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American Boy Lullaby

American Boy come sleep with me
Or at least come lay under the stars....boy
Time has been a good friend to us
But soon he will leave us wanting

American Boy have some faith
Some faith that all will be well....boy
Let's choose not to leave this place
Not run with hopes that our dreams will come true
Not run, run just to find
We keep on goin'

American Boy my heart is yours
But my mind...my mind is so weary
So tired and so weary, man
A jaded fool I've become,
Spirit broken, but continue to fight
Sold my soul, just to find....I'm still dying

Dying despite the things we're pursuing
New cars, more house
No time for just living
Is there value in just being human
Cuz' I'm not sure, the worlds always lookin'
Lookin' at what we got and what we're doin'
Lookin' at what we got and what we're doin'.....

American Boy let's stay right here
Find the peace in who and where we are....boy
Find the freedom of livin' in our own skin
Find the peace and freedom of....
no more wealth chasing

American Boy come sleep with me
Or at least come lay under the stars...boy.
Time has been a good friend to us
But soon he will leave....
Time will leave us wanting.

And I Will Not Cover Myself

And I will not cover myself As I listen to that which is you Of family of pancakes of loves lost There is a chill in the air But I will wait Your voice lulls me to peace And I wait I wait for the heat The heat that radiates from that which is you To penetrate that which is me Heat me all the way through My lips inspired My body responds too I give all that is me I give it back I give it back to that which is you

Are Ya' Doin' Alright?

I see you tryin'
To make each day a better day
But the world keeps draggin'
You down along the way

Get up Get out
Hit the line
Don't be led astray
Don't let the team down
Though your dreams
Slowly slip away

Are ya' doin' alright?
Are ya' doin' ok?
I couldn't help but notice
You're havin' a really bad day

Well, I ain't nobody
I ain't no one to you
But stranger to stranger
I hold my hand out for you
I hold my hand out for you

Spirit grounded
Wings been cut
You feel so small
Though you are tryin' to stand tall

Well no need to pretend Nothin' but aces in your deck Now find your game Play it the best that you can Someone will surely be there Be there to lend you a hand

Are ya' doin' alright?
Are ya' doin' ok?
I couldn't help but notice
You're havin' a really bad day

Well, I ain't nobody I ain't no one to you

But stranger to stranger
I hold my hand out for you
I hold my hand out for you

So, when your days are done And it all comes to an end What will people say Who will be your friends?

Songs unsung
Hopefully just a few
Don't leave this earth
Feeling wronged and blue
Take it from a stranger
Know this to be true
Smile and the world
Smiles back at you
Smile me and you
Together we will make it through
This stranger and you

Are ya' doin' alright? Are ya' doin' ok?

I couldn't help but notice You're havin' a really bad day

Well, I ain't nobody
I ain't nobody
I ain't nobody
I ain't nobody
I ain't no one to you
I still hold my hand out for you

Buried Treasure

You buried your treasure
Long before you were born
As you grew, it grew
Now it calls to you
It begs to be pulled from the ground

So with the tools of the world
Strapped firmly on your back
You set out to find it
Sure footed you have all that's needed
All that you once did lack

Soon the load becomes a burden You blame yourself You thought yourself strong enough Maybe you are worthy of this treasure

Pain and suffering lead to surrender
Suddenly it becomes clear
Maybe it's safe to leave some tools behind
Clearer still maybe leave behind some more
Dare leave behind all of this and that and still some more
Finally what little is left is shaken off
It disappears before reaching the ground

Though not one step taken
A million miles forward seems to have gone
At your feet there is a sparkle, a glittering shine
You gently brush away the dust
Thrilled to reveal the jewels, the gold, the diamonds you may find
So blinding is the light
You can barely see
You pause in dismay
Then you burst out in laugh

A mirror is what you buried long ago
The sun has been pointing to the treasure the whole time
Now you remember once again
You are the TRUE treasure

It has been you the entire time.

Drink The Sweet Waters

While artists, scientists, and madmen tinker with the magical and mystical universe through discovery, inspiration, and creation, the rest of us are wrought with thoughts pounded with time as we vasilate between feelings of pleasure and pain, joy and sadness, and hope and hopelessness. We are the unfortunate creatures that are unaware that our dreams play just above our finger-tips waiting for the turmoil of the material world to be still for just a moment so that the mind can draw the eye to its existence, its reality, its truth, and its attainability.

Instead we decide to forget the magical and mystical part of us that began materially as the size of a head of a pin. We choose with great strain and effort to avoid the sweet waters of self-realization and trade it for a mediocre existence otherwise known as guilt, and fear, and shame. At one time we must have allowed one drop of these waters down our gullets because there is a flame in us, though it be dull. We choose to allow our hearts to beat, but we also choose bondage for ourselves. A perplexing mix that results in behaviors peculiar, decisions eradic, conclusions confusing. If we would realize how simple our lives could be, we would not resort to these damning ways. We have opted for bondage over freedom and as we try to free our children we continue the bondage inheritance unknowingly on them. Drink with me the waters so that we may all be free.

Drunk In Thought

When I am drunk in thought of you
The air is velvety red with your scent
Embers burnish a stain on my heart
Essence of you seeps to my platelets
Still be that space of the internal unknown

The Universe heeds my longing
And you appear as an innocent unknowing
Summoned by the desire of my body to reach yours
My longing fulfilled
Not by the vision that is you
But the feeling that is you before you appeared

Empty Basin

When the basin of the mind is still All soup spilled out Is there value in that?

No conflict arises

No revelation dressed in guises

A lack of boredom

Just peaceful devizes

Is this the natural state? One of complete content? What does one strive for? What next to conquer?

Only the desire for others
To find the same within
To take to the outer
Bring to life truth in living

Go Home Sister Snow

Snowy little girl with your eyes ice blue you say a southern belle took your man And your pride too

You blaimed it on the heat You blaimed it on the land I say you should be blaimin' That no good cheatin' man

But go home sister snow Go home sister snow Go home where it drifts And the wind does blow

Go home sister snow Take your leave of this Silly old Lone Star show

Well Texas burned you once
It ain't fair but its true
But Texas Loved you
Even when the bonnets weren't blue

Sister snow we are kindred souls Tundra land ain't a stranger To me nor you

Dreaming of the Northern Lights
And those sun dogs too
Makes me think your right
Its probably true
There's somethin' about Texas
That Brings out the wild in you

So go home sister snow Go home sister snow Go home where it drifts And the wind does blow Go home sister snow
Go home sister snow
Take your leave of this
Silly old Lone Star show

Texas burned you once
It ain't fair but its true
But Texas loved you
Even when the bonnets weren't blue

Well the Uhaul's packed Got the kids in the car Your brother's makin' fun Of the southern drawl

Hope you make your peace
Hope your heart don't freeze
Leavin' here with the pain of
that man's bite and the scorpion sting

So go home sister snow Go home sister snow Go home where it drifts And the wind does blow

Go home sister snow Go home sister snow Take your leave of thiss Silly old Lone Star show

Well Texas burned you once It aint fair but its true But Someone in Texas still loves you Even though the bonnets aren't blue

Greens In The Kettle Gal

Don't come 'round here
In that Ferrari
No baby don't you dare
Want folks to look at only you
You want them to stop and stare

But I'm a greens in the kettle gal
Don't serve 'em in a dish
Greens in the kettle gal
That's how I keep 'em warm
Greens in the kettle gal
Tattoos up and down my back
Greens in the kettle gal
Drinkin' Tecate on the porch

I see you smilin' at me boy With those unatural shiny whites Why your soul speaks to me boy You ain't livin' your life right

Cuz I'm a greens in the kettle gal
Don't serve em in a dish
Greens in a kettle gal
That's how I keep 'em warm
Greens in the kettle gal
Tattoos up and down my back
Greens in the kettle gal
Drinkin' Tecate on the porch

I give up boy
Get over here
Take off those fancy clothes
I'll show you what a real man wants
I serve it spicy with a lot of love

I'm a greens in the kettle gal Don't serve 'em in a dish Greens in the kettle gal That's how I keep 'em warm Greens in the kettle gal Tattoos up and down my back Greens in the kettle gal Drinkin' Tecate on the porch

Hips Sway

Not the harsh sunshine
Cast soft dusk ambers instead
Brow furroughs not be shown
Let only clarity be read
Sway. Just sway

Close your eyes now Sway Let your mind wander now Hips Sway Let your mind wander Hips Sway Sway

And like the road
That tells of no fatalities
Let me fool you one more time
Nievete travels smooth-Just fine
When you're with me
Sway Just sway

Close your eyes now Sway Let your mind wander now Hips sway Let your mind wander Hips Sway Sway

Let the sweet of my lips
Linger on your finger tips
Longer than the rational of time
Not trying to keep you
Not trying to make you mine
Sway. Just sway

Close your eyes now Sway Let your mind wander now Hips Sway Let your mind wander

Hips Sway Sway

So when the night shadows
No longer move my way
Persuaded you can not be
Not even one more day
Impaled I will not be
Instead retreat to mountain tops
To face the sky and say
Remember how we used to sway

I Do Not Know

I do not know who I am
I do not know why I'm here
I do not know why I do what I do
or who I am or why I'm here
I only know it's out of love

It's out of love It's out of love It's out of love

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or who we are or why we're here
I only know it's out of love

It's out of love It's out of love It's out of love

So when you're pretty little eye
Looks up to the sky
To make that wish
Do not ask why
Just try
It's from your heart
It's your deepest desire

It's out of love

It's out of love It's out of love

I'M Gone

I'm Gone
So don't look for me here or there
I'm flyin through the air
Doves callin' me by name
Mountain springs run through my veins

But you don't see it that way Holdin' on to the past that's yesterday Walkin' in the dark you will see There's no light that leads to me

So hold on to your dreams babe Let your body sleep babe I'll find you in your peace I promise you will see me there You will see me there

But I'm gone
So don't look for me here or there
My heart and soul are everywhere
We can mingle in tree tops
Or down in the canyon rocks

But you don't see it that way HOldin' on to the past that's yesterday Walkin' in the dark you will see There's no light that leads to me

So hold on to your dreams babe Let your body sleep babe I'll find you in your peace I promise you will see me there You will see me there

But I'm gone
So don't look for me here or there
I've been callin' out your name
But you only listen to the pain
It's a place I know no more

So Stop!

See that I am the sand between your toes
The new freckle on your nose
Snowflake upon your tongue
Every song you've ever sung

The funny penguin in the zoo babe
The part of the ocean that makes it blue babe
The cold and wet autumn air
So I can be your blanket and your chair

Feel me everywhere babe And I'll find you in your peace babe I promise you will see me there You will see me there

But until that day dawns babe, I'm Gone

Let The Blood Rush Out

Midday I lay
Here in the dark
Fever rages
Extinguish no
Will not cool down

Try to run
Try to hide
Can not as the danger
Steeps deep inside

Finally clear
What must be done
Extreme but less than
The damage already done.....

So open up my heart Let the blood rush out Spill out what's left of you So I can start anew

Rewire all my cells
So they'll forget your touch
Send the ether of your scent
Out of my burning lungs

Let my eyes stop seeking
And be blind to your face
My lips to stop wanting
Just one more sweet and salty taste

Keep my hands from trying To hold you in my arms My body from aching Each time I hear your name

Wash my brain from thinking Your song is the only one My spine from breaking Under the absense of your lust

Let not one hair upon my head Know the pleasure nor the pain Of the pulling on my heart And the pushing of the same

And when it's done
All blood run out
Finally cured
My soul will rise
Free of the fire
That burns in vain for you

Photos Of The Mind

What's never been recorded
In the history of time
Are the moments of pure joy
Kept as photos of the mind
The blessings of these thoughts
Are pulled at will to ponder
To warm the aching heart
In those lonely times

So the photos of the baby
They don't tell the whole story
Printed on the failing paper
Doomed to dust over time
They don't show the love of the mama
As she stands behind the camera
Smiling at her child
Watching him in delight

Reason would surely tell you
That the baby becomes a young boy
As he learns and discovers
No longer is it the face of the mama
But a toy that makes him smile

So the photos of the baby
They don't tell the whole story
Printed on the failing paper
That will be doomed to dust over time
They don't show the love of the mama
Of whom smiles behind the camera
Smiling at her child
Watching him in delight

The glory of the story continues
A teen then into a young man
Not the mama's smile nor a toy can be given
Instead a pretty girl meets his new demands
As he stares into her eyes
The camera's shutter clicks to capture

The love that's in their hearts

So the photo's of the baby
They don't tell the whole story
Printed on the failing paper
That will be doomed to dust over time
They don't show the love of the mama
Of whom stands behind the camera
Smiling at her child
Watching him in delight

Don't be a fooled this is not the end
For you only begin again from where you start
This woman and the son bring another baby
Made from the sincerity in their hearts
More pictures for the mind
Encased forever to add to those been taken
To add more warmth to the new grandma's heart

So the photo's of the baby.....

Sands Sift Between My Toes

If Fairy Dust could be sprinkled Across the sands of time It would undo all the harms I've done To you and

To those and Still to more of whom I do not know

But the fairies must have gone Along with their magical dust Instead of beaching under me The sands drift over, around, and above

Grains gritting against my desperate pleas
I beg for them to take me
To the past
To the future
Unwilling, they say
It is here
Where I must stay

So here I have been left
To stand in stagnant air
Of guilt, of fear, of shame
Hand smacked each time I dare
To start life again with disengenuous flare

But blame the dust and sands I can't Nor guilt, nor fear, nor shame They are simply being true To their birth, to their task, to their work

Inspired by these forces I too must be true to

Whomever I am... or am not...
Or wish to...or wish not to be
In short, I must believe I add value

In short, I must believe I add value Just by me being me

As I think it, I can say it

As I say it, I can... Reach out one more time Eyes squinting recalling past smacks in my mind

This time mayhem does not make its way
No punishments doled
Despite the genuine truth be told
In its place a hearty laugh comes from the unknown,
'Go on about your life creature, for now you know.'

Suddenly, a quick of energy
Burst the black out of my soul
Leaving room for the dust of gods to enter
Waiting in ether for my true self to show

At this blessed moment
The sands of time stood still and fell
Allowing refuge from the pain
A flash of Self-Revelation
Joy be known

'Bless each tiny grain, ' as Sands Sift Between my Toes.

She Doesn'T Want

Well, she doesn't want
What he's got anymore
She packed up her stuff
And walked right out the door

He stands alone
With his heart on the floor
It burns so bad
But it doesn't leave a scar

Cuz he pulled the knife from his back Got into his car Shed the last lonely tear As he drove down to the pier with a beer

As he gazed upon the water My heart went pitter patter

I said hey there boy
I think you got what I need
His eyes got all big
So I think he agreed

Now I'm his boo And he's my man We love eachother so It was like it was planned

So when fate steps in Kicks you in the head Its Gonna burn Gonna sting Gonna bring something new that's good for you

So when she doesn't want What you got anymore Help her back her things Nicely open up the door

Let your heart fall

Feel empty inside Then get in your car Open up your eyes

I'm waitin' for you boy So let me inside

So she doesn't want what you got anymore.....

She Would Stand

Walkin' down life's little path
Brush and breeze along the way
She didn't notice the years go past
As she lived her life with grace
Like makin the sun go up and down
Makin the world go round and round
Or keep it from slippin' away

She would stand with the weight of the world on her shoulders While others danced around her way
She would stand amidst the grief and the heartache
So others could fall apart for just one day
And she would stand in the shadow of glory
She would stand in the wind and the rain
Stand on a triumphant day
She would stand for me
She would stand for you
She would stand. She would stand.

Some say she was nieve to believe
Love could conquer all her needs
Mundane hours turned to sand and blow away
Dreams came true at a distance
Mountain streams were not her source
River waters she dared to carry
Freedom to those who walked only in the dark

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Stand in the sun of a triumphant day
She would stand for me
She would stand she would stand

Well, what happened to that little path Seems she's lost her way That spinning globe that spun above Seems to have spun away

So light the load, she is confused
Only she is left to be served
So in front of God she stands today
He smiles at her, his beautiful work
The cup that runneth over he gives to her
As they walk together the rest of the way

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She would stand for you
She would stand she would stand

Sneed Powerful Woman

Sneed is a powerful woman Cuz more love her Than she loves back

We sit out on the porch Laughin' at the stories She does tell

She says Hmmmmm
Jesus will heal it all
She says Hmmmmm
It's our job to be strong

Though poverty and inequality Were the things she had to bear

She said God was on her side That joy was hers And that was more than fair

She says Hmmmmm
Jesus will heal it all
She says Hmmmmm
It's our job to be strong

Well to church with her I won't too much Cuz I mostly roll my eyes

I think the power she has is hers And it's way deep down inside.

But she says Hmmmmm Jesus will heal it all She says Hmmmmm It's our job to be strong

Argue with her I never will

Cuz lose I surely would

Do your best To do your best The prize is welcome arms from her

Then she'll say: Hmmmm Jesus will heal it all She says Hmmmmm It's our job to be strong

It's our job to be strong

Spoon Of Life

Let the spoon of life sit gently on my hand. Show me the proper hold.

Guide my grasp so that I understand how to dip and scoop The golden knowledge my mind and body yearns to behold

May not one drop be lost as it is brought to my lips It is all so precious- the sweet, the bitter, the bold.

Might the flesh inhale the juices freely and without judgement As it provides the energy and information for inspirations untold

Let it be clear that it is not the taste of discovery
But of remembering that brings comfort to my cradled heart
As it rejoins me with my soul

The stab of hunger's loneliness never to return
As this source is ever replenishing and endless
Though its bounty can not be harvested, bought, or sold

Grace be upon me now, for now I know
That the spoon of life is always in front of me
And I promise as I grasp to never let go of its hold.

The Horses Are Coming

Lynette was a beautiful baby A true joy to her ma and pa Free from original sin she was The whole family was in awe

She was loved loved loved She was loved loved loved

One day she woke with fever
There was snow and wind and cold
The car was stuck at the end of the drive
To the doctor they could not go

She was loved loved loved She was loved loved loved

Quick hook-up the team and the sleigh
By horse she'll surely make it
Quick hook-up the team and the sleigh
Let's take some time to say how much truly we love you

She was loved loved loved She was loved loved loved

Manes a flyin' tales a whippin'
The horse's plowed right through
Muscles a bulgin' and hides a sweating
Let's take some time to say how much we truly love you

She was loved loved loved She was loved loved loved

Well by horse they surely made it
By horse they surely did
By horse they surely told 'em
There was nothing they could do for her

But she was loved loved loved She was loved loved loved

She was loved loved loved She was loved loved loved

Well, for all those ma's and pa's out there Who've lost their little ones This songs not about a child dying But of her parent's love

She was loved loved loved She was loved loved loved She was loved loved loved

One day on earth is just the same as one year, fifty or a hundred The only difference my friends Is in the love you're givin' and receivin'

Love love love Love love love Love love love

Hold on Lynette the horses are coming Let's take some time to say how much we truly love you

These Tears In My Eyes

These tears in my eyes
Create the sparkle
On waters from sun drenched skies
Give way to a miarage of white birds
Feverishly flapping before flight
To sizzling static of tinsle dazed electric persuasion
Making its way up the shore line
Entering my slumped body
My lungs take in the breathe of inspiration
My mind wonders of new paths to be taken

These tears are not my pain
These tears I do not disdain
These tears are a tool of the soul
These tears bring me back to feeling whole
It is the choice me and my soul have taken

Those Among You

Oh land of poverty
There are those among you
Sent for your healing
Do not shut their mouths
Do not shut your ears
A luxury you can not afford
They speak your language
And another that you not know
There are those among you
They understand your disease
Deny them not their birth
The courage to believe
The prize is your salvation
Oh land of poverty please

Touched You Today

I reached out and touched you today Could've been led astray With all the troubles on my brain

But you said
'Hey lonely girl, come on over here
Let me wash all that away'
Took a chance and it worked out for me today
It worked out for me today

Didn't know it could be this good
Didn't know you understood
Didn't see the surprise
Didn't know it could feel this good inside
Took a chance and it worked out for me today
It worked out for me today

I reached out and touched you today Could've been led astray With all the troubles On my brain

But you said
'Hey lonely girl, come on over here
Let me wash all that away.'
Took a chance and it worked out for me today.

Didn't know love worked for me this way
Didn't know it was here to stay
Didn't know even though I prayed
Took a chance and it worked out for me today

I reached out and touched you today Could've been led astray With all the troubles On my brain

But you said 'Hey lonely girl, come on over here

Let me wash all that away.'

Took a chance and it worked out for me today.

Didn't know I could let go of fear
Didn't know guilt could be sent away
Didn't know shame wasn't meant to stay
Took a chance and it worked out for me today
It worked out for me today

I reached out and touched you today Could've been led astray With all the troubles On my brain

But you said
'Hey lonely girl, come on over here
Let me wash all that away.'
Took a chance and it worked out for me today.

Wants It All

I walk into a club
All the boys heads spin 'round
Their tongues start hangin'
As they look me up and down
They don't know it but I know it
Special pieces favorite parts
I say it like the colonel
They're all finger lickin'good for your
Precious little hearts

Cuz you you you like the thick in my thighs
And you you you like the bouncy in my booty
And you you you like the juicy in my boobies
Then there's the nape in my neck
And the curve in my side
The sway of my hips
And the ocean in my eyes
But I'm lookin' for the man
Who wants it all
Gotta have it all
Come get it all

It's true I can't deny it
I keep it tight and right
so that you will have to fight
Fight for the right
To come with me tonight
so we can ride it
Ride it all night
Take your time make it right
Make it right tonight

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Then there's the nape of my neck
And the curve in my side
The sway of my hips
And the ocean of my eyes

But I'm lookin' for the man Who wants it all Gotta have it all Come get it all

So when I lay me down
When you lay me down
Keep it movin' all around
Let's wake up the whole damn town
I think you've found
You like a little bit of all of me
So all of you
All of you
Come get a little bit of all of me

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And you you you like the bouncy of my booty
And you you you like the juicy of my ooey
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And the ocean of my eyes
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Who wants it all
Gotta have it all
Come get it all

Warrior And Snow Princess

My Warrior
Stealth and Sleak
Body tense and ready
Spear swift and steady
Conquering all material forms
Enemies forlorn

Your Snow Princess
Sits in wait on the throne won for me
Body gentle and warm
Eyes all knowing and calm
Masters the art of peace
Heals the human heart when battle worn

My Warrior
One day you will not return to me
That day the throne won will cease to be
And I will soon die after thee
To the light we will return to be
For awhile to linger and to be free
Then we will come back again you will see
To play the drama again you and me
Just as it has been for all of eternity

Behind the curtain we will watch and see The love story I create for you and you for me As one we will always be

The dance the same forever to be My Warrior
Always wins for me
And I Your Snow Princess
Heals the wounds of war for thee

You Stir In Your Sleep Sweet Child

You stir in your sleep sweet child Spraying venom in your dreams Though you summon me to you sweet child It is here where I must wait

Travel to where you are I can not
It is no longer where I stay
My home it never was
Nor yours as you will see when you wake

You stir in your sleep sweet child Spraying venom in your dreams If only you knew I am unable to be pierced Maybe you would refrain

I will miss you sweet child
Until from your nightmare you awake
I will stand by you still
In the land of the truth I will wait
In the land of God's will for you sweet child
So worthy you are there is no choice but to wait

You Were Not Standing There

A veil of mystery slid down my back then to the floor Showing your one blind eye how to see

Desire spun around
Intention caught up in its wind
A kindling of dark matter sparked
Passion became the fire
Its burning ether breathed me in

I reached out to pull you into Heaven To be free....for just a little while

But as the mist cleared You were not standing there