

1. Trying To Tell You I Don't Know

Well I sold the dirt to feed the band
Falling right through my hands
Yes I sold the map up to the sky
Falling down always
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to wake up in your head
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to cry with the red light on
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to tell you I don't know

Well I sold the dirt and bought the road
Let me tell you right where we're going
Yeah I sold the house where I learned to walk
Falling down always
Tryin', Tryin'
Fifty bucks to use the van
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to find your city, man
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to get back my guitars
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to tell you I don't know

Well I sold the dirt for a song
Bleeding on every note
Yeah I sold the map up to the sky
Falling down always
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to sing what I can't say
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to throw my head away
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to cry with the red light on
Tryin', Tryin'
Trying to tell you I don't know

2. In The New Sunshine

Now I will burn before I sing
Wouldn't get too close
Now I will play my shriveled song
In the new sunshine

Wait, better cover your bleeding heart
Better cover your open eyes

We can never run out again
In the new sunshine

I was a skinny white singer
With no more time
I was approached to clue you in
On the new sunshine

We're caught, better cover ourselves with this
Better wait here for the night
We can never run out again
In the new sunshine

Hey wait, we'll be smoking on the beach
Dedicating songs
Now I'd like to send this out in the new sunshine

3. Tearing Down This Place

Knock it down, take it away
We've got work tearing down this place
Take it away, take it away, take it away

Here's the room where they lay awake
Through a complicated night
He was staring at the wall
As she cried and cried and cried
Under a roof that held the real rain out
And covered up the sound
He built her every wall
And we have to tear it down

Knock it down, take it away
We've got work tearing down this place
Built for a ghost, haunted by love, left to decay
Knock it down, take it away
We've got work tearing down this place
Take it away, take it away, take it away

Here's the door he would walk right out
On an undecided night
He was spelling out her name
In the artificial lights
Through this window she could see her man
Staring at the town
He built her every wall
And we have to tear it down

Knock it down, take it away
We've got work tearing down this place
Built for a ghost, haunted by love, left to decay
Knock it down, take it away
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4. Remember Me

I was lost up on the mountain
I was lost on an empty sea
I was lost down in the canyon
Now I'm coming home
Will you remember me

Well I left town with a hardcore band
Headlights shining on the beach
Left my money in a Maxwell's coffee can
Down by the cemetery gate
When I walk into your kitchen
And I hold your tiny face
Mother dear, will you remember me

I was lost up on the mountain
I was lost on an empty sea
I was lost down in the canyon
Now I'm coming home
Will you remember me

Down a lawless border of here and there
Not finding any way to get by
Jumped a garbage floater in a dead cold night
Cried under a beautiful sky
When I walk into your bedroom
And I look you in the eye
Sister dear, will you remember me

I was lost up on the mountain
I was lost on an empty sea
I was lost down in the canyon
Now I'm coming home
Will you remember me
Now I'm coming home
Will you remember me

5. Wheels

There really is a town called Hopeless
On a faded map circled in blue
Boy throws bottle off highway bridge
Lost men driving in circles

I got wheels (x4)

I followed that big sign out of here
Left with a box I still cannot find
A boy holding out his empty hand
A young man kicking himself down an unconscious street

There really is a town called Hopeless
On a faded map circled in blue
Young man spinning off an icy bridge
Draws himself in the driver's seat

6. The Lucky One

Walking from the bus stop
Couldn't wait to get off
I know I'll be the lucky one
Walking through the twilight
Cold Nevada twilight
I know I am the lucky one

On the wheels
On the tabletops
On the handles with my shirt off
On the floor
On my heels again
I know I'm the one, I'm the one

I'm standing on the corner
If I could find a dollar
I know I'd be the lucky one
Standing in the last light
Artificial daylight
I know I am the lucky one

On the wheels
On the tabletops
On the handles with my shirt off
On the floor
On my heels again
I know I'm the one, I'm the one

7. Can You Fly

Can you hear me
Now the wind is dead
You fell from the cloud
In the frozen mud
Can you see me
And my idiot son
Down in golden light
Thrown out of the dark

You came down down down down in a midnight storm
You came down down down down in a midnight flash
We've all been looking at you
I must know, is it true
Can you fly
Can you fly
Can you fly

Can you hear the wind
Now the light is dead
You flew from your bed
Woke up on the floor
Can you fly tonight
From my pointless fence
Back up to the cloud
Up into the wind

You came down down down down in a midnight storm
You came down down down down in a midnight flash
We've all been looking at you
I must know, is it true
Can you fly
Can you fly
Can you fly

8. Responsible

She has gone to New York City
That old suitcase holds no funny stories
I packed it once on her first birthday
Now that wasted shame has grown up with her

The streets are slick with dew and motor oil
A girl walks in and out of the morning sun
A barred window reflects the cloudless sky
No blue reaches those eyes

She has gone to New York City
Through that arch on a summer night
I went there once on her first birthday
Lay my burning head on the cool stone

It's raining blossoms down in the concrete park
A girl walks in and out of the evening shade
A broken angel weeps through her spray paint smile
No tears can reach me while I know I'm not responsible

I know I'm not responsible
But I want somebody to lie
And release me into the past
And I want to know what I knew
For the secret word to tell you that

I know I'm not responsible
I know I'm not responsible
But I want somebody to lie
And to lock me out of the years
And I want my problem again
For the secret words you will not hear

Goodnight my dear, goodnight my cold little one
Has your dream begun

She has gone to New York City

9. The Mortician's Daughter

I used to love the mortician's daughter
We drew our hearts on the dusty coffin lids
I grieve tonight over this letter
My tears dissolve an image from the careful ink

Her father stands in the open door
He's waiting for her
There's a storm blowing across the lake
It's late summer
On the broken step is a cardboard box full of wilted flowers
She whispers in my burning ear
It doesn't matter

I used to love the mortician's daughter
We rolled in the warm grass by the bone yard fence
Her skin so white
The first leaves falling
This long forgotten night I am there again

Her father stands in the open door
He's waiting for her
There's a ribbon printed with last respects
Blowing down the gutter
The rain comes in, she drops my hand
She's turning, laughing
And I used to love the mortician's daughter

I used to love the mortician's daughter
We drew our hearts on the dusty coffin lids
There's a lonely dove out on the telephone wire
I turn my head and she flies away

10. Sincere

Mister can you tell me where I've come from
Looked like hell to me, took so long
And it's a frustration
Like I really need one
And the man at the station wouldn't help me at all
Help me at all

They think the Yank is just a jerk
Well this clown hocked his golden gloves
He ran out all ripped apart
Holding that solid gold heart

He paid the witch for a virgin's skinny arms
The warmth of her tiny voice
A little choice she won't recall
A thin veil she would not lift
I am sincere

Mister can you tell me what to call this place
I've been cheated like I've never been
And it's a frustration
Like I really need one
And the man at the hotel has been breaking my balls
Breaking my balls

They think the Yank is just a jerk
Well this clown hocked his golden gloves
He ran out all ripped apart
Holding that solid gold heart

11. Down In Love

Down inside I feel the morning
It's still too dark to see
Down in love I know they're laughing
No more dreams for me

Down to the street with an early shaking
(Down in love)
Down to the park but the park ain't open
(Down in love)
Down so far you must be joking
(Down in love)

No more dreams for me

The day breaks down and cries a river
Soaks me to my heart
Down in love I know they're laughing
Tearing us apart

Down to the docks where the wind is blowing
(Down in love)
Down in the rain, cold and soaking
(Down in love)
Down so far you can't be broken
(Down in love)

No more dreams for me
No more dreams for me

12. California Thing

High off the roof we rise
Flying to a hand up in the sky
All the bells in the city ring
I'm doing my California thing

It was a la, a la, a la la la
It was a lie, a lie, a lie
It was a la, a la, a la la la
It was a lie, a lie, a lie
I'm doing my California thing
I'm doing my California thing
It's happening

My house down on the rocks
The waves stood up and began to walk

All the birds in the valley sing
I'm doing my California thing

It was a la, a la, a la la la
It was a lie, a lie, a lie
It was a la, a la, a la la la
It was a lie, a lie, a lie
I'm doing my California thing
I'm doing my California thing
It's happening

13. We Will Shine

Get your red dress on
And we'll go out tonight
Where the blue light's right
We will shine, we will shine
Baby get your red dress on
And we'll go out tonight
We will shine, we will shine

We will shine like the stars
Winding down with the hours
I will shave in my sleep
I will dream in my shower
Yeah I brought you here
But you don't complain
And I find you crying on your birthday

Get your red dress on
We'll go out tonight
Where the blue light's right
We will shine, we will shine
Baby get your red dress on
We'll go out tonight
We will shine, we will shine, we will shine

Where I met you when
Down on what's that street
How you knew my name
Why I wake up there sometimes still
Now I'm five days tired
And I'm twenty years poor
Hey I'm sorry about your flowers
I guess I slammed them in the door
Yeah I brought you here
But you don't complain
And I find you crying on your birthday

Get your red dress on
We'll go out tonight
Where the blue light's right
We will shine, we will shine
Baby get your red dress on
We'll go out tonight
We will shine, we will shine, we will shine