Rookie Dreaming

I was singin’ with the choir on the train,
I was a travelin’ man,
I did not yet have a name,
I was a 1960s movie,
I was a one night love story,
I was a you will never see me again.

I was movin’ too fast to see all the paintings in Paris,
Or the sunrise in Barcelona,
I was too broke, too shallow to dive deep,
Too busy carrying the weight of everything.

Young with nowhere to be,
But you can’t get far for free,
This ain’t no rookie dreaming,
This ain’t no rookie dreaming,

I was on the hunt for visions out of reach,
All those daydreamin’ mornings,
All the wishful goodnight thinking.
I have steered through every dark alley,
In hopes of a light at the end that I could see.

Young with nowhere to be,
But you can’t get far for free,
This ain’t no rookie dreaming,
This ain’t no rookie dreaming.

I am sitting all alone on this train
I am a passenger to somewhere,
I do not yet know the name.
I am a 1960s movie,
I am an unwritten story,
I am a when will I see you again?

Not The End

You’d sing to me sweetly in the northern morning light,
Old love ballads replaced the words you could not find.
I have loved you for so long, ever since that Fourth of July,
I knew I was in trouble then, when your eyes met mine.
Didn’t think it was possible to lose you again,
So won’t you hold me and tell me,
That this is not the end.
So many nights we’d spent, in our little basement room,  
A part of you became a part of me then, and I know you feel it too.  
I’m so far away now, in this empty hotel room,  
Trying to dream up every memory so I can feel closer to you.

Didn’t think it was possible to lose you again,  
So won’t you hold me and tell me,  
That this is not the end.

There’s beauty in the golden hills, and in the rolling sea,  
But beauty means nothing, when you are not with me.

Didn’t think it was possible to lose you again,  
So won’t you hold me and tell me,  
That this is not the end.  
Won’t you tell me that you love me?  
And that this is not the end.

Irene

Farewell, Irene, where your dreams are bound I just can’t tell,  
But we both know, Irene, they won’t come true at the bottom of a well.  
Gain some confidence, Irene, if you speak let your voice ring out,  
But keep your grace, Irene, Don’t go fallin’ in love with yourself.

You are a magnet, Irene,  
Sometimes good people draw troublesome things.

The heart is funny Irene, you can’t control who it wants to love,  
So let it love, Irene, man or woman, or anyone it wants.  
You dream of the north, Irene, well than that’s where you oughta be,  
But you gotta want it, Irene, don’t follow any path half-heartedly.

You are a magnet, Irene,  
Sometimes good people draw troublesome things.

How Quickly Your Heart Mends

Empty promises and a broken heart,  
Hiding in the bathroom of this bar,  
Crossing out your name in my mind,  
I’ll cross out yours, now that you’ve crossed out mine.

I can’t believe I got all made up,  
Put on this dress that you love,  
Only for you to go and pretend,  
Like all those years meant nothin’

So go on and forget,  
Act like we’ve never met,
Leave with your new friends,
How quickly your heart mends.

The jukebox is playin’ a sad country song,
For all the ugly Americans,
Now I feel like one of them,
Dancin’ alone and broken by the freedom.

Now, I’m all dolled up for any drunken fool,
Who thinks he can replace you,
Lucky I haven’t lost my self-respect,
Despite all you’ve done and all that you’ve said.

So go on and forget,
Act like we’ve never met,
Leave with your new friends,
How quickly your heart mends.

**Let the Good One Go**

Can I call you tonight?
I wanna know how you’ve been,
Have you been alright?
I’d be lying if I said you ain’t been on my mind.
They say a goodbye is a goodbye,
That my heart won’t ache,
All it will take is time,
But I’d like to think pain ain’t that black and white.

Oooh, you will know,
When you’ve let a good one go.

Where are you tonight?
Do you think of me when you close your eyes?
Do you wake up and reach for me by your side?
They say good things never die,
Well, if that’s true, than our love’s still alive,
If that’s true, than it’s safe to say it will never die.

Oooh, you will know,
When you’ve let a good one go.

**Honest Life**

All I’ve ever wanted was an honest life,
To be the person that I really am inside,

To tell you all the things that I did that night,
Sometimes it just ain’t easy to live an honest life.

All I’ve ever needed was a little time to grow,
A little time to understand all the things that I know,
So I can listen to you lovingly instead of getting up to go.
Some people take a little more time to grow.

Right when you have it all figured out,
Life comes to throw you another doubt,
But my head's up high, and I ain't got nothing but time,
To work at living an honest life.

All I've ever asked for was a way to understand,
All of life's lessons the best that I can,
How to be honest, how to be wise, and how to be a good friend,
Some things take a lifetime to fully understand.

Right when you have it all figured out,
Life comes to throw you another doubt,
But my head's up high, and I ain't got nothing but time,
To work at living an honest life.

**Table For One**

Table for one,

I've got no one I'm waiting on,

I just pulled into town an hour ago,
From the streets of Houston,
To this diner in Ohio,
I'm just waiting for the bar to open.

Cause I'm a little bit lonely,
A little bit stoned,
And I'm ready to go home,

You don't wanna be like me,
This life, it ain't free,
Always chained to when I leave.

Been dancin' with strangers,
Sleep in the van when the show's over,
I've been drivin' until I get tired.

Found peace in the Redwoods,
Lost it 20 miles later,

There is no tellin' which way this road bends.
Been wonderin' how you've been,
Hopin' things have gotten better,
Hope you've finally settled down in Washington.

Cause I'm a little bit lonely,
A little bit stoned,
And I’m ready to go home,

You don’t wanna be like me,
This life it ain’t free,
Always chained to when I leave.

**Put The Fire Out**

On this flight, gonna see my baby,
One last night, no more maybes,
I’ve made up this road-worn mind,

And I’m stickin’ around for a while this time.

I’ve seen enough, too much seein’,
I’ve lived it up, not enough sleepin’,
I’ve been up, I’ve been down,
I’ve been lost and I’m ready to be found.

Cause I am ready to put the fire out.
There’s a place for everything,
And I think I know mine now.

Heard a lot’s changed,
How’ve you been?
Heard you started laughin’ again,
Once I’m off this plane, I hope you’ll make,
A little time to laugh with me.

A few more hours, feels like forever,
Here’s my chance, I wanna get better,
I wanna pick up the phone and return your calls,
Tell you how much I love you all.

Cause I am ready to put the fire out.
There’s a place for everything,
And I think I know mine now.

Now that I’m off this plane I think I’m ready to stay,
I wanna live in the now, live for today,
Stop worryin’ about what’s gonna come,
Let my hair down, have a little bit more fun.

Now that I’m in town we should go dancin’,
Tell everyone we know, no need to plan it,
Hear the rock ’n’ roll at the Blue Moon Tavern,
I’m here for a while, no need to ask me if I’m goin’.

Cause I am ready to put the fire out.
There’s a place for everything,
And I think I know mine now.

**15 Highway Lines**

15 lines on a highway stretch,  
Is the amount of time it took to think of you.  
I've been there before and I'll be there again,  
I'm like a tethered ball you can never catch,  
You were my only friend.  

Time is taut, there is no way to bend  
It to way back when I knew you then,  
To you, all the love I send,  
From this long mile,  
From this passenger bed.  

Oooh, lonesome road,  
Teach me to run, back into the arms of my darling one.

14 days and a fever dream,  
Was all it took to wanna see me.  
The lover's card and some tea leaves,  
Was all it took to wanna be with me.  

But if fate is a dart that you throw at a map,  
Than you can't count on fate, you can count on that,  
Fate is the devil that made you my past,  
Fate loves and loses and never looks back.  

Oooh, lonesome bird,  
Teach me to fly, back into the arms of my sunshine.

13 hours 'til I see you,  
Flying all around this world so you can see me too.  
For once, this head has somewhere to lay,  
In the arms of my long lost honey babe,  

Time and fate,  
Oh, time and fate,  
Lay me in the arms of my honey babe,  
Lay me in the arms of my honey babe.

**Only in My Mind**

In my mind, there is a house,  
In a small forest grove,  
Made of cherry logs,  
And chimney smoke is always pourin' from the stove.  
In my mind, you're there sometimes,  
Dancin' with a glass of wine,  
Laughin' as I come to join you,
Under the dim living room light,
But it is only in my mind.

In my mind, love was easy
A dreamy happy ending,
Full of passion never fleeting,
Full of feeling and surprise.
In my mind, love was unchanging,
Every demand was worth meeting
Every bad day worth defeating,
Love made every wrong seem right,
But it was only in my mind.

In my mind, you forgave me,
For all of my mistakes,
For being sad and selfish,
For the loneliness I create.
In my mind, I got better,
I was more thoughtful of others,
Never judgmental or stubborn,
Always gracious, giving and kind,
But it was only in my mind.

In my mind, life was a road without any turns,
Every chance was given,
No hard lessons to be learned.
In my mind, I had the answers,
Every dream was within sight,
Every heartache could be mended,
Happiness came with time,
But it was only in my mind.
Yes, it was only in my mind.