

The Getaway

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Don't Pay The Ferryman

It was late at night on the open road,
Speeding like a man on the run,
A lifetime spent preparing for the journey;

He is closer now and the search is on,
Reading from a map in the mind,
Yes there's the ragged hill,
And there's the boat on the river.

And when the rain came down,
He heard a wild dog howl,
There were voices in the night - "Don't do it!"
Voices out of sight - "Don't do it!"
Too many men have failed before,
Whatever you do,

Don't pay the ferryman,
Don't even fix a price,
Don't pay the ferryman,
Until he gets you to the other side;"

In the rolling mist, then he gets on board,
Now there'll be no turning back,
Beware that hooded old man at the rudder,
And then the lightning flashed, and the thunder roared,
And people calling out his name,
And dancing bones that jabbered and a-moaned
On the water.

And then the ferryman said,
"There is trouble ahead,
So you must pay me now," - "Don't do it!"
"You must pay me now," - "Don't do it!"
And still that voice came from beyond,
"Whatever you do,

Don't pay the ferryman,
Don't even fix a price,
Don't pay the ferryman,
Until he gets you to the other side;

Don't pay - the ferryman!"

Living On The Island

Day by day they drink and dream,
Old men staring out to sea,
From the island, living on the island;

And down in the harbor, it's a show,
Watching all the people as they come and go,
On the island, living on the island;

And up in the mountains, they're alright,
Tasting the first of the summer wine,
On the island, living on the island;

I wanna feel that sunshine in my heart,
And let it blow my worries away,
I wanna spend a night in the ocean with her,

That little lady lover who's in love with me,
Prettiest little lady that I've ever seen,
On the island, living on the island...

Ooh, and when I finally sail away,
I know for sure I'll be back someday,
On the island, living on the island,
On the island, living on the island,
I wanna feel that sunshine on my back,
On the island, living on the island,
On the island, we'll be living on the island,
I wanna feel that wind blow in my hair,
Living on the island...

Crying And Laughing

Searchlights, rain on the road,
Waiting for the airport limousine,
Your time in this foreign land,
Is nearly over, I'll never forget how

Last night, after he called,
You held me like you'd never let me go,
But your eyes are happy now,
And you are beautiful, you're ready to leave me,

Homeward, back to your world,
Back to the one who is there,
Go now, but go in love,
For it's the only way;

And you'll be crying, laughing,
Half a world away,
You'll be crying, laughing,
For the love we have,
When you go away...

Long ride, holding her hand,
Looking all the words we cannot speak,
One mile to the boulevard,
And the aero plane that's waiting to take you
Homeward, back to your land,
Back to the one who is there,
Go now, but go in love,
For it's the only way;

And you'll be crying, laughing,
Half a world away,
You'll be crying, laughing,
For the love we have,
But you must go,
Crying, laughing,
Half a world away,
You'll be crying, laughing,
Don't forget me love,
When you go away...

I'm Counting On You

The night is so wild, and downstairs the child,
Is sleeping, her spirit is free,
For more than an hour, I have walked in the rain,
I've been wondering what she will be,
But where are the heroes, where are the dreams,
That I had, when I was young,
Am I hoping in vain, just to think,
She could change anything?
Well I'm counting on you;

I'm counting on you to bring that sweet gentleness,
To your world and all that you do,
My generation is losing its way,
We don't know, what we're leaving for you,
So may there be millions who feel like you do,
Oh my love,

There is so much to know,
There is so far to go,
But you are not alone,
When this is your world,
And I'm counting on you;

Come to me, turn to me, give me your eyes,
When you see the mysteries of time,
Here there are those who just live in the past,
They will never let history lie,
And this sad little island is breaking my heart,
With its dark,
Shades of green,
And as hard as I try, I just cannot see why,
This should be...
I'm counting on you,

There is so much to know,
There is so far to go,
But you are not alone,
When this is your world,
And I'm counting on you,
I'm counting on you...

The Getaway

The moon is on the bright side,
But we've thought of everything,
Send the word to the prisoners,
Tonight, we getaway,

When you hear signs of confusion,
Come drifting through the door,
Get your belongings together,
Don't leave nothing behind,

And hey boys tonight we getaway,
To the other side,
Head for the wall and getaway;

We're sick and tired of hearing,
That the world is gonna blow,
So there's something we'll do to the leaders,
Before we go;

Let's stick 'em in a room together - Yeah!!
And make them fight it out,
Until they see nothing from nothing,
Will leave nothing at all,

And hey boys tonight we getaway,
To the other side,
Head for the wall and getaway;

Open the door - open the door - let me out - I wanna go

Das ist auch unsere welt,
This is our world too,
Oui c'est notre monde aussi,

Hey boys tonight we getaway,
To the other side,
Head for the wall and getaway;

"We'll give you anything you say,"

Hey boys tonight we getaway,
To the other side,
Head for the wall and getaway;

"We'll miss you more than we can say;"

Ship To Shore

This line is bad, and fading,
This line is bad, and fading,
Ship to shore, answer my call,
Send me a signal, a beacon to bring me home;

I have been to see the world,
tasted life at every turn,
And all the time,
Your face came back to haunt me;

Day by day the feeling grew,
I know I'm still in love with you,
The further that I go,
The more I know it, I wanna show it,

Ship to shore, do you read me anymore,
This line is bad, and fading,
Ship to shore, answer my call,
Send me a signal, a beacon to bring me home;

Moving fast, all systems go,
You and I had time to grow,
Before there was a breakdown in transmission;

How I wish that we could turn,
The clock back to the days when,
We were lovers in the true sense,
Of the meaning, you must believe me,

Ship to shore, do you read me anymore,
This line is bad, I'm drowning,
Ship to shore, answer my call,
Send me a signal, a beacon to bring me home;

Ship to shore, ship to shore, ship to shore...

I cannot believe my eyes,
But I think I see a light;
You are everything I've always,
Wanted in my life;

All The Love I Have Inside

When I wake up in the morning she is there,
With her sleepy smile and a long night of windy hair,
And when I hold her close beside me,
Well it feels so good,
That I'd like to stay here all day long,
If there's a way that I could;

And when we go downstairs and start off onto the day,
Just one more cup of coffee, and I'm on my way,
We may not have perfection,
But we're halfway there,
And I know it's sentimental,
But I just wanted to say,

That all the love I have inside me is for you,
All the love I have inside me is for you,
All the love I have inside me is for you;

And when I've had a heavy day and I'm going home,
She gives me time if she sees I want to be alone,
Ah but when the evening's over,
And we go to bed,
Here comes the same old feeling,
It's like a song in my head,
Well all the love I have inside me is for you,

All the love I have inside me is for you,
All the love I have inside me is for you;
Here's my love song to you, you...

Borderline

I'm standing in the station,
I am waiting for a train,
To take me to the border,
And my loved one far away,
I watched a bunch of soldiers heading for the war,
I could hardly even bear to see them go;

Rolling through the countryside,
Tears are in my eyes,
We're coming to the borderline,
I'm ready with my lies,
And in the early morning rain, I see her there,
And I know I'll have to say goodbye again;

And it's breaking my heart, I know what I must do,
I hear my country call me, but I want to be with you,
I'm taking my side, one of us will lose,
Don't let go, I want to know,
That you will wait for me until the day,
There's no borderline, no borderline;

Walking past the border guards,
Reaching for her hand,
Showing no emotion,
I want to break into a run,
But these are only boys, and I will never know,
How men can see the wisdom in a war...

And it's breaking my heart, I know what I must do,
I hear my country call me, but I want to be with you,
I'm taking my side, one of us will lose,
Don't let go, I want to know,
That you will wait for me until the day,
There's no borderline, no borderline,

No borderline, no borderline...

Where Peaceful Waters Flow

Restless hearts, it has been a long time,
Out here on the journey, for a glimpse of paradise,
It's getting hard to find a place to go,
Where peaceful waters flow;

I took a walk past the old Saxon well,
Down by the cathedral, I heard the chapel bell,
And joined the people singing for a way to go,
Where peaceful waters flow;

And if you don't know by now, you never will,
Only love can find the door,
If you could see it now, it's in your hands,
Only love can reach the shore, to heaven,

Always, she is standing by my side,
She's my inspiration, and she's my battle cry,
And in her arms is the only place I know,
Where peaceful waters flow;

And if you don't know by now, you never will,
Only love can find the door,
If you could see it now, it's in your hands,
Only love can reach the shore, forevermore,
Where peaceful waters flow...

The Revolution

Wake up boys, there's a light at the window,
I can hear someone knocking on the door,
There are voices in the street,
And the sound of running feet,
And they whisper the word - "Revolution!"

There are men coming down from the valleys,
There are tall ships lying off the coast,
And they carry the light,
In the dark of the night,
Like a whisper in the wind - "Revolution!"

Bring my gun and a handful of silver,
By the sea we will gather for the fight,
It's been so many years, so many tears,
We have lost once before,
Now we'll settle the score,
When our cannons will roar - "Revolution!"

Light A Fire

Watch, and wait, get ready for the sign,
There are many here among us now,
Who have not seen the light,
We must send the word to all the people in the land,
Go to every hill and mountain,
For the time is now at hand,
To light a fire!
Light a fire,
Light a fire!

Let us march the road up the rocky hill tonight,
Under cover of the darkness,
We will slip behind the lines,
And we will take the men who have stolen our land,
For the years of domination,
Hit them right between the eyes,
And light a fire!
Light a fire,
Light a fire,
They will see through the world!

Liberty

Roll away the dawn,
Roll away the dawn, and let me see,
The land of the free,
Has anything changed at all;

Sweet liberty,
Sweet liberty is in our hands,
It's part of the plan,
Or is it a state of mind?

Horses and men,
Horses and men are on the field,
They didn't yield,
Many have fallen here;

Never forget,
Never forget what they have done,
The time will come,
When it will change again,
Never forget!