

Sky Geezer

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1. Pick Me Up

Everybody got somewhere to go
where that is I don't know
you better get there fast before it goes away
I'm just hangin' here on the in between

everybody part of a crowd
try to get in but you're not allowed
no one sees you when you're all alone
on the in between here down and low

so pick me up whenever you're around
when I'm lost you know where I can be found
pick me up whenever you're around
we'll go ridin' lonely town to town

too lonesome be home at night
loud crowds just don't feel right

let's go walking way out of the way
out of the shadow into the shade

I ain't cool you know I ain't rough
got no call to play it tough
I can't see gettin' down and mean
just layin' here on the in between

so pick me up whenever you're around
when I'm lost you know where I can be found
pick me up whenever you're around
we'll go ridin' lonely town to town

you gotta hold on tight to this glory night
everything we do is right
we're gonna feel so fine we can roll away
so pick me up whenever you're around
we'll go ridin' lonely town to town

hey won't you come out tonight
be the stars to my moonlight
just get in, get in and ride away
we're just hangin' here on the in between

so pick me up whenever you're around
when I'm lost you know where I can be found
pick me up whenever you're around
we'll go ridin' lonely town to town

2. One More Turn Around The Wheel

Comes so fast like a north wind
blowing out of November again
shift in view inside the man
something dark and something golden near at hand
here we go, one more turn around the wheel

take a look over the edge
through the forest out beyond the west
see the sun from the other side
watch the moon and stars from another sky
here we go, one more turn around the wheel

slept in mansions in foreign lands
made my bed along the highway in the sand
I watched my father pass away
raised my son way up high on his first day
here we go, one more turn around the wheel

see the changes passin' by
movin' through here like lightnin' in your eye
stirs me up, I hear the sound
feel the rumbling deep down in the ground

what a man feels he hides away
'til a moment on an unexpected day
and you better listen, and listen good
he's like to say it only once and then he's done
here we go one more turn around the wheel

3. I Had A Dream Last Night

I had a dream last night
all of the nations
all friend and foe
everyone was there
a whole world congregation
everyone was cryin'
just weepin' and wailin'
at everyone's despair

I saw water rise up, a river of tears go rollin' by
I rode in a boat down to the soul in every eye

there were songs of hope
an easing of anger
every question was answered
in my dream last night

I saw water rise up, a river of tears go rollin' by
I rode in a boat down to the soul in every eye

all the downhearted
all of the clowns
everyone between them
they all came around

in my dream last night
there was light for every nation
a whole world congregation
and every heart goin' home

4. Silver Lining (solo guitar instrumental)

5. Come Round Again

I don't mind sayin' I've been missin' you
I don't mind being here all alone
throw another log on the fire so I can look at you
you rise like the sparks that fade in the dark of the years

I don't know when or how I started losing you
somewhere between the tracks of a dream growing cold
take me tonight back to the times I was a better man
with a vision complete we'll go out walking through walls

hold up the light its dark there tonight in Avalon
and I feel like I've been on a ride down a long and hazy road
I've heard it said that everything's bound to repeat itself
so I'm just waitin' for those days to come round again

laugh in the night out on Highway 223
hitchin' a ride the edge of the light movin' in
I remember those days like it was yesterday
now every day yesterday's feeling more like today

you took my heart ran into the dark and you got away
somewhere between Boulder and Monterrey Bay
now late at night when I feel just right I can see you still
crossing the sky in the light of the Milky Way

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I've heard it said that everything's bound to repeat itself
so I'm just waitin' for those days to come round again

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I don't mind being here all alone
throw another log on the fire so I can look at you
you rise like the sparks that fade in the dark of the years

6. I Live In The Sky

I live in the sky, watch what you do
and I ask myself why
I'm all alone, no one to hold
you down there have everyone

I see the flashes and the fire down below
every once in a while heavenly glow
but I'm afraid what might become if I was there
feel your flashes and your fire rise in the air

God used to live next door

no one home anymore
Mother of All lives just across the street
helping all the ones who die for peace

I know how to fly, but I can't touch down
no matter how I try to reach the ground

ah just once I'd like to know an autumn rose
feel your breath upon my face when we stand close
but I'm afraid what might become if I was there
feel your flashes and your fire rise in the air

I live in the sky, watch what you do
and I ask myself why

7. Sleeping Alone

Sleeping alone, every night coming
to a cold and empty home
every hope spikes up
with the ringing of the phone
for the voice he longs to know
but he's sleeping alone

he's dreaming alone of his unborn children
as they race around their home
summer vacations
with the family by the shore
with the wife he so adores
but he's dreaming alone

he's grown tired of the bars
dancing night 'til dawn
the old and empty ways
of luck and chances
he's up for talkin' late and low
going easy going slow
some old fashion kindness and romancing

but he's living alone, keeping his vigil
for a knock upon the door
pictures the moment
when his heart will finally soar
with a love to have and hold
but he's living alone

why must a good man wait so long
for a lady and a song
he says its so hard to wait

when you just don't know

and he's sleeping alone, every night coming
to a cold and empty home
every hope spikes up
with the ringing of the phone
for the voice he longs to know
but he's sleeping alone

8. Cooperation

Welcome to the concert to see tonight's show
we've put the sound man where your table goes
there's nothing we can do we're sorry to say
the artist and crew are funny that way
but here's a seat by the men's room
and a free ginger ale
we appreciate your patience
and we thank you for your cooperation

we've moved your house
to the lot down the street
to make room for the
slaughterhouse makers of meat
one note of caution, don't dig in the yard
there once was a toxic dump where you are
and we've done all of this for you and your town
we appreciate your patience
and we thank you for your cooperation

basically everything you've worked for is screwed
'cause we're useless and arrogant and totally rude
we're not responsible for anything we do
and it says right here that we can't be sued
so we've made a mess of all of your plans
and we thank you for your cooperation

the boss has made so many errors this year
he killed all the profits and growth it appears
so we're shifting the blame and docking your pay
'cause you're a team player with nothing to say
we'll put some kind of note
right here in your file
we appreciate your patience
and we thank you for your cooperation

and we want you to know
this never happened before
you're the first and only one

we think that will make you feel better

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and it says right here that we can't be sued
we've made a mess of all of your plans
and we thank you for your cooperation

your flight has been cancelled
and you're stranded here
and we've already sent
your bags on to Tangiers
here's some free miles
and a ticket for the bus
and a couple of bags of sweet roasted nuts
and when you fly again
won't you please think of us
we appreciate your patience
and we thank you for your cooperation

welcome to heaven please wait at the gate
seems we've lost all the records
to determine your fate
but you being human we have to assume
that you're useless and arrogant and totally rude
so we regret to inform you you're going to hell
but we just might get you out
so hang in there a spell
we appreciate your patience
and we thank you for your cooperation

9. Whiskey Rose

Who knows the time we've left to be here
stars might come crashing from this sky
we're all alone
and there ain't no one around to interfere
Whiskey Rose and a clinging vine

'til the sun comes burning
through the first horizon
sultry summer hazy morning light
with the promise of a deluge
for the cornfield
and an easy morning glory ride

tell me why or tell me nothing
tell me anything you can
to keep this old heart pumping
we could die of loneliness
we could come to some early demise
Whisky Rose and an old man time

I want to tell you I could
love you like a sister
if not for the complicated side
that strains the finest lines of decorum
and loves you like some moonstruck bride

10. The Autumn Borderlands Of Turiya (instrumental)

11. Cliffs of Moher

Come out to the Cliffs of Moher
high above the open sea
feel the fine Atlantic mist
o'er the island's lovely green
the long gray clouds come in
faces on the wind
flying over wild and free

now come out to the Cliffs of Moher
high above the endless sea
feel the open hearted night
every soul is high and free
give you comfort give you peace
fly the soul's release
out with the silence and the rain

walk along this narrow road
to the cliffs above the sea
feeling like a crazy man
talking to the breeze
songs lift up this wandering heart
and lead me on the way home
carry me home

if I could breathe in all the pain
that you have ever known
breathe out peace and comfort
bring all the lost and broken hearts back home
won't you come and stand with me
let your worries wash away
high up on the cliffs above the sea

now come out to the Cliffs of Moher
stay on through the night
let the storms break over you
'til the dawning of the light
in the moon out on the west
secrets of the blessed
flying over wild and free

stand upon the Cliffs of Moher
watch the sea far down below
feel the world upon the wind
pray for peace in every land
stone and turf beneath my feet
lead me on the way home
carry me home

come out to the Cliffs of Moher
high above the endless sea
feel the open hearted night
every soul is high and free

12. A Day Without You
(improvisation for piano
and synthesizer, while
M. was away)

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