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*Leuven Letters*

**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 nothing.

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

The jukebox is playing a sad country song,  
For all the ugly Americans,  
Now I feel like one of them,  
Dancing 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.

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Act like we've never met,  
Leave with your new friends,  
How quickly your heart mends.

**They Say**

They say that the heart is made of love and compassion,  
Romance and affection,  
Honest feelings.

But I've only know the heart to break and turn spiteful,  
Jealous and resentful,  
Calculated and cruel.  
How can I ever trust a heart through and through?

They say that the soul is made of adventure and self-awareness,  
That it's ageless yet timeless,  
That it hungers to be fed.

But I've only known the soul to trick me into thinking,  
That I should be constantly searching for the person that I am.  
How can I be sure the soul truly understands?
They say that the mind is practical and logical,
Reasoning and capable,
Of seeking out the truth.
But I’ve only known the mind to over-think and criticize,
Bring heart and soul to realize that life must go on,
Yes, maybe my mind was right all along.

Always Will

A goodbye to you ain’t an easy thing to do,
It always feels like it might be the last.
All the boxes in the attic, suitcase by the door,
Never know when I’ll be coming back.
But, I never asked you to wait,
Never expected you to stay,
Always wanted you to follow your own path.
Be who you want to be,
See what you’d like to see,
Kid, I’ll always have your back.

I love you baby, I love you still, I always have, and I always will.

I’ve drawn you in my memory,
Put your picture in a frame,
Forever how we used to be,
Forever unchanged,
With the good came the bad, and every feeling in between,
Every uneasy farewell,
And talk of being free.

But, I love you baby, I love you still, I always have, and I always will.

Near You

Man I miss the way you laugh,
Setting my head straight again.
Our walks haven’t changed, the barn’s still there,
The gate still sticks,
Guess I just didn’t know what to expect.

I’m glad you finally got your car out of the mud,
Now we can make plans for the bar,
Man I missed getting you to dance,
Getting you drunk enough to dance.

I’m not asking for the moon, or even the whole truth,
I don’t need to know everything about you,
I don’t need the purest spring, You can have eyes for anyone in the room,
I just want, just want to be near you.

Your cigarette was lit inside,
You were ready to go, ready for anything,
Ready for all those lonely nights.
I was ready to rip the ticket up,
Throw it in the street, so I didn’t have to leave,
Drive your damn car back in the mud.

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I don’t need to know everything about you,
I don’t need the purest spring, You can have eyes for anyone in the room,
I just want, just want to be near you.

**Lifetime Company**

You are always on my mind,
Like a dream, like a song that is right in time,
And when I can’t find the ground, well you just pull me back down,
You are the weight that keeps me around.

They say the road of life is long,
That it ain’t meant to be travelled alone,
So just come with me, and we’ll make it easy,
Won’t you be my lifetime company?

You are always on my side,
Always fair, always real, always honest, always kind,
And when I’m down on my luck, well you just pick me back up,
You have learned to carry the burdens of love.

They say the road of life is long,
That it ain’t meant to be travelled alone,
So just come with me, and we’ll make it easy,
Won’t you be my lifetime company?

**A Song For Amy Ross**

I remember you at The Grand Saloon, laughing with all your friends of the town,
When the sun had set, there was a quietness,
You said the music is what kept you around.
Well, there ain’t no music now,
Only the echo of your last sound.

Oh Amy, you were an angel even before death took you down,
I can still hear you singing for all the folks down in Bisbee town,
Oh Amy, if only they could all hear you now.

I won’t ever forget those adobe steps that led me up to your door.
When the sun it rose, it cast a shadow,
Outlined your pretty shape on the floor,
But I can’t see your shadow anymore,
So tell me, what is this sunrise for?

Oh Amy, you were an angel even before death took you down,
I can still hear you singing for all the folks down in Bisbee town,
Oh Amy, if only they could all hear you now.