

THIS TIME

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Looking through my window, I watch the rain / Terror
sweeping over me again / Half past three, my lovely en-
emy dreams by my side / Emotion burning my defenses
down / Hate to think I'm losing ground / I feel the fire
burning all around

This time / I won't say those words again this time
So much easier to pretend this time / Got to
stop making those same mistakes again this
time / I'm gonna stand and keep my ground this
time / Not gonna let love knock me down / I'm
gonna make sure that I survive this time

Once before I was a naïve child / Twice I
gave myself too freely / Three times I cried all
through the night

This time / I've gotta fight to keep control this
time / Not gonna let love get ahold of me this
time / I'm not gonna do the things that lead me
into sadness and pain time and again this time /
I'm gonna know the rhyme and reason this time /
I'm gonna wait 'til love's in season

Forgive the things that I just can't say:
I owe you a smile, a touch, a kiss, a word, ges-
ture, a thought, an ocean for the times you've
cried for me / A universe for all the things you
gave / Touch me, hold me, take me, make me
break down all the walls that I have built so
high / Right up to the sky this time

Yesterday, I dreamed of you
Today I hold you at arm's length
Tomorrow, I shall mourn your love

I'll never fall in love again this time / No longer
naïve / Don't say you love me / Don't say that you need
me, baby / I'm not gonna do the things that lead me into
sadness and pain, darkness and rain, silence and shame
/ I'll never fall in love again / It ought to be a crime the
way love's hurt me before

Nevertheless I think of you / Never again
Nevertheless I dream of you / Never again
Nevertheless I run to you / Never
Each night I pray that we can get it right this time

FEELS LIKE FOREVER

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I don't want to frighten you, baby, or say anything to
make you turn away / It's just that when I think of you,
and all the hurt you've seen me through, it'd be a shame
not to say / You came to me with love and made me
love you, and I do believe in you I've found a friend /
While I never want you to leave, it'd be unfair of me
to keep what I'm feeling to myself / I can't tell nobody
else



Our love looks like an early morning rainbow / It
sounds like the call of birds in Spring / It tastes like my
grandma's Sunday supper and it feels like—

Lover, I know we've both been in love before, and
pain has stripped our innocence away / But if we learn
from the past we can make our love last / I'm not afraid
anymore / I'm not ashamed to tell you that

Our love looks like the snow falling in winter / It smells
like the dew that comes in early Spring / It sounds like
children playing through the summer and it feels like
forever

Paradise in your eyes / Wait for you
all my life / Morning light / Crystal
Sky / All I want / Your hand in mine
/ Every day and every night / Pas-
sion's flame burning bright / Forever
/ You can make my cloudy days my
lonely days, my empty days, seem
like a distant memory / Our love
tastes like the nectar of eternity and
it feels like forever

Our love sounds like the answer
to a question / One that our heart's
been asking all through our lives / It
swells and it grows / So warmly it
glows and it feels like—

Our love is like a bright and new
creation that's been unwisely placed
into our unclean hands / It blinds us
with unearthly luminescence and it
feels like forever

THAT SAYS LOVE TO ME

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My darling lie still in my arms,
there's no need to say what's obvi-
ously on your mind / My love for
you grows stronger each day / Gets
hard to explain / I'll just have to take
the time to love / It's just like a sigh,
a gentle breeze in the morning, oh
love / Showing you care, willing to
share, ease my longing / And words
you can't say won't hide it away, the
truth is just that plain to see / One
look in your eyes, tender surprise,
that says "love"

A call from you can brighten my
day / Can end the rain / And take me
to where I need to be / Sometimes
I look in your eyes I get so scared,
so totally lost inside your love /
trouble be damned, come take my
hand, revive my soul, oh love / From

morning's new light until the day
grows old stay close to my heart,
even when we're apart / And if you
ever have to leave, the first thing I'll
miss / Your passionate kiss / That
says "love" to me

When you call my name / Kiss away
the pain / Not the same / Ain't no
game / Falling rain / I love you /
Every day and night / For the rest of
my life, baby

When I'm with you, I realize it's
true: you say "love" to me

IT'S ALRIGHT

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Saw my old lover yesterday / I
listened to what he had to say / He
looked into my eyes and completely
paralyzed me / I was so afraid, I
didn't know my name / He said:
"Nita, when you were mine, I did
you wrong and then one day you
were gone and I was all alone. Give
me one more chance," he said to
me / I didn't know just what to say
/ I turned my head and tried to look
away / But he grabbed me by the
hand, he begged me, "Please, please
understand" / He was oh, so lonely,
baby / Life was oh so empty, baby /
"Nita, I'll make it right, I'll change
my life, I'll love you right, we'll
never fight, I've seen the light" /
But I said it's too late / And now it's

It's alright now / I'm out here on my
own, gonna make it all alone, baby
/ It's alright now / I'm not afraid to
face tomorrow / I've got no more
pain to borrow / I'm all right

I remember when I used to cry; draw
the blinds, I'd lock the door and hide
/ Afraid the phone would ring, terri-
fied of everything / In every shadow
I saw his frame, in every sound I

heard him saying, "Let me love you"
/ Boy: you had your chance / We had
romance / You had to dance with so
many others, baby / I'm finally over
you boy

It's alright now / He broke the lov-
ing heart in me / He filled my life
with pain and misery / It's alright /
Now I cannot be destroyed / Today I
am nobody's toy 'cause I'm all right

Saw my old lover yesterday / Once,
so long ago, I was afraid / I listened
to what he had to say / But now, I'm
strong / I'm holding on / I'll never
run away

I want to be loved, need to be loved,
but I'm all right
I need to be touched, need to be
touched, but I'm alright
I want to be needed, need to be
needed, but I'm alright
I want respect, boy, just a little bit

ECCO

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She's down on South Road almost
every night and everyone there
knows her name / She's crossed the
frontier between wrong and right,
now she's crippled by the pain / I
wanna be closer to you, baby / I
wanna be the One you call when you
end your fight / Step into the light

I wanna be closer to you baby / I
gotta be the One who saves your
soul, the One to make you whole

Ecco, do you really now what you're
looking for? / Can you see what's in
store? / Ecco, you don't know how
much you're missing / All this love
inside, this is your time

She's living life inside a small glass
vial / Suffering in poverty / She's



lost her family, her friends, her child
/ And all she knows now is the street
/ I wanna be closer to you, baby / I
wanna be the One to wipe your tears
away / The One to kneel with you
and pray / I wanna be closer to you,
baby / I gotta be the One to make
you whole again / Your one and only
Friend

After midnight comes the daylight
/ Just keep me hanging on / It's
always darkest before the dawn

SOUTH ROAD

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A grimy doorway in the falling rain /
I take a hit and try to ease my pain /
Every day is just the same / Try and
find a little peace of mind, but trou-
ble finds me every time / Excuse me,
but can you give me a dime / I don't
remember exactly where I live / I've
given everything I have to give / Too
many sins for Jesus to forgive / And
we all go to sleep at night

SHOW ME

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Look what love's done to me / I'm
locked in a fantasy / Open my eyes
and see our smile / Fragile dreams of
mine / All my days filled with rain
/ And every time seasons change
the joy of Creation makes me cry /
Autumn comes and I dream about
you and I

Show me the light behind your eyes
Tell me a fire burns inside
Hold me in your arms so tight
I want you

The world is full of cheer / Children
sing yuletide songs / Santa is soon

to come / And every day closer to
Nick's run, I come more undone /
Wander the city streets, I suffer at
my defeat and greet every passing
stranger's eye with a listless sigh /
Only you can save my life

YOU BRING ME JOY

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Monday / gotta go to school / and
the rain's coming down / and my
homework's ruined / You bring me
joy

Tuesday / mama's on the warpath
again / and again my name she's
calling / You bring me joy

Wednesday / sitting in my home-
room / the love of my life says it's
over / Father You bring me joy

Thursday / looking in the mirror /
trying to find my way now / Daddy
hear me say / You bring me joy

I know problems have to come my
way / but through faith I'm shielded
from all these things / through fire
and rain / inexpressible / glorious /
You bring me joy

Friday / gotta take a test now / gotta
do my best now / up all night / You
bring me joy

Saturday / the store / in the window
/ I see it / I want it / I need it / I'm
broke / You bring me joy

I know problems have to come my
way / but through faith I'm shielded
from all these things / through fire
and rain / inexpressible / glorious /
wonderful / counselor / mighty God
/ prince of peace / You bring me /
You bring me joy

In the morning / in the noon day /
In the evening / You bring me / You
bring me (repeat)

Inexpressible / Wonderful / Mighty
God / You bring me / You bring me
Turning over in my soul

Did you know that you're loved by
somebody? / Oh, You bring me
Glorioso / Usted me trae / Usted me
trae / glorioso / maravilloso / Conse-
jero / Dios poderoso

Weeping may endure for a night
But joy will come with the morning
light / You bring me joy, joy

Joy, joy inexpressible

¡INEXPRESABLE!

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Inexpresable / Glorioso / Maravil-
loso / Consejero / Dios poderoso /
Usted me trae

EYE USE 2 SING LIKE PRINCE

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Eye use 2 curl my hair and wear
high-heel shoes, bikini underwear,
but, baby, that's old news / Eye use
2 sing like Prince, eye use 2 act the
fool / Eye use to feel alright every
day and night 'till I fell for u

Eye grew my nails real long, eye
was a rowdy boy / "Party Up" was
my favorite song, eye got folks real
annoyed / Eye use 2 sing like prince,
my music gave me joy / Eye use 2
b real weird and everybody sneered
'til I fell for u

I'm gonna write u a letter, say how
u did me wrong / Thank u I'm doing



much better / I'm gonna write me
a song I'm gonna sing like Prince
before eye move along

I'm gonna take my time, the words
don't have to rhyme / I'm gonna
make u see just what u done to me /
Eye use 2 feel alright every day and
night / Eye use 2 be real weird and
everybody sneered / Eye use 2 be a
man, don't u understand / U turned
me all around, then u let me down
/ U had to have your say, then you
turned me away / U left me in the
ditch, you greasy big black

FOOL IN LOVE WITH YOU

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This hasn't happened in so long /
My heart is filled with joy and song /
I'm like a girl, all smiles and dreams
/ All touching moments and loving
schemes / My hands shake and my
heart jumps / It's not hard to see
what your love has done / But I must
face reality / I'm not that girl I'd like
to be

YOU'RE ALL I NEED

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*Hi: It's me again. And I really don't
mean to be a pest. It's just that, well, I've
been having these strange dreams late
at night and if I don't tell you about it,
I'll just lose my mind. Look, I know your
heart belongs to someone else, and I
may be way out of line by telling you the
things I feel but, in the night, when I'm
alone... well, I just can't pretend any-
more, and I can't hide what I feel for you
because, inside me, there's a desperate
loneliness and a terrible ache. There's
nothing I can do about it; it just grows
and grows every day. And I look at your
picture, and all I can say is you're all I
need.*

*So, I've been having these dreams: you
and I in a small boat, adrift on a peace-
ful sea. The sun is fading in the west
and, as the waves toss us to and fro, you
lie sleeping in my arms. And I hold you
tight. And I stroke your hair. And I say
to myself, "How fortunate I am that you
and I have been brought together in this
world of uncertain destiny."*

(Laughs)

*Look: I know I'm being childish and
more than a little selfish. And, the fact is,
most of the time, I've got a pretty good
lid on this. But, tonight, I'm really slip-
ping. Tonight, I have no patience, no en-
ergy to put on my little charade. Tonight:
you're all I see, all I want, all I need*

You're all that I need / You're all my
heart desires in the morning, in the
noon day, in the midnight hour

You know, I get down sometimes
and little bit lonely by myself / Then
I'll call you / You and nobody else
/ See, I've made up my mind / No
matter what the people may say /
I'm gonna love you

If you could read my mind, this is
what you'd find / You would see
there is love here for you / If you
would take the time / You would see
I think the world of you



Bectha thought I'd say it

I'm finally over you / I feel like
dancing

U meant a lot 2 me, baby, but in the
end u was just a Smurf

I'm all grown up, and married, too
with little children / What shall I do?
/ What will they think or do or say
if I let my heart have its way? / But
I must also think of me: deny my
feelings or should I let them be? / I
must think straight, I must be strong
/ 'Cause there's no "right" and all is
wrong

