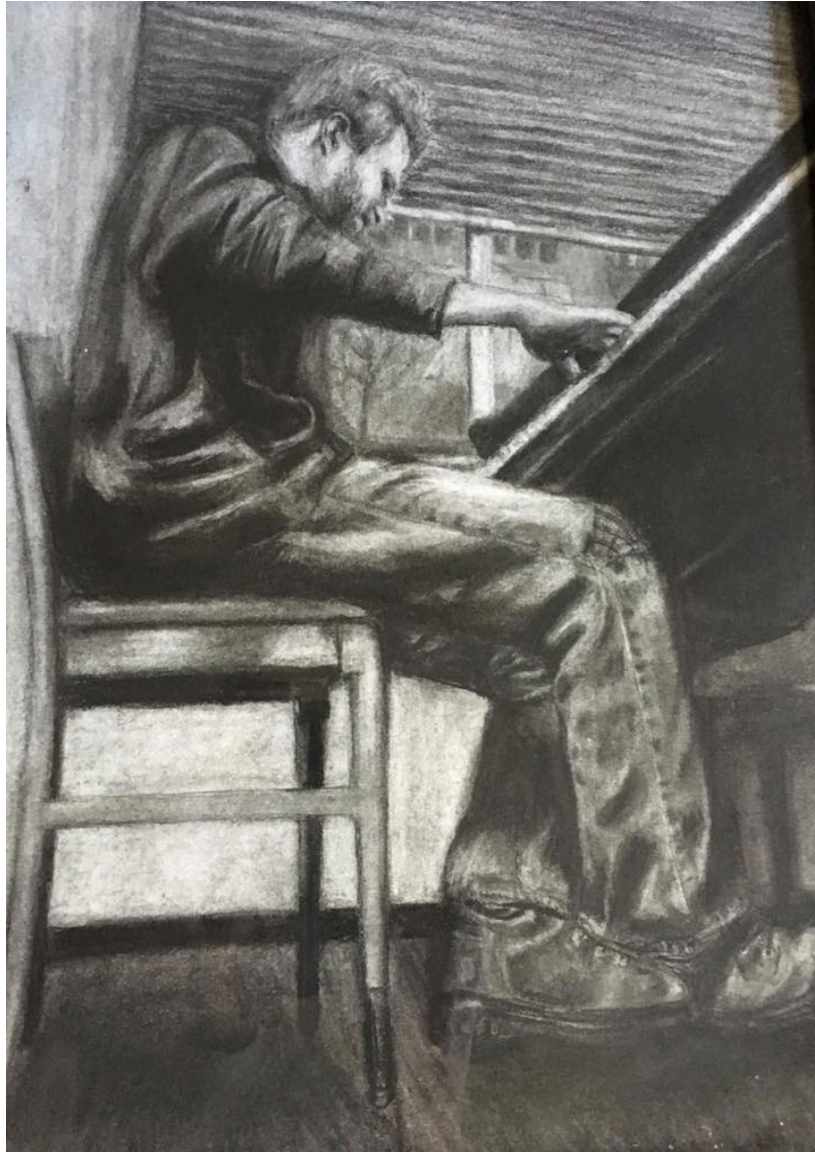


A COLLECTION OF LYRICS



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# IS and AND

Buildin' a new home  
Well it ain't easy  
You've gotta gather what's lyin' around  
And when it comes together  
'better watch that weather  
What goes up, quickly can turn to tumblin' down

A kickstart from the side of the road  
could surely use a hand  
A rip that gives into a sew,  
carried towards a plan  
You can lose, you can lose yourself  
in someone else

What's mine **is** mine and yours  
**and** yours is yours and mine  
we can't hide all we've found in our love  
In our love, there is me  
there is you and there is  
we gotta stick to our guns and lay 'em down

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# A FOLDING SONG

Sitting on a trail,  
wasting all my time  
The horse has lost his way,  
our rations have declined  
I can feel the sun  
(beaming down like a steam filled engine  
burning red coals pound by pound)  
on this desert frontier shade

I can see the sun over the town,  
but I don't know the way  
to stand up to its blaze

Riders pass me by,  
my motivation's dry  
I haven't slept away  
this heaviness and haze  
There's a comfort in this dust,  
hiding me from the debts I owe  
(a dreamer's gambling bust  
haunting all my days)

I can see the sun over the town,  
but I don't know the way  
to live and still not pay

Still sitting on this trail  
Half my life's gone by  
The horse has passed away  
and been eaten up by flies  
I can feel the rain pouring down  
(like a gift from heaven  
washing away all of my pain)  
I'm lost and won't be found

I *used* to see the sun over the town  
but now it's gone away  
I guess that I should stay

# THE LIFETIME OF A BATTERY

I've liked so many pictures,  
posted smiles below those trending matters,  
tagged the faces that are just like me  
I can photo flip through our history at home

I engine search and court by text  
I'm a jpeg jester behind the wall of the web  
masked with icons and a tongue of keys  
I'm the social kind when I'm online at home

I'll be here with you as long as the lifetime of a battery  
I'll try to power through the light of the sun  
I will stay in view  
as long as you can turn me on

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# CATACOMBS

**T**here's a big machine guzzlin' crude,  
plunderin' fruit and spittin' the seeds down a drain  
Every man's the flu, trapped in a billow of smoke,  
blown through the lips of a liar

And the fever runs higher  
the fever runs higher  
With the mercury rise I'll slip and fall  
in the catacombs

**A**nother baby is born on a pile of shit  
the tit of her mother is bleeding dry  
What's left to read, is read by a neon light  
a fiery, tickin' time bomb

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With the mercury rise I'll slip and fall  
in the catacombs

# LOOK ALIVE

Look alive, when hope is gone  
Look alive, when hope is gone  
Look alive, when hope is gone  
Look alive

There's a knockin' down, a pickin' up  
A knockin' down, a pickin' up  
There's a knockin' down, a pickin' up  
and a setting up again

When we're fresh it tends to chew and spit us out  
So we build a road and try to crack a code  
This world it has its ways for figurin' out  
It takes a sharpened eye and a steady hand  
And if you've turned round your cheek  
then turn round that cheek again

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Look alive, when hope is gone  
Look alive, when hope is gone  
Look alive, when hope is gone  
Look alive

Make it right, 'twas ever wrong  
Make it right, 'twas ever wrong  
Make it right, when right goes wrong  
Make it right again

Make it right  
Make it right  
again

# WITH YOU

I want to count the days with you  
and know each one by heart  
A sweet embrace to start each morning  
together or apart

Out from the thick and in the clear  
to view the home I love  
It stands to rise above all that was alone  
Our home, my love

I want to make the most with you  
Beating hearts as one  
Riding wild the straight and narrow  
two arrows in the sun

# BACK TO SQUARE

**I**t seems every man's a grudge that hounds a good night's sleep  
But we ain't never been the kind to ail and weep

I'm gonna catch you, catch you if you fall  
Although my pockets ain't deep  
a pinchin' is no trouble at all  
Out there's a frontier  
We've both our brunts to bear  
And each 'been known to say  
that give and take are quite a pair  
I'm taking the long way back  
You're taking the long way back  
We're taking the long way back to square

**T**he whiles we lend transcend a matter of factored worth  
A credit free to lend 'er  
A different breed of tender  
And who's to say that better off is an understand  
The riches in slim pickins may be  
just as good

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# NEW LOVE

Although I can't imagine you with another  
I understand and I wish you well  
This lonely wave's gonna crest and start to fade  
as we both settle down in new love

A new voice is callin' you little darlin'  
and my heart is skippin' beats  
It takes a lot of gut to keep this battle crier shut  
But I'm doing it for you, love

And a man grows colder  
with a chip on his shoulder  
So don't pay me no mind  
'cause I'll warm, in time, to the distance in our lives  
as we both settle down in new love

And a man grows colder  
with a chip on his shoulder  
So don't pay me no mind  
'cause I'll warm, in time, to the distance in our lives  
taking steps to meet you halfway there  
When pictures start to fall, space is showing on the wall  
to start replacing them with new ones

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I understand and I wish you well  
This lonely wave's gonna crest and start to fade  
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## OF VICE AND MEN

If there's a speck of sense to see  
it sure don't shine much by the likes of me  
But I'm a good man, just a bit removed  
A little temper can hide a lot of truth

And like a flame caught by surprise,  
my blood boils at the worst of times  
But I'm a good man and for what it's worth  
I'd the aim of love for all the hearts I've hurt

Don't know my lover, I love you each day greater than the last  
You pay the price for a many vice,  
I keep you a rich man  
and still you're weak as hell

When I'm a loner in a single room  
the corner's no one for me to answer to  
I can spit  
I can wail  
But soon I'll drown inside my own details  
Swingin' moods left and right  
One day I'm up but then rotten by the night  
I'll feel alive and I'll take you with  
But then I'll push aside all of the warmth you give

And like a flame caught by surprise,  
my blood boils at the worst of times  
But I'm a good man  
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# THAT WORLD

I'm lost in that world again  
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I'm downin' a buzz, tuned into the fuzz  
The faces I've seen and the places I've been of late  
Well, I'm lost in that world again

Summer's wavin' and callin' me in  
Her breaking a smile makes my heart beat all the wilder  
In the morning I'm fillin' with love  
In the evening that big star is shinin' above  
I'm hopeless, fallen for more than enough  
The flora I've plucked keeps a bloomin' and growin' its spread  
And I'm lost in that world again

I'm buzzed and I'm down in the sun  
I'm snubbin' the hard work for anything fun  
When the balance is due I'll just busk or I'll beg you to cover  
Oh lover, I've lost it again!  
I'm lost in that world again  
A festival fool can't get over the crowd  
The days they add up and all of the faces get cloudy  
The person I should be is now wild as the wind  
Oooh, and I'm lost in that world  
I'm lost in that world  
again.

# TEARWATER TEA

*(inspired by Arnold Lobel's children story)*

**T**onight I'll make tearwater tea  
I'll make tearwater tea, tonight  
I'll make tearwater tea  
The goods are all around me, now.

Songs that can't be sung  
'cause their words have been forgotten  
Spoons that fall behind the stove  
and are never seen again

**T**onight I'll make tearwater tea  
I'll make tearwater tea, tonight  
I'll make tearwater tea  
The goods are all around me, now.

Chairs with broken legs  
A wineglass for a cup  
A clock that has stopped with no one near  
to wind it up

Mornings no one saw  
'cause the lazy world was sleepin'  
An old book fades under the sun  
and is never read again

**T**onight I'll make tearwater tea  
I'll make tearwater tea, tonight  
I'll make tearwater tea  
The goods are all around me, now.

# A FIGHT TO FORM

**I** am ready  
for the heavy weather's gale and flooding ways  
May it pour, may it pour  
may it pour

Fit for burden  
Underlying wit will plant the sit and wait  
May it grow, may it grow  
may it grow

**A**ll's been borne  
a fight to form

Strings are tied together  
Through the ages by and by  
May we know, may we know  
may we know

**A**ll's been borne  
a fight to form