



Notes from the Past 1968 - 1973 Notes from the Past 1974 - 1976

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Princess

Princess come with me tonight To the edge of the world It may be raining but the sun will shine Down upon your curls And if it's foggy we'll still see the stars above And if it's snowing It only means we're in love

We'll sit motionless There is no time of day A fiigure appears silhouhetted far away It is a mermaid floating endlessly She has been waiting For sunrise to change its melody And if you want to you can swim out to her side And maybe the dolphin Will take you for a ride

And if it's foggy we'll still see the stars above And if it's snowing It only means we're in love

Moonbeams cause the rippling waters To lose control And starlight seashells come out of their hole And flying fishes fly from coast to coast While acrobatic turtle prepares to make a toast And if the reservoirs that holds your memory Bursts their banks Don't be frightened to tell me

Inbetween the Lines

There she is Walking in the rain

Baby I told you before Love isn't a thing You can be sure of

Romance grips your mind And suddenly you will find You're lost in a flood Of changing emotions

Inbetween the lines I see The truth written in rhymes I see The world will tumble beneath us There'll be no victory for either you or me Now there is nothing more to discuss

Please don't ask me to love you no Just keep walking straight through and You'll never see me again You'll laugh remembering when You thought I was the only one you needed

Look back in history You'll see the mystery Of life and lovers through the ages You would not be free if you stayed with me Everybody's fooled by love's images

Well darling I'm glad you see it my way although I watch you fade down love's highway crying I feel a lump in my throat And something tugs at my coat

I've got to prove to myself that I meant it I gotta prove to myself that I meant it

Scared Little Thing

I was standing on a platform When a pigeon flew by Missed my head by a half an inch I stepped backwards very surprised Well I just had to twitch

Like the scared little thing that I am Like the scared little thing that I am

The colourless houses All jammed together Washing hanging out to dry Though I was on a train passing again I could hear a baby cry

Like the scared little thing that I am Like the scared little thing that I am Sounded like the scared little thing that I am Like the scared little thing that I am

A ticket collector in a collectors' hat Stepped on when we got to the cross I half smiled he kinda looked Well he knew I wasn't his boss

Its a scared little thing that I am It's a scared little thing that I am You know it's a scared little thing that I am It's a scared little thing that I am

Why My my my my my my

Payload

I am a lonely soldier In a cold and dark house I want to call my lover Let her tell me what it's, what it's all about

Hey now lover when the river is gone Will you give it to me on the run Will you show it to me on the run When the river is gone

Hey lover in the dead of night Will you be comig up the railway The sound of your voice cutting through the trees Breathing in the deep of my soul

Hey listen now the river is gone Will you give it to me on the run Can you show it to me on the run Now the river is gone

Hey now someone's holding up my payload Hey now something's holding back my payload Hey now someone's holding up my payload Hey now something's holding back my payload

It's been a very long time Since I got lost on the way I'm remembering all those faces And the things that they used to say Look out through your eyes Set them on the ground Put your right foot forward and don't turn around Don't give up and don't step down But there must be something I forgot

What You Want Never Comes When You Want It

Move on down to the river Where the sunbeams smile Green pastures rolling gently No more thoughts to fight If you see her won't you tell her What's on my mind Don't try playing games of fortune When you're living life

What you want never comes when you want it There's a heart I've got to free But it won't unlock

Open windows breathe in summer The warmth of the air Mountain highways start unfreezing Where my love walked so fair I should never have tried to change things That forced me to compare All that mattered was her love And now I'm lost without a prayer

What you want never comes when you want it There's a heart I've got to free But it won't unlock

Serenades that I've been singing Thinking that I understood But all the words I could put together Never really did much good I've been ramblin' to keep things movin' But it's all still outside There's just no use in beautiful fakin' I feel like I'm dead alive

What you want never comes when you want it There's a heart I've got to free But it won't unlock Many faces pass my doorway While I sit and shuffle within But my cards they have no numbers I just don't know how to begin I heard it said there's gonna be a time Ships and trains will come to call So I'll just gaze into the haze And wait for something to fall

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Scared Sacred

Scared sacred Trapped without chains Playing with the words I saved For these kind of days In the silence in the rain

Scared sacred There's something that I've got to know Was I only born to go When everything feels like stone And I find I can't live alone

Scared sacred When I think I'm lost Workin' out the cost Of staying or travelin' across Oh please let it all turn to dust

Scared sacred There's somehow I gotta see Instead of always beng deceived Or forever take my leave And sleep in someone else's dream

Yeah uh-huh

Lose my mind in a greenhouse Blow my heart in a redhouse Lose my mind in a greenhouse Blow my mind in a redhouse Lose my mind, lose my Lose my mind yeah heh heh heh Yeah heh hey yeah Whoah lose my mind

Born Naked

He was born naked After the raging flood As blind as a shadow A stranger in city clothes And he froze yes he froze

In the arms of a woman Was a distant refugee Wrapped in her sadness When she began to see Alone he could be free

Many times he would sit Broken at the river's edge An acorn set in rock Was the devil's parting gift To see it grow a futile wish

He was born naked After the raging flood As blind as a stranger A shadow in city clothes But he rose yes he rose

And he rose And he rose

Keep on rising yeah

Loco Lazy and Broken

Now that the planes are grounded Retreating from the sky Now as the bugle is sounded The soldiers can go back and cry

War was never worth it And the reasons were made up like rhyme But I'm not gonna sit and curse it But I don't believe it's the times

Cos I just don't believe in that lie No I just won't believe in that lie Well I just won't believe in that lie Well I just don't believe in that lie

Golden dreams of romance Transform the discordant play Into a rhapsody tomorrow Where all your love does wait

But I just don't believe in that day I just don't believe in that way No I just don't believe in that day And I just don't believe in that way Well I'm loco In the spring of life When everything is new Fish in the seas and birds in the trees Didn't have to think about the truth

I's a free-flying boy But you know I'm grounded now I's a free-flying boy But you know I'm grounded now Wooo

Well I'm lazy Starting to learn There's something I'm s'posed to become It's not so simple as you might've thought When you were very young

I's a free-flying boy But you know I'm grounded now I's a free-flying boy But you know I'm grounded now

Well now I'm broken Always lookin' down There's nothin' that I wanna do I can't really laugh Or really feel sad Just staring back into my youth

I's a free-flying boy But you know I'm grounded now Well I was a free-flying boy But you know I'm grounded now

Tornado Hotel

Tornado Hotel The night is long but the day is bright From the shutters to the storm The dust has gathered It's piling up now at Tornado Hotel

Tornado Hotel There's ether in the air But you don't know from where So you go into a room Interrupting scenes that are only routines At Tornado Hotel

There is a bride and groom in the honeymoon And waiters on the stairs There is a restaurant with swinging doors Selling partridges, partridges in pears

Tornado Hotel First words you hear are peace and love It doesn't sound too well The next thing you know They'll hit you from above At Tornado Hotel

There are the bride and grooms On their honeymoons Waiters climbing the stairs There is a restaurant with swinging doors Selling partridges in pears

Tornado Hotel The night is long but the day is like Two shadows on a stone The dust lines gather they're piling up now At Tornado Hotel

La la la la la la la Tornado Hotel

Radio Lover

Well I guess the radio must be your lover Cos I remember when I once passed by We couldn't get it on with no other So I was being the one Who had to try

Yeah the leaves have fallen We trod them under But you can catch a glimpse of old sunlight It's caution dear that makes a fellow wonder Why he can never move from left to right

All along the road All along the road All along the road

You said you could never love another If only I would forget how to cry But the ceiling that you stay on Is too crowded And the basement that you sniff in Is too high

All along the road All along the road All along the road

I guess the radio must be your lover Cos I remember when I once passed by Yeah we couldn't get it on with no other So I was being the one who had to try

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