



*Songs of the  
Common Man*

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*Lyrics*

## Song of the Common Man

I saw the sun come up  
A mighty golden glow  
Watched the stars above  
Moonlight from below

I saw the season's change  
And I began to sing  
I went to Mercury  
And I flew on the wing

You all know what it's like in this world  
When you see who makes the rules  
You try your best you work so hard  
But they treat ya like fuckin' fools

They say the future is here  
Their words so black and white  
But all their despair  
Turns our days into night

We stand on common ground  
This land is yours and mine  
To see eternity  
In every grain  
And cursed line

You all know what it's like in this world  
When you see who's making the rules  
You try your best you work so hard  
But they treat ya like fuckin' fools

Let's hear the band play  
One More Time

Lay your burden down  
Lay my burden down

## Sunny Horizons

Out on the street  
Where soldiers meet  
Lives are stolen or torn  
Gamblers play for money or for love  
For nothing or for life forevermore

My father's watch is all I own  
22 carat Gold  
Buy me a beer and take away my fear  
I'll give it to you  
To have and to hold

Yeah cos I've seen those sunny horizons  
They can be beautiful I agree  
But as soon as you've seen one  
There's another one to see

Cold as clay down by the bay  
Someone shoots another line  
Begging me to help set him free  
He's been hangin' around  
Too long with the boys

But I, I've seen those sunny horizons  
They can be beautiful I agree  
But as soon as you've seen one  
There's another one to see

Sailors trade their postcard views for slaves  
Before they go back to sea  
Some lonesome lover  
Walking by himself  
Remembering the poems and the dreams

Yeah but I've seen those sunny horizons  
They can be beautiful I agree  
Ah but as soon as you've seen one  
There's another one to see

## I Told the Blues Goodbye

I told the blues goodbye  
But it didn't want to leave  
I told the blues goodbye but it didn't want to leave  
I said get on out stop tugging at my sleeve

I told the blues goodbye  
But it did not want to go  
I told the blues goodbye but it didn't want to go  
I said get on out stop hangin' round my show

She said meet me later my disco alligator  
So I put on my dancing shoes...but  
There was another guy there  
When I got there  
That's why I got these goodbye blues

I told the blues goodbye  
But it didn't wanna hit the road  
I told the blues goodbye  
But it didn't wanna hit the road  
I said get on out I'm already on overload

She said come to me to Jacob's barn  
And I'll tell you no yarn  
You know the jukebox has had a new fuse  
I won't know til tomorrow  
But it's ok I'll let you know the news

I told the blues goodbye  
But it didn't want to leave  
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I said get on out stop tugging at my sleeve

## Cold Light of Day

Opinion flare and temper rage  
Make you sit and feel so strange  
They always seem to be too sure  
Like being in a prison with a flag for a door

Jealousy and envy will get you in the end  
With you repeatin' a cold amen  
Hold your tongue now you're next in line  
Maybe heaven won't be so divine

Why don't we cast aside the old and tried  
I don't need a preacher  
Tryin' to save my soul  
Leave alone the thing we know  
I love ya when ya losing control

You have no feel of sympathy  
You don't leave much space to breathe  
There's a cave-in at the edge of the road  
But your devoured by your thoughts  
And your sophisticated codes

Why don't we cast aside the old and tried  
I don't need no preacher  
Tryin' to save my soul  
Leave alone the things we all know  
I love ya when ya losing control

You enjoy seeing other people in pain  
Accent your dreams with the power you claim  
Like a pauper in a history book  
You don't need to be much more than you look

Why don't we cast aside the old and tried  
I don't need no-one  
Tryin' to save my soul  
Leave alone the thing we know  
I love ya when you're losing control

## Cold Light of Day - Spoken Word

Opinion flare and temper rage  
Make you sit and feel so strange  
They always seem to be too sure  
Like being in a prison with a flag for a door  
Flag for a door

This is what happened to me  
This is what it was in 1973  
Smokin' in the basement drinkin' on the stairs  
Some kind of sidestreet Love affairs  
Love affairs

Hidden meanings  
Didn't mean too much  
Far out far in  
Or were we, just out of touch  
Just out of touch

We thought we were happening  
But I could see the view  
From there to eternity  
For your love, from me  
From me to you

Someone else got lucky as I wasted my days  
Rip-offs, tip-offs, gotta get your zip-offs  
oh yeah, come on come on

I remember when those rhythms  
Started to play  
But the future looked bleak  
All the dismay

I could see it clearly  
In that Cold Light of Day



## Sun

My baby left me today  
I don't know where she's bound  
I've been waiting since the sun came up  
I'm waiting as it goes on down

The way that girl took my hand  
Still lingers in my mind  
The way she left without a word  
Made me feel so sad inside

The sun comes up  
The sun goes down  
The world keeps spinning around

It's only when the daylight dims  
Shadows become so real  
It's only when the night comes in  
I feel lonely as I can feel

The sun comes up  
The sun goes down  
The world keeps spinning around

My baby left me today  
I don't know where she's bound  
I've been waiting since the sun came up  
I'm waiting as it goes on down

The sun comes up  
The sun goes down  
The world keeps spinning around

## Awake at Night

Awake at night  
In the moon's quiet light  
I want to love somebody  
But something ain't right

It's injustice meted out on you

Going in  
Going out  
A lot of hungry people  
Hanging all about

That's injustice meted out on you

Well the earth's on fire  
From Capricorn to Cancer  
I look to the sky  
And I look to the ground  
It's all around

Going up  
Going down  
Twilight people  
In the shadows of the town

That's injustice meted out on you

Time to live  
Time to try  
So many stranded people  
Have to ask why

You know you know

It's injustice meted out on you  
Me and you and you and me  
Me and you

## Someday I'll be a Gypsy

Someday I'll be a gypsy  
The kind that knows no fear  
Red hot runnin' round the town  
In the country when the day is clear

People gonna get to know me  
Glad to see you they'll all say  
Why don't you sing us one of them songs  
Like you did last new year's day

I Love your Eyes  
I Love your Smile  
You know

I Love your Eyes  
I Love your Smile  
All the while  
You know

I Love your Eyes  
I Love your Smile

Tippin' my hat when I have to move on  
Out where the moon is bright  
Leaving a girl to the sound of her tears  
The feeling wasn't right

Walkin' the roads with no special name  
To show me where I am  
Timbuktu Kalamazoo  
Or the backstreets of Amsterdam  
Old Amsterdam

Anywhere I am  
I Love your Eyes  
I Love your Smile

## In the Name of the Blues

Alone at night  
A lonely man in a fading light  
The chips are down  
But he's still in the game  
Maybe things won't be the same  
Better hold on tight  
Light and love  
That's what he's been dreaming of

He paid his dues  
In the Name of the Blues  
In the Name of the Blues

Like a rolling stone  
Season's change but he's still on his own  
The race is on but he takes no part  
He saw the future back at the start  
Feet on the ground  
Unbound by chains  
He traveled through the night  
And the howlin' rains

He paid his dues  
In the Name of the Blues

He went to Paris  
To see the holy angel's eyes  
Stood on the mount and he realised  
Life is not a holiday  
Don't let it pass you by along the way  
If you can't always smile  
You don't always have to cry  
In the push and the pull he faced  
The fears and the lie

He paid his dues  
In the Name of the Blues

## There is Not a Substitute for Love

When we walked out one night in the dark  
Made me think about Noah and the Ark  
The water and the sun raised up a pretty tree  
And emotion moved with purity

There is not a substitute for love  
There is not a substitute  
There is not a substitute for love  
And no other lover for me

I like to hear you callin' your sweet refrain  
When complainin' might seem like the  
Natural thing to do  
You lift me up when I fall down to sleep  
This receiver's not so quiet but  
You're the one so deep and true

There is not a substitute for love  
There is not a substitute  
There is not a substitute for love  
And no other lover for me

It's a frustrating fact I never foresaw  
Small town peeps only get you further down  
Tryin to shake 'em out of your hair  
And out of your mind  
Grabbin' at straws tryin' to find yourself  
A better time

There is not a substitute for love...

When we walked out one night in the dark  
Made me think about Noah and the Ark  
The water and the sun raised up a pretty tree  
And emotion moved with purity

## Dirt Road Serenade

When the rain is falling upon your face  
Each tiny drop explodes in love and pain  
And you walk alone down a street of stone  
Split between dreams feeling red and green

What is it you want to know  
You with your mind of snow

You must've felt all along  
There was something wrong  
But you just could not choose  
What do you have to lose  
Can a memory ever help you to see  
That you're merely scared  
That nothing was ever really shared

What is it you want to know  
You with your eyes of snow

You stood so warm in your coat of facts  
Ah but now don't the wind blow  
Through the cracks

Oh for someone who's been travelin'  
You're looking very down  
Is it what you've seen or the need  
To wear a crown  
All your life you've been half awake  
Never been at the stake  
So goodbye and good luck  
I just can't wait to get stuck

What is it you want to know  
You with your heart of snow

What is it you want to believe  
You in your beautiful grief



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