

Flying Colours

Chris de Burgh



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Sailing Away

Waiting at the water's edge,
Watching all the ships as they are heading for the harbour wall,
I was just a boy, I was just a boy,
Dreaming of the wide world, dreaming of the wide world;

Watching as they disappear,
Reading out the names of all the places I have never been,
Looking out to sea, staring out to sea,
Dreaming of a wide world, dreaming of the wide world;

I wish I was sailing away, sailing away,
Sailing away, with you tonight, with you tonight;

Walking down another street,
Underneath the red lights, I am watching where the shadows fall,
Looking at the girls, listening to the girls,
Dreaming of a new world, dreaming of that new world;

I wish I was sailing away, sailing away,
Sailing away, in your arms tonight,
In your arms tonight;

I wish I was sailing away, sailing away,
Sailing away, with you now, with you now...

Carry Me (Like A Fire In Your Heart)

There is an answer, some day we will know,
And you will ask her, why she had to go,
We live and die, we laugh and we cry,
And you must take away the pain,
Before you can begin to live again;

So let it start, my friend, let it start,
Let the tears come rolling from your heart,
And when you need a light in the lonely nights,
Carry me like a fire in your heart,
Carre me like a fire in your heart;

There is a river rolling to the sea,
You will be with her for all eternity,
But we that remain need you here again,
So hold her in your memory,
And begin to make the shadows disappear;

Yes let it start, my friend, let it start,
Let the love come rolling from your heart,
And when you need a light in the lonely nights,
Carry me like a fire in your heart,
Carry me like a fire in your heart;

So let it start, my friend, let it start,
Let the love come rolling from your heart,
And when you need a light in the lonely nights,
Carry me like a fire in your heart,
Carry me like a fire in your heart,
Carry me like a fire in your heart,
Carry me like a fire in your heart.

Tender Hands

Oh how, at the journey's end, I lie in the heat of the night,
Feeling the heartache, wondering why,
I want a friend, I want a friend to lay down beside me,
I want a friend, I want her now, someone who knows what I mean,
When I say, that I need

Tender hands to hold me, I need tender hands tonight,
Will you lay them on my shoulders,
Will you lay them on my eyes,
And I need tender hands to take me,
All the way to paradise, and then, when it's over,
I need tender hands to hold me through the night;

Touch me with your velvet mouth, I will give all the love that I have,
Under the moonlight, reaching your heart,
Where are you now, where are you now, come out of the shadows,
Where are you now, I want you now,
You know that I cannot always be strong, and I need

Tender hands to hold me, I need tender hands tonight,
Will you lay them on my shoulders,
Will you lay them on my eyes, and I need,
Tender hands to take me all the way to paradise,
And then, when it's over, I need tender hands,
To hold me through the night;

I am only a voice in a city of noise, can you hear me this time,
I see the storm grow, there's a light in the desert tonight;

And I need tender hands, give me tender hands,
Will you lay them on my shoulders, oh give me,
Tender hands to take me all the way to paradise,
And then, when it's over, I have tender hands,
To hold you through the night, darling,
My tender hands will hold you through the night;

I want your tender hands, you have tender hands,
I want those tender hands, tender hands...

A Night On The River

Naked and frozen at the side of a lake,
I think I've gone and made my big mistake,
I took her swimming, we had a fight,
Now my clothes and the lady are well out of sight;

And it looks like I'm heading for a night on the river,
Under the moon and the stars,
Looks like I'm heading for a night on the river,
Me and my beating heart, singing in the dark;

Naked and frozen at the side of a lake,
If she was here I wouldn't hesitate,
To tell her how, the way things are,
With a long conversation in the back of a car;

And it looks like I'm heading for a night on the river,
Under the moon and the stars,
Could be I'm heading for a night on the river,
Just me and my beating heart, singing in the dark;

I think she owes me an explanation,
She's got the whip hand in this situation,
If I try to tell her just the way I feel,
It could start the whole thing all over again;

Ooh, I think I'm heading for a night on the river,
Under the moon and the stars,
Could be I'm heading for a night on the river,
But I see the lights of a car, shining in the dark,

Ooh, could be we're heading for a mm-mm,
Under the moon and the stars,
Could be we're heading for a mm-mm,
Just you and me and our beating hearts,
We're singing in the dark...

Leather On My Shoes

I've got leather on my shoes,
And I've got a dream to live,
There is nothing left to lose,
So I'm going,
I've got a suitcase here in my hand,
And I've got a hungry heart,
And I'm going to join the millions,
There before me, on the freedom road;

No-one's coming to my door,
And all my friends have gone,
There's no work here anymore,
It's deserted,
And though I know I hate to leave,
From this land that I love,
There's a new tomorrow waiting,
Yes it's shining on the freedom road,
On the freedom road;

Oh sometimes it's going to be lonely,
Sometimes it will be sad,
But I've got to keep on going,
Until I hold that promised land,
In the palm of my hand;

Nothing ventured, nothing gained or won,
Without a hard fight,
We would never reach the sun,
Without trying,
And when we're a million miles from home,
Out in the starry night,
We will see we're not alone,
In the heavens, out on freedom road,
Out on freedom road,

Out on freedom road... out on freedom road.

Suddenly Love

Suddenly love comes in and finds me on open ground,
Nowhere to hide, nowhere to run, there's no turning back,
And a journey has just begun;

Suddenly love breaks down the doors,
There is singing inside,
And all of the light that's in your eyes, shining here tonight,
Has woken the man in me, and the woman in you,
The woman in you;

All night, heads on the pillow, and eyes that are never shut,
All night, rain on the window, but inside, we have so much;

Suddenly love takes me away where I've never been,
Shows me a world I have never seen, I could only dream,
That I ever would find myself with a lover like you,
A lover like you;

All night, heads on the pillow, and eyes that are never shut,
All night, body to body, and thrilling to every touch;

Oh, suddenly love takes me away where I've never been,
It shows me a world I have never seen, and I just want to be,
Alone in your mystery, love me over and over, and over and over again.

The Simple Truth (A Child Is Born)

A child is born on a battlefield,
A soldier boy falls to his knees,
And a woman cries in joy and pain,
When will we all live in peace again?

A child is born where the wild wind blows,
In a country torn from the south to the north,
And a family runs from day to day,
When will we see our home again?

When will we see that simple truth,
That the only thing that's worth a damn,

The life of a child is more than a forest,
The life of a child is more than a border,
Could ever be;

A child is born in the desert sun,
A tiny life has just begun,
And a mother cries for her hungry babe,
When will I feed my boy again?

A child is born to an ordinary home,
East or west, it could be anyone,
But we all want to know,
Will my child survive to see the day,
When we will be secure again?

When will we see the simple truth,
That the only thing that's worth a damn,

The life of a child is more than a forest,
The life of a child is more than a border,
The life of a child is more than religion,
The life of a child is only a heartbeat from eternity,
We must believe, for the sake of humanity,
We must believe...

For the sake of humanity, we must believe.

Missing You

I've been missing you...

I've got the roses, I've got the wine,
With a little luck she will be here on time,
This is the place we used to go,
With romantic music and the lights down low,
And as you stand there amazed at the door,
And you're wondering what all this is for,
It's just a simple thing from me to you,
The lady that I adore, 'cos there's something,
That you should know, it's that

I've been missing you, more than words can say,
And that I've been thinking about it every day,
And the time we had just dancing nice and slow,
And I said now I've found you,
I'm never letting go;

There is no reason to the things that we do,
You can break a heart with just a word or two,
And take a lifetime to apologise,
When the one you love's in front of your eyes,
And I will fall to my knees like a fool,
If it's the only way of getting through,
You see if I think you are beautiful,
Someone else is going to feel it too,
So there's only one thing to do, tell you that

I've been missing you, more than words can say,
And that I've been thinking about it every day,
Well tonight's our night for dancing nice and slow,
Because now I've found you, I'm never letting go,
No, now I've found you, I'm never letting go;

I've been missing you... I've been missing you...
I've been missing you... I've been missing you, darling...

I'm Not Scared Anymore

When I'm lying in the arms of the woman I love,
I'm completely at peace with the world,
And the dark clouds around me that often surround me,
Just fall away into the night, I'm not scared anymore;

When I can't sleep at night and I just stare at the moon,
Listening to your beating heart,
To know that you're with me, and the love that you give me,
Keeps me from falling apart, I'm not scared anymore;

You are near, you are here;

When I think about the ways of the other world,
And all the ones who've gone before,
Well I believe they can see us, believe they are with us,
Hear every word that we speak, I'm not scared anymore,

Oooh - they hear every word that we say,
Oooh - when I have my lover with me,
I'm not scared anymore, I'm not scared anymore;

When I'm looking at my children and the world where we live,
And the violence coming every day,
Well I know I'll protect them with the power of my love,
To the very last drop of my blood, I'm not scared anymore;

Can you hear me, I am near,
Can you see me, I am here;

When I'm lying in the arms of the woman I love,
I'm completely at peace with the world,
I'm not scared anymore,
I'm not scared anymore,
I'm not scared anymore.

Don't Look Back

Oh, there is a place where the wild men go,
When it's late at night and on the radio,
They're telling everybody, stay at home,
It's no time for you to be alone,
It is a place on the edge of town,
Just shining in a hell-fire light, (they're waiting,)
And if you're there, keep going on,
They're waiting deep inside, I'm telling you,

Don't look back, women in the red and black,
Don't look back, they're going to take your heart away,
I'm telling you don't look back, women in the red and black,
Don't look back, they're going to steal your heart away,
I should have known better;

Well Jimmy Pellin was a friend of mine,
But he went out there one too many times,
I saw him running down the railroad track,
And I tell you boys he ain't coming back,
The early morning is their favourite time,
To find somebody out on their own, (they're waiting,)
They're waving arms and flashing lights,
Standing out on the road, I'm telling you,

Don't look back, women in the red and black,
Don't look back, they're going to take your heart away,
I should have known better, I should have known better,

So if you're going to the edge of town,
Don't lose in a hell-fire light, (they're waiting,)
And if you're passing, keep going on,
They're waiting there tonight, I'm begging you,

Don't look back, don't look back,
I beg you don't look back,
Women in the red and black,
Don't look back, they're going to steal your heart away,

I should have known better - don't look back,
I should have known better - don't look back,
I should have known better - don't look back,
I should have known better - don't look back,
I should have known better.

Just A Word Away

Plenty of time to turn out the light,
I want to keep this feeling inside, for a little more,
It must be a Daddy's pride and joy, a little baby boy,
Is lying in my arms here tonight;

Tears in my eyes when I saw you being born,
So much emotion, words cannot form, so I'll let it be,
Only to say it's you and me, for eternity,
I wish you a wonderful life,

And I'm only, I'm only, I'm only,
Just a word away;

I will be near whenever you call,
Pick you up whenever you fall,
'Till the day will come, you'll think you're out there,
On your own, but you're not alone,
Remember that I will be here,

And I'm only, I'm only, I'm only,
Just a word away;

Your sister Rosanna's fast asleep, so it's time for me,
To whisper I love you, goodnight,

And I'm only, I'm only, I'm only,
Just a word away, just a word away...

The Risen Lord

Brother can you spare me food,
And give me a drink of wine,
I've been travelling on this road,
For such a long long time,
I have seen the wonders,
But most amazing of them all,
I believe I've seen the face,
Of the risen Lord;

On a night like this there came,
A stranger on the road,
I saw him stumble, heard him fall,
I helped him with his load,
The further that we walked,
Well the heavier it became,
And I believe I've felt the weight,
From another world...

The Last Time I Cried

The last time I cried, I was sitting home,
And it was deep in the night,
Staring at the shadows and the flickering lights,
Giving all that I had, to take them away,
Giving all that I had, to make them pay;

The last time I cried, I could see the people,
Long ago in the rain,
Waiting as the soldiers put them all on a train,
And the hands on the bars, the eyes full of tears,
And the word is the same, for a thousand years,

Eli Eli Lama, oh Lord, you have forsaken me,
Eli Eli Lama, oh Lord, you have forsaken me;

The last time I cried, I could not believe it,
When I held on a face,
Staring at a soldier with his gun in the rain,
It was the face of a child, my child here asleep,
And the soldier who smiled, the man was me,

Eli Eli Lama, oh Lord, you have forsaken me,
Eli Eli Lama, oh why, have you forsaken me?

Eli Eli Lama, oh Lord, you have forsaken me,

The last time I cried, the last time I cried,
The last time I cried, the last time I cried,
The last time I cried, the last time I cried,
The last time I cried, the last time I cried,
The last time.