

If It's So Easy

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I've spent so much time trying to hang my hat on stars
Believing good things come to those who just work hard
And every time I stumble you just let me know
After we dust the dirt off I get up and go
I burned half my life trying to feel my way around
Doing the best I can with everything I found
But sometimes I find my best just isn't good enough
'cause I can't smooth the bumps to keep from tripping up

(Chorus)

If it's so easy, why do we fall out like this
If it's so easy, tell me everything I missed
If it's so easy, it should all work out somehow
If it's so easy girl why can't we do it now

It always seemed like things were going how we planned
The longer things drag on the more that you demand
And at some point the strongest bonds begin to break
When we start thinking that it's been a big mistake

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If it's so easy girl why can't we do it now

Well I've spent so much time trying to hang my hat on stars
Trying to find the map just to figure out where we are
And I guess I never listen like I should
I'd give you back the time you lost if I could

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Honest

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Well I've been thinking about the life I'm leading
And I'm not sure that it's what I wanted
I never speak up or feel my feelings
And I know that it's part of the problem

Can only say I love you after I've been drinking
How come it hurts to be honest

I keep quiet don't reveal my secrets
They're mine that's why nobody knows it
I'm so afraid if you open that door
That I'll never be able to close it

I'm only scared to lose you if you know who I am
How come it hurts to be honest

Well I didn't mean to
I'd never hurt you
I don't really want to let you down
But I haven't let you in
Could you just forget about that now

Well I'm pretty sure I've been making you worry
And I know that it doesn't amuse you
In your eyes I'm something but I'm so ordinary
That's the truth and I don't wanna lose you

When I let my guard down I take it right on the chin
How come it hurts when you're honest
Can only say I love you after I've been drinking
How come it hurts when you're honest
When you're honest
When you're honest

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Smells Like Gasoline

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Honey do we have to fight
About the way I never listen
Yes I'm sure I heard you right
But could you repeat the question

Well I guess you always thought
I did everything to hurt you
Like never picking up my socks
Was some way that I could work you

And now it smells like gasoline
And looks like our love is burning
Watched it all go up in smoke watched the years become a joke
What's the lesson that I'm learning

I guess I never paid no mind
To the way that you were feeling
I figured everything was fine
Until the day you hit the ceiling

And now it smells like gasoline
And looks like our house is burning baby
You just stand there with that match you look at me and laugh
What's the lesson that I'm learning

You didn't mean to say those things
I know you used to like me one time
But at some point you just caved in
And you forgot about the good times

And now it smells like gasoline
And looks like our love is burning baby
I watched it all go up in smoke watched the years become a joke
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So, Here We Are

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I put on my shirt and tie
'cause I've gotta go to work this job is killing me
But I've got some bills to pay to feed the family
Credit cards and love may be the end of me
And I never saw it coming

Who'd have ever thought I'd come to this
'cause now I've got my boss's ass to kiss
And it's just not me at all

I wake up early
I'm the bird who gets the worm I think I hate myself
'cause I'm always wishing I could be somebody else
But things just never work out quite the way I plan
And I never saw it coming

Who'd have ever thought that this could be
The best years of my life for the company
Just gave 'em all away

Sad songs and memories always get the best of me
It's not that they make me cry they just make me wonder why
Giving up is what really hurts
I wish we'd learned that lesson but it was our first mistake and we never got away
So, here we are
So, here we are

I look in the mirror
And I can't believe my eyes I still feel seventeen
But it looks like time is finally catching up to me
All grown up and I still don't know what I wanna be
And I never saw it coming
Everyday I ask myself who I'm fooling
'cause every night at this bar is a class reunion
And we never get away

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Silver Lining

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I've got my ticket for the train
I've got my raincoat for the rain
I load in with the cattle and we rattle off to work
I try to make a living while I'm dealing with the jerks
We could be the difference but we're not are we dear

We need some time before it's gone
To do the things we've never done
This routine life we're living makes me feel like I don't care
We climb the corporate ladder instead of walking up the stairs
Paying all the bills off with our soul aren't we dear

(Chorus 1)

Downtown the lights are shining let's find our silver lining
It could be the difference between happiness and only getting old
I feel the fire burning I hear the tables turning
Gotta do our own thing dear instead of only doing what we've known

Believed the stuff they sold in school money's king it's gold that rules
There ain't no sense in struggling to make a couple bucks
We've got what we need right here and we don't need no luck
Wasting all the good stuff that we've got aren't we dear

(Chorus 2)

Downtown the lights are shining let's find our silver lining
It could be the difference between happiness and finding us a home
I feel the fire burning I hear our tables turning
Gotta do our own thing dear instead of always doing what we've known

(Chorus 1)

(Chorus 2)

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Carolina

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Talk to me Carolina
Come and see all the things I have to say
Live with me Carolina
Grab your things and we'll find a place to stay

You feel like your on the run
You live your life like a setting sun
Disappearing all the time
Caroline

Be my girl Carolina
See my world and I'll show you open arms
Seem so sweet Carolina
Sing to me show me all your girlish charm

You're pulling against the flow
You always feel the undertow
And it drags you down the line
Caroline

I feel like an old guitar that's been beaten
So play me again this time with some feeling

Talk to me Carolina
Let me see all the things you have to say
Come with me Carolina
Grab your things and I'll carry you away

You don't want to be the one
To live your life like a setting sun
You don't have to feel the flow
You've always got somewhere to go
When it's down to you and it's down to me
That's just the way life is gonna be and I'll be here all the time
Caroline
Yes I'll be there all the time
Caroline

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In The End

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You honk the horn
As soon as you're ready to go
You think that I'm moving too slow
It's a sign that my halo has dimmed

I take a breath
Ready to drive you to school
But we both know all of the rules
And we just cannot seem to win

In the end
Tears will fall
'cause nothing stands
Here at all

We're wearing out
The new thing that we had is gone
But somehow we keep dragging on
And the silence is doing me in

I kiss your cheek
But you just think I'm being strange
Another of our lonely games
And I just cannot seem to win

In the end
Rain will fall
'cause nothing stands
Here at all

I'm full of doubt
I'm not who you want me to be
I'm not sure that you're what I need
And I just put pressure on me
I let you down
Without even saying a word
I looked at your face and I heard
The shine on my halo has dimmed

In the end
The shoe will fall
'cause nothing stands
Here at all

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Big Life

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Guess that I was living in my own little world
Pure imagination until I met you girl
Figured who needs real life when we've got T.V.
But I woke up and I'm not sleeping any longer
C'mon darling we're not getting any younger

It's a big life
but I ain't scared
So just hold tight honey and we'll get there

You were always trying somehow to shake up my tree
Never thinking about yourself you worried about me
And I had the world slipping right through my hands
Well let me tell you I'm not slipping any longer
C'mon darling were not getting any younger

It's a big life
but I ain't scared
So just hold tight honey and we'll get there

You woke me up and I'm not sleeping any longer
C'mon darling we're not getting any younger

It's a big life
but I ain't scared
So just hold tight honey and we'll get there

And you're a bright light That's why I stare
Just hold tight honey and we'll get there

It's a big life
but I ain't scared
Just hold tight honey and we'll get there
Yeah hold tight honey and we'll get there
Well hold tight honey and we'll get there

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Straight To Hell

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Now when I was a little bitty pup not more than two or three
My daddy sat me on a chair and put the fear of God in me
He said the Devil plays with idle hands and God can always tell
So give your life to Jesus or you're going straight to hell
You're going straight to hell

Poor poor pitiful me I live my life unwise
Believe my heaven's here on earth instead of in the skies
And when they lay my body down no stories I will tell
Have momma say a prayer for me 'cause I'm going straight to hell
I'm going straight to hell

About the time I turned thirteen my momma told me son
The road that you are traveling on is not the righteous one
It doesn't matter if you're good you still must be reborn
So no more sleeping in for you it's church on Sunday morn
It's church on Sunday morn

Poor poor pitiful me I live my life unwise
Believe my heaven's here on earth instead of in the skies
And when they lay my body down no stories I will tell
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I'm going straight to hell

Now Jesus died at Calvary his own life he had lived
The preacher said he died for me to cleanse me of my sins
He said I'm supposed to go to church but God don't make me go
Instead he gave me half a brain and that's why I stay home
That's why I stay home

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And when they lay my body down no stories I will tell
Have momma say a prayer for me 'cause I'm going straight to hell
I'm going straight to hell
I'm going straight to hell

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We 're Not Sleeping

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Well here we are
You've got your head on my lap
A smile on your face yeah your hair's pulled back
Hey girl it's been a long night but we're not sleeping

It's six a.m.
And my head starts to hurt
You've only got an hour before you've got to go to work
You decided to stay up all night and I'm the company you're keeping

But you tell me one more time
about the silly things you do
All the guys in your life yeah the boys after you
It's all right it doesn't matter what I say
Tell me about your family and the two big mistakes that you've made

Well me and the boys
Were gonna sleep on your floor
Tell your crazy roommate she can go and shut her door
We been playing loud music all night her and boyfriend are noisy

It's hard to sleep
While you keep talking to me
Why don't you just close your eyes and try to let me be
I told you about my girl and now you're trying to annoy me

But you tell me one more time
about the silly things you do
All the guys in your life yeah the boys after you
It's all right it doesn't matter what I say
Tell me about your family and the two big mistakes that you've made

Well here we are You've got your head on my lap
A smile on your face yeah your hair's pulled back
Hey girl it's been a long night but we're not sleeping
No we're not sleeping.....

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Saving Grace

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It's been all around you
It's been there as long as you've been trying to get here
A something that surrounds you
And a love that's gonna take away your fears of
Driving 'round in circles
Laugh it up a good time will be had with all your friends
And nothing's going to hurt you
They say what doesn't kill you makes you stronger then

It's your saving grace

Bolder are the colors
Brighter are the rises and the falls of humankind
You lead a life of wonder
There seems to be no reason to your rhyme
Moving with a rhythm
Follow instinct in and out of trouble all the time
You have the gifts so give them
Your nature's not a secret you can hide

It's your saving grace

You never really understood your true purpose
You laughed and tried to shake the hands of time
It's why you quit your steady job to join the circus
And always knew that something wasn't right

Well It's your saving grace

Silent combination
Realize you've always had the answers all the time
It wound up in frustration
To understand you wasted all that time
Driving 'round in circles
Laugh it up a good time will be had with all your friends
And nothing's gonna hurt you
They say what doesn't kill you makes you stronger man

It's your saving grace
It's your saving grace

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The World Is An Ocean

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From humble beginnings
To the place where you stand
Through the days and the evenings
To the moments you've had
As time marches forward the past will drift farther away
Because the world is an ocean and we're just the waves

Well you have your opinions
And you know your own truths
Are you all that you want to be
Because it's all up to you
You may break on the shoreline or get washed out to sea one day
Because the world is an ocean and we're just the waves

You can build up your fences
You can brace for the worst
You could say it's all senseless
And you won't be the first
You can hold on so tightly But still everything washes away
Because the world is an ocean and we're just the waves

And you have you're opinions
And you know your own truths
Are you all that you want to be Because it's all up to you
Hold on to your memories they're the only thing that you can save
Because the world is an ocean and we're just the waves
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