you fear when you know I am near to thee

Someone come fill the divide Fill the divide

Colorless life, not even grey Oceans apart and miles and miles away O, being deceived and deceiving the same

Jesus come Jesus come fill the divide Who will save me from this death Who will raise me from the dead Who will save me, who will save?

Jesus won, filled the divide

All glory
All honor be
To the God that filled the divide

12. Not Without Love (Benediction)

Lyrics:

I tried Lord
I tried Lord
I tried hard to be Your good little boy
Chin up, head high
All zeal and no joy
Thinking all my good deeds could please Jesus
Boy, was I wrong

Though I knew the right songs
All my cymbals and gongs played the melodies wrong
And it wasn't long 'til I saw my disease
A life spent wanting to please
On hands and knees
To make right, to appease
God help me please
This can't be Christianity, it can't be
The whole thing's like insanity
Where's the rest of eternal security?
Where's the hope of a God big enough to cope with all my hang-ups and insecurities?
Certainly this isn't breathing
My chest burning and heaving
It's like my pulse is ceasing
Like my heart quits beating

Yet this I recall to mind and therefore I have hope: You died, Lord You died, Lord

Assuredly, like the coming of the dawn, the Father's love song goes on Drowning out my bitter songs
And breaking through walls and barriers
Christ swoops in, removes sin, picks up His bride and carries her
So I can sing in agreement with the King this thing:
There's only one thing that pleases the Father
The God-man on the tree in the midst of the scoffers
Now I finally see that Christ is what Christ offers
And I'm finally free in the love of the Father.