

1. On The Way Out

On the way out I'm thinkin'
You get what you take anyway
On the way out you're watchin'
Wonder if I am gonna pay

No I'm just lookin' round
Thanks a lot
I gotta be goin' now
'til I get caught

On the way out I'm smilin'
Look nice, you might be photographed
On the way out you're thinkin'
Looks like he never put it back

Just kinda walk around
Check it out
Take two, put one down
Don't think ya' saw it

Back home, another day
What'd ya get
Who needs that anyway
Know what I'm sayin'

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2. I'm Not Hypnotized

I know you're only having fun
You want me to stare into your eyes
Whatever, you're the only one
OK, but I'm not hypnotized

Colored lights shine through the blinds
You enfold your hand in mine
Give your trance a couple tries

You don't know I'm getting wise

You've got me swinging on a chain
Back and forth between my eyes
Whatever, I'll say anything
OK, but I'm not hypnotized

If you make me disappear
Who will whisper in your ear
Crystal ball and all the gear
I know what you want to hear

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You want me to stare into your eyes
Whatever, you're the only one
OK, but I'm not hypnotized

You should wear that all the time
That's some magic I don't mind
Hearts and moons and other signs
Read my fortune every night

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3. Western Sky

A pilot's son won't fly
So it's a two-day drive
Kissed his brave new wife goodbye
The road ends in a fence
She flies off overhead
He starts his lonely trip out west

Western sky
The miles go by
She'll always get there first
And I'll always arrive
Meet you there
You take care
I love that look you get
Before you say goodbye

His conscience waits for dark
Like an AM radio song
Fades in reflected off the clouds

After his father crashed
He moved his family back
And vowed to never leave the ground

Western sky
Between the signs
I'm spelling out your name
In neon passing by
Meet you there
Saturday
Now you be careful love
The road can hypnotize

An exit in the rain
She answered before it rang
But he can only say her name

Western sky
He laughs then sighs
I'm only halfway home
And stopping for the night
Glad you're there
You know my fear
I need those words you say
Before you say goodbye

4. One More Thing To Break

You always tell me
I'm just one more thing to break
You wonder why
I want to fall apart that way

Crack my reason
Wearing you pretty face
Dropped me a couple times
I come around anyway
Demolition by words
Wrecked all over town
Working for one break
Head down, passed out

You always tell me
I'm just one more thing to hide
Your friends don't know me
And they wonder where you go
Take it on another phone
Put-downs in code

I've got my own ring
You might not be alone
Leave me everywhere
Waking up on a floor
Locked in a nightclub
Breaking out the back door

You always tell me
I'm just one more thing to break

5. He Wasn't Murdered

He wasn't murdered by love or loneliness
He walked out on his own
It was a holiday night
He was out of state before she knew he'd gone

Leaving just enough for the weekly rent
Plus a little change
Taking the long way to anyplace
In the frozen rain

It was a roadside stop with a broken name
And he sat there all alone
In the used-up mirror he saw his ghost come slowly walking over
He said, "Where are you goin' son?
I'll go too.
Listen, don't you think I know
What you've been doin'?"

He wasn't murdered or lost or ransomed off
He walked out on his own
With a rain to wash his conscience off
And an idea where he's goin'
Looking both ways on a one-way street
But the light won't change
Finding just enough behind the seat
To make her telephone ring

6. Hotel 17

So the day comes out too fast
And the night won't fall undone
Better stay right where you're at
I know what you wanna do
Well you tell me you're okay
But you look so far away

And I should have more to say
Knowing you like I do

So now you only want me
When I tell you what to do
I did not leave a message because
I'm never getting through at Hotel 17

So a word locks up your face
And a look sends you back in
How'd you ever find this place?
What are you gonna do?
Well, you tell me you've been missed
And you never planned for this
Empty out your promises
Get out before you're through

So now you only call me
When you know you can't be seen
Underneath your blanket
With a loaded magazine at Hotel 17

7. You Get Me Lost

Did I wake you up again?
Talking in my sleep
Unfamiliar afternoon
We were out for a little while
Voices from the street
Sunlight in a rented room

I don't know how
You get me lost
Forgotten where I'm running from
I have found
You get me lost
And I don't care where we're going

I'll follow you to your cloud
Or meet you underground
Take me with you either way
What if we'd never met
You lead me to forget
What I was about to say

I'm turned around
You get me lost
Directions wrong, way unknown

I have found
You get me lost
And I don't care where we're going

8. Gone To See The Fire

He hadn't been talking
Parked out of the way
Just sat there smoking
Watching the flames

You're going to tell me why
We're first to arrive
She thought she knew him well
Until they had gone to see the fire
When the roof fell in
He lit up again
She thought she knew him well
Until they had gone to see the fire

Friends with her brother
He started to call
Now it's been two months
Summer to fall
A burn on his finger
Smoke in his clothes
Tapping his ashes
Like sending up code

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9. Seventies Girl

Down from the attic in your old things
My new girlfriend has a curious streak
Half lit, in the hall
She's like you
Twenty years ago
Clothes from a case you'd thrown at me
Orange, yellow, red and chartreuse green

Way back in the day
I lost you
Don't tell me here we go again

Seventies girl
Don't come any closer
There's gonna be trouble tonight
You're not staying over
Hey there seventies girl
Never should have told her
You want to be older
Than you were

She was transcendental then
Her beautiful eyes through your rose specs
Way back, in the day
I loved you
Or something like it anyway

Seventies girl
You've been taken over
You never had a cradle to rock
Now you want to go there
Hey there seventies girl
Never should have told her
You want to be older
Than you were

We fell apart
Just like that dress
Then taught ourselves unhappiness
I don't recall much, I confess
But wonder where she's gone

Seventies girl
Don't come any closer
There's gonna be trouble tonight
You're not staying over
Hey there, seventies girl
Never should've showed her
You want to be older
Than you were

10. If It's True

We turned on life
Now it's made us decide
You look so tired
All night praying for advice

If it's true
Make him come down from heaven
Let him decide for you
If it's true
You're gonna be a mother
I don't know what to do

I can't hold you
You've got thorns in your voice
Our hopeless plans
Tangled up in a choice

If it's true
We couldn't stay together
I'm broke and so are you
If it's true
If we can't take each other
Now someone else has to

In a landlocked town with a backwards name
Selling paintings of the sea
My horizons sit in the parking lot all day
If I won't believe my own advice
I could never fool a child
And the don't forgive you once they see you've tried

Our own lives
Had their way at the time
You look so down
You can't agree or deny it

If it's true
I think I know your father
He'll want me to say I do
If it's true
You're gonna be a mother
I don't know what to do
When is loneliness not loneliness?

11. Something's Out There

I'm not saying you've got to believe me
Something's out there
Ever wonder why everybody
Knows each other
Those shows go on too long
They always get the ending wrong
If I'm not already gone
Talk to me in the day
I'm somewhere every night
Suddenly wide awake
Walking into the light
Some things remain to be seen
And something's out there
I'm taking everything that I need
And nothing extra
If I don't talk to myself
Then who am I going to tell
Suddenly it's very still
Hiding between the days
Lie the quiet nights
Leading me to a place
I can never recognize
I was strong and I was brave
I was taken anyway
Though I can't remember what they do
I'm decided, you're unsure
Something's trying at the door
I think you're going to believe me
Something's out there
Ever wonder why everybody
Gets together
Sit down and cross yourself
I'm coming back as someone else
And you can never tell
Walking around in the day
Waiting in the night
You're going to be OK
And I won't leave you behind