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A Different Direction

Once I was asked for just some affection
to lay down beside just to hold and comfort
I said no it was a pretense to get me to let go

Then I was asked didn't I ever want just affection
I said no I wanted love and love was in another direction
your expression of pain and sorrow hurt as you softly said
and what of tomorrow

I walked away glade to get away
and never thought about tomorrow
until today for today is that tomorrow
and oh how just a little affection now
would take away so much sorrow

So now in my pain as I long for affection
I remember when I chose a different direction.

Steven Sabathie

A Different Kind Of Wealth

Hey girl - Yeah you so pretty and sweet
I've been where you're going
and I've met all the people you're going to meet

I knew the love and the wealth
and how to command the power of the street
I knew the thrill of danger
and the fear that comes
when you become one of the negative elite

Hey girl - There's a woman you hide
she knows the truth from a lie
and It's her I'd like to walk with
to talk with to lay down beside

But I know the power of the girl
and no matter who I am
she will determine her woman's world

Still, if I didn't try
I wouldn't be true to myself
girl if you want I can show your woman
a different kind of wealth

Steven Sabathie

A Memory Of Love For Me

I hope you find all the dreams you're looking for
and so much more
I hope you find a new love to keep you warm
and make you strong

And I hope you find one day
a memory of love for me
just a memory of love for me

I hope you lose all the pain
yes you were right
it was insane

And I hope you find a way
to hide your scars
but at least your not behind these bars

I hope you find one day
a memory of love for me
just a memory of love for me

Steven Sabathie

A Song for You

Nicole I need to write a song for you
I don't know exactly why
my songs have been of other women lately
but it's for you my ballads cry
it's you I seek in every woman I meet
even after all this time

Nicole I need to write a song for you
and as I do I can see you
I remember all the times you cried
I remember your pain
all because you tried to get inside
a music man looking for his fame

I know you think I've finally found my fame
but all I did was change the game
you know I live on the edge of life
and that's the knife that keeps me sane

Nicole as I write this song for you
I know I'd hurt you once again
if I could only write another song
or this one with a different end

Nicole this song was written just for you
if I could change or ever do
I'd hold you tight and love you every night
Nicole you're the best and only wife I ever knew.

Steven Sabathie

Apollo Speaks

Athena, are you leaving to honor the pledge
when Zeus promised Hades you would pay his debt
will you dance at his court
take food from his flesh
will you burn helpless victims
and give sacrifice to death

Athena fair Goddess do not despair
for you will have my aid
and there are others who care
together we will find you in the tunnels of hell
and then separately we will come to you
with cool water and magic spells
with tales from Olympus and memories that wish you well

Athena I love you even more than I am a God
so I defy the wrath of almighty Zeus's rod
for Apollo's heart burns with more than sun fire
the heat of passion flows through my veins
and my need to be a champion can not be contained

So I defy my fathers order and his royal decree
for the heart that beats within is my only majesty
let the sun go dark
and let the clouds rule the day
Apollo will have his woman
even if hell be the price to pay

Steven Sabathie

Are You With Her Now

Every time I look into your eyes
I see her face
and every time I hold you close
you feel so far away

Tell me that I'm wrong
tell me that you love me
it's been so long

Are you with her now
oh no are you with her now

Steven Sabathie

Beth

Beth when I knew you
I gave you all my love
but Beth when I knew you
love wasn't what I was made of

These words are to say I'm sorry
after all these years
but Beth I know I helped you
I made you laugh
I took away your tears

And just, just for a while
for a moment we danced
and as we danced you were a child
so free in my dreamers romance

My love was in my dreams
I really wasn't there
but Beth oh Beth my darling
I really always cared

Well Beth I'm still a dreamer
but today I'm also real
If I could only find you
I wonder what would you feel

Beth if you ever think of me
would you ever think of coming back
Beth once I knew you
and I'll always cherish that.

Steven Sabathie

Beverly

Beverly
don't leave me now my Beverly
running far away won't set us free
If you care as you say you do
then talk to me

Tell me of your hurt
and work with me
honey I feel what you're going through
the pain it takes to love another
when you try to love forever

Beverly I know you hear me
‘cause I see
that deep inside you're crying too
and in our tears we can discover
what we need to help each other

Beverly let me hold you close
let some time go by so we can see
the future we know is right

Oh stay with me
and together we'll be family
sharing all our secrets through the night
we'll build our love with honesty to last for all eternity

Beverly touch your lips to mine babe tenderly
giving all we have so openly
we can overcome our fears
and make love last forever Beverly.

Steven Sabathie

Bikers Have Dreams

Look at my brothers in my rear mirror
living free riding strong
we roam the land together

Bikers have dreams and they live in the sun

Two wheels gliding down the road with grace
but if you try your car will never win the race
long hair blowing as the wind goes by
breathing free air Just living to die

Bikers have dreams and they live in the sun.

Steven Sabathie

Bikers Song

It's still a little cold out baby
It's still too cold to ride
It's still a little cold out baby
but we can take the bikes outside

Lets roll out the cycles and gas them
I want to hear those engines roar
check out the forks and the tires
and polish the chrome some more

Let's get ready for Sturgis
and that famous Harley Toy Run
soon we'll be out and riding
on our bikes back in the sun.

Steven Sabathie

Children I Am Calling You

Children, children
children I am calling you
don’t be scared don’t be sad
all the fears won’t hurt you

You’ve come so far
so you’ve got some scars
but you have grown into your own
don’t look back just press your attack
all the dreams will come true

Once they said you would never walk
once they said you would never talk
once they said life would pass you by
but they didn’t know how you would try

And you showed them all
you’d just get up when you’d fall
you tasted life and you gave it your all

You made me proud
I wanted to shout out loud
Look at my kids look at what they did

But you said no
you said let it go
‘cause time moves on and you move so slow

Children, children
children I am calling you…

Steven Sabathie

Cocaine

Peeking out the window and feeling the pain
of paranoia and psychosis as it starts again
Cocaine

At first it's full of love and beautiful things
but soon you find you're left with only horrible dreams
from Cocaine

In the 60’s you snorted with long hippie hair
now you smoke it or shoot it ‘til you’re scared
of Cocaine

Snort it - smoke it - or Shoot from a gun
the truth is all you ever do is chase it and run
to Cocaine

Now you’re on the street and living in Hell
and you can’t remember when you were ever well
and just before death you stop with a smile
until the boredom and the pressure change your legal life style
back to Cocaine

So peek out the window and feel the pain
of paranoia and psychosis as it starts again
Cocaine

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Command With Just A Kiss

Recently I asked
let me get near you
and now that you have
I’m beginning to fear you

'cause I’ve been in love before
and each time I felt there could never be anything more

All the girls who loved me
even as they became women
they loved me beyond reason
they loved me beyond opinion

And the last of these women told me a truth
that she and her love belonged to my youth
and never again would I know love like this
never again would I command with just a kiss

Steven Sabathie

Do You Ever Remember…

Do you ever remember
that time one September
when two people met
and one could not forget

Do you ever remember
that time one November
when two people touched
and one could not trust

Do you ever remember
that time one December
when love said goodbye
and love didn’t know why

And if you remember
do you ever just wonder
what would have happened to September
if it made through the cold of December

When I could have loved you
like I’ve never loved anyone
when I could have loved you
like I want to love someone.

Steven Sabathie

Do You Want To Love Me

Yesterday when we touched
you asked if we could just be friends
and that meant I had to pretend
I didn't love you

But after all this time
it was you who called me
saying I was on your mind
and you were spending time thinking of me

Do you want to love me

Steven Sabathie

Eyes With The Colors Of Skies

From the moment we met
it was your eyes
I could not forget

I saw colors in your eyes
the colors an artist would use
to paint a canvas called skies

In eyes that seemed blue
I found the colors of rain
and a summers morning dew

Silver shades of gray
mixed in the blue with splashes of gold
how could I ever forget you

Steven Sabathie

Grandfather

Grandfather, Grandfather
show me the way this little boy is so scared today
life is so big and I am so small
grandfather you seem to know it all

You've lived a long time and you are so wise
grandfather I trust you, you tell me no lies
I'm filled with your love and I see all your good
oh grandfather, grandfather if only I could
know what you know and be as you are
then surely for me life would shine like a star

With tears in his eyes he looked at me

and said grandson, my grandson if this could only be
but I am a guide and though I stand by your side
your life is for you to learn and too grow
and then God willing someday, someday you'll know
that your fear is from you and you are the one
who will make yourself happy or completely undone

Well we walked on and talked on for many a year
and now that he's gone I still feel him near.

Steven Sabathie

Hazel Eyes

Hazel eyes
I see behind your disguises
and yet hazel eyes
I seem to be as blind as
a fool in love or a dream a child dreams of

'cause in those hazel eyes
when I look deep into them
I see a fires fury
and a rage that makes a thunder

But in those Hazel eyes
I can see inside the fire
A girl sitting there
enchanting sweet with much desire – hazel eyes.

Steven Sabathie

How To Tell You

There are some things that I want you to know
but I need to know how to tell you

And there are some things that I've just got to say
but I need to know how to tell you

Should I tell you the truth should I take a chance
should I run the risk of another romance

Should I believe it when I hear you say
You understand me and my maddening ways

There are some things that I want you to know
but I need to know how to tell you.

Steven Sabathie

I Am God

I am God, God is me
and that is all there is too be

Simply put there is only one
but simply one isn’t fun

And what is fun but an earthly joy
yet who am I but an earthly boy

So what is one if it isn’t fun
simply put one is none

I am God, God is me
and that is all there is too be.

Steven Sabathie

I Found The Pooh Missing Too

Christopher Robin I was looking for you
but when I searched through your stories
I found the Pooh missing too

Where did you go
or maybe it's me
have I grown too old
for a child's fantasy

Tell me of pirates
and an elephant that flies
tell me Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer can't die
tell me the stories of my youth are not gone

Oh Tinker Bell ask Peter
can I come along?

Steven Sabathie

I Had It Made

I always thought when I got out of school I would conquer the world
I had a lot of strength and I had my good looks and a beautiful girl

I had it made - That's what they said - I had it made

I went for a job I said I'd work hard if they'd give me a chance
they said they would but I'd better be good or they'd get rid of me fast
well the job was okay and so was the pay it started going my way
I married the girl we brought some kids into the world
and they're all grown up today

I had it made - That's what they said - I had it made

Now you're wondering what these words are about there about a big lie
about a good neighbor a Sunday church goer
a man who makes other men die…

Steven Sabathie

I Know I'm Losing You

Oh baby I know I'm losing you
we're drifting apart but what can I do

I've tried all I can but it ain’t enough
and you've tried all you could so baby should
we say goodbye

We had fun in the sun while the weather held
but then storms and the rain drove us straight to hell

I want to run far away
oh baby do you hear what I say
I want to run far away - I want to run far away.

Steven Sabathie

I’ve Never Felt This Strong About Love

You just spent the night
and now with daylight
it’s time once again to say goodbye

In a boulevard café
with croissants on the way
the sun caught the colors in your eyes

Back in my room
the scent of your perfume
lingers on my bed

But more than perfume
is a fragrance that’s you
on the pillow where you laid your head

And tonight when I sleep
that pillow will be mine
and I’ll dream about us and good times

I’ve never felt this strong
about love before
and I never met someone
I wanted so much to adore.

Steven Sabathie

Inside I'm Crying Too

Outside the rain is falling
inside I'm crying too
I can't believe it's over now
our love is really through
you left this 'morn when we were torn
about exactly what to do

The 6 a.m. alarm goes off
but you're not there to hold me
I wonder how your day begins
and like mine does it end so lonely.

Steven Sabathie

It’s time to go home

It’s time to go home
I’m sick and alone
I’m out on the street
no shoes on my feet

I’ve been here a long time
drinking this cheap wine
and now while I’m dying
still no one hears me crying

But once I was like you
I had a dream too
I saw myself blessed with love and wealth
but somehow I got lost
and I got double crossed
by a world that’s cold
in a story that’s old

But that’s not an excuse
no that’s just the reason
so with this last sip of wine
I’ll fade with the season

Steven Sabathie

It's So Nice To Be Home

Isn't it nice to be home again
sitting around the fire with family and friends
isn't it nice to be home again
it's so nice to be home

My little daughter's sleeping
and the boy is all right
my wife is so lovely
I'll love her tonight
looking out the window at a new moon’s light
it's so nice to be home

I took old Blue out hunting on a Saturday
we didn't get home until the middle of May
a freaky winter storm went and blocked our way

Old Blue he kept me thinking and a talking 'bout you
and when Blue got down
I’d talk about Bobby and Sue
together we did what we had to do
to get back home to you
It's so nice to be home.

Steven Sabathie

I've Learned So Much

It's been so long since I've seen you
or felt your touch
and now I know my wife
it was I who learned so much

From the times that we fought
and the anger we shared
from the times we held each other close
and knew the other cared
I've learned so much

No I didn't think our five years
would leave me anything
but now I see I'm more complete
and I still have my dreams

And of women you taught me
how they are different from men
And today I can honestly say
I have women that are friends
I've learned so much

And of my new love
when she enters my life
she will benefit too
from my marriage to you
thank you my wife
I've learned so much.

Steven Sabathie

Missing You

Baby I need to talk to you
I need to set the record straight
you think I've been stepping out on you
but you're the only one I date

Baby I'm missing you
are you missing me too

enclosed you'll find a single white rose
this rose knows I've been true
and if you look close inside
you'll also find one of my tears there too

Baby I'm missing you
are you missing me too.

Steven Sabathie

Oh Romeo

Oh Romeo
You've gone and done it again
broken another girls heart
made an enemy out of a friend

Oh Romeo
Your story is always the same
ever since you were a boy
you played love like it was a game

And Oh Romeo
Your good looks are partly to blame
the world is always chasing you
and that's your claim to fame

But Oh Romeo
the fault's all yours in the end
you never took a look around
and found the meaning of being a friend

Oh Romeo
you've gone and done it again
broken another girls heart
made an enemy out of a friend

Steven Sabathie

Once I Was

Once I was young and I was free
once I was young I knew of harmony

And now I’m older but not very old
still it's happened to me the same story they told

Of life in the fast lane and dreams that have gone
days of routine and nights that drag on

Of being in debt and knowing cold sweat
living in compromise and dying inside

And even though I was warned of this fate
I still took the devil out for a date.

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Once I Was A Hero

Once I was a hero
Once I was a villain
Once I was a lover
Once I was a slave

And I remember feeling
there would never be a healing
I remember thinking
I'll take it to my grave

When the hero became the villain
and then villain became the lover
until the lover discovered the slave.

Steven Sabathie

Others Sins

Fair thee well – Fair thee well
fair thee well young men

Off to war – off to die
off to hell young men

Say your prayers dream your dreams
as this night begins

Tomorrow you fight for the right
and for others sins

Steven Sabathie

Prison Song

So long
I've been away from you for so very long
I was wrong
so they put me in here
but baby I've been strong
because I know you’re waiting for me
your letters fill my need
I'm so hungry

And angry
I used to be so angry at this whole dame world
until you showed me
what could happen to a guy with the love of a girl
so baby don't you cry any more
the day will come and they'll unlock this door

Then I'll be home
and neither of us will ever be alone
because I have grown and now I know
what you've have always known
about our family and home.

Steven Sabathie

Rap Song

I put the bullet in the gun
I put the gun up to your head
I pull the trigger and your dead
and the blood is red
now you heard what I said…

Steven Sabathie

Rosa Rita Beach in Mexico

Oh Rosa Rita my gold senorita
my heart is one with you now
I never should have left you
I should just accept you
I'm ready too love you now

When I was a small boy
and you were my world
you showed me the real joy
of your special world
Oh Rosa Rita you gave me what nothing else could

And now as a grown man
I find that's it's your sand
that calls to my tired feet
oh when did I leave you
and where did I run to
what I thought was bitter was sweet

Oh Rosa Rita my gold senorita
I'm ready too love you now.

Steven Sabathie

Sailing Through Bad Weather

I am sailing through bad weather
skies are dark over an angry sea
I am calling do you hear me
will you find me before I sleep - so cold

There is thunder, rain is falling
and the wind is all around me - oh poor me
I am so scared I am crying
why's the sea outraged at me – oh help me

I left New England Sunday morning
skies were clear
and I could hear the crowds as they cheered

Win the race boy take first place boy
take first place boy
we're counting on you
to pull the rest of us through
the school too

I am sailing through bad weather
skies are dark over an angry Sea.

Steven Sabathie

Sayings - One Liners – Story Starts – and More

You've been told that when life gives you lemons …make lemonade…unless life also gives you sugar…all you can make is tart lemon juice…you can never make lemonade with just lemons…so when life gives a lemon, that's what you have…a lemon.

Is the glass half empty or is it half full…unless you tell me whether the fluid was on the way in or on the way out then it's just simply a half of a glass…even Freud said sometimes a cigar is just a cigar.

The Number 13 – The Luckiest Number

It was 13 colonies that became 13 states
there are 13 stripes in the flag
there were 13 stars in the first flag

If there were 12 colonies – They might not have been strong enough to break away from England
If it were 14 colonies – The Constitution might not have been ratified

Regardless of how the territorial land mass (The Continental United States) had evolved – Whether some of it would have remained with England or many different countries Hitler, Stalin and Tojo were still going to be who they were and do what they did. If it wasn't for the United States then today if you were allowed to be born at all your name would be – Shultz – Ivan or Yoshi. The number 13 is the Luckiest Number to ever happen to the world as we know it.

We're all going to hell…but some of us are going deeper.

Kill everyone – The righteous will float.

Smell the rose and feel the thorns.

If Dumb Were Intelligent – You'd Still Be Stupid.

That and a nickel will get you nothing.

You're doing a hell of a job – The way you do the work the job is going to hell.

I used to party hardy now I hardly party but when I do party it's still pretty hardy.

What Is Destiny and What Is Free Will

Destiny is genetic
All genes are "preprogrammed" to respond a specific way to a given environment.

Free will is environment – We control the environment

Therefore we can control our destiny

A 50 year old man tells his friends he is going to quit smoking, workout and eat healthy…And he does he lives a full 20 years longer than his all friends…Now the day comes and he dies and it turns out that heaven makes Disneyland look tame…He looks down the way and sees all his friends in Greek Adonis bodies having a great time…His friend Bill runs toward him yelling Al, Al buddy you finally made it up here… Al you stopped smoking, you ate healthy, you worked out, you stayed there an extra 20 years…Dude, What we're thinking! ! !

These are sapiens from a Terrine environment. They will not give you their children. And if you try to take them, they will destroy you, no matter how long it takes or the price to pay, they will destroy you.

Ishkabibel tiny little
and the cow that jumped over the moon
came to tea singing harmony
and played music with the silver spoons

Looking Tookin and Bookin
went looking for a booking
In Tookin - New Jersey that is
when Looking told Booking
he'd gottin tookin
to the cleaners that is…

Steven Sabathie

Serial Killer

The killer travels light and mostly at night
he knows that he's being pursued
and as he smiles he knows
the rest will come and go
‘cause he alone lives for the flight

No he doesn't fear the Devil or Doom
he never panics or runs out of room
he knows that killing is his wife
and when he takes her it gives him new life.

Steven Sabathie

Sharon

Sharon I need to talk to you
the way we talked
way back then
when I was 11 and you were 10

28 years have passed since then
when a boy and a girl
shared there dreams
and fears of the world

And Sharon the world was smaller then
when all there was, was school and friends
and dreams and fears just mixed with pretend

Too many of my fears
have reared their head
and too many times
I allowed myself to be mislead

Oh Sharon please comfort me if you can
the boy you knew is now a man
the man would be a boy again
when all there was, was school and friends.

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Silent Love

He called her Darlene he spoke with affection
Darlene wasn't her name

Everyday at noon he would meet her at lunch
she never sat with him

And so it went this reality of his fantasy

Silent Love give to me all that I dream of
all that could be
silent love you are my friend
with you I never lose the beginning to the end

When the day ended he would speed off to home
and by the look on his face
you would never know he was going to be alone.

Steven Sabathie

Sister - Family

Sister unfamiliar the sound of this word to my ears
and yet warm and comfortable to my heart

We have never known each other only of each other
and from what I know I want to know more
to love to care to be family once more

Suppressions denials which once were so true now are lost
as my mind joins my heart in searching for you.

Steven Sabathie

So Many Men Never Come Home From A War

Mama I think it's time we had that talk
maybe we could go for a walk
mama my husband is leaving me just like yours

And mama oh mama it scares me so
even though I know he has to go
so many men never come home from a war

Mama tell me why do nations fight
and mama will it really be all right
'cause I remember you crying into the night

I remember when that telegram came
mama you were never really the same
and still some people say it's just a game

Mama oh mama Bobby's leaving me
he's going to fight across the sea
and I can't even pronounce their leaders name

and mama oh mama it scares me so
even though I know he has to go
so many men never come home from a war.

Steven Sabathie

Starting Over Again

Well here we are
starting over again
and I wonder
next time when it ends
will I still be able to feel this desire

We always fight
but then every night
I hold you tight
and as you sigh with delight I know
the only love that we share is this fire

Steven Sabathie

Street Preacher

I know that you've seen me
but you've never listened
and that's okay
who am I to say
that we should be brothers
and love one another
when we all feel the pain
that drives some of us insane

Hey I'm talking to you man
and I'm talking to you ma'am
but don't listen to me
my outside’s all you see
a man on a corner waving a bible
and shouting at you about the Jesus revival

Children say I scare them
adults say I dare them
well if that's true
lord do I do it for you

‘cause lately I've been thinking
it seems just like drinking
Am I a man obsessed
with the thought of being blessed

I know that you’ve seen me
but you’ve never listened
and that’s okay…

Steven Sabathie

Tall Like A Cowboy

You ride tall like a Cowboy
high in the saddle
you're proud to be a man
it's just you and your horse
out in the wild taming a virgin land

By days you holler
get along little doggies
then go gambling on Friday night
and in a town by the border
what you drink ain't the water
and it's sure to get you a fight

You wear a gun at your side
you never run or hide
you are a man to fear
but you've never been blessed
with the willingness to shed a single tear

Now you ride the sunset of your days
you know the future's put an end to your ways
but you have survived you're more than alive
you're tall like a cowboy today.

Steven Sabathie

The Ladies Who Dance For Money

The ladies who dance for money
are ladies to comfort at night
they bring cowboys their guns and whisky
and then fix them up after a fight

The saloons where they dance are dirty
but their dresses are all very bright
and the rooms up the stairs are worthy
of a man and his secret delights

Yeah the ladies who dance for money
well they know their cowboys all right.

Steven Sabathie

The Night Is When The Wolf Likes To Play

I can't wait for daylight
when everything is okay
I can't wait for daylight
when the sun washes away
the night, the night
‘cause the night is when the wolf likes too play

All the stories you've heard
about the dark in the night
and all the lessons you've learned
about the men who were wolves
is right, yes right
did you hear me howling last night

I was on my way down the Nile
with an expeditionary force
only going to stay for awhile
but of course we got lost
and in the night, the night
I felt the wolf’s magic bite

I can't wait for daylight
when everything is okay
I can't wait for daylight
when the sun washes away
the night, the night
‘cause the night is when the wolf likes too play.

Steven Sabathie

The Thumb

The powers that be the powers that were
and the powers that are yet to come
grow on the trees mate like the bees
but their powers that are under the thumb

The thumb is the one that changed the fun
before fun was ever to be
and the thumb is the one that came from none
but how did none become three

The thumb is the one that's always done
all the mystical magical deeds
and the thumb is the one that we come from
so why are we displeased

If the thumb is the one where power comes from
is power just energy
and if the thumb is the One and only One
then who the hell are you and me

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grow on the trees mate like the bees
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Steven Sabathie

This Couldn’t Happen To Us

She was soft well figured and full of life
yet in the cold of night she felt his knife

We prayed for a miracle to keep her alive
while out on the street that criminal thrived

We asked why as we cried with disbelief
until we felt hate in our frustrated grief

Knowing we couldn’t make a move
and knowing it was too late to prevent this truth

Yes we knew of the sickness outside our door
but instead of getting involved we just kept score

And in thinking this couldn’t happen to us
one of our dreams has returned to dust

Steven Sabathie

Wandering Sailor

Where have you been
sailor man sailor man
where have you been
wandering Sailor

I hear you've been around the world
made love to island girls
tell me tales that make me dream
wandering Sailor

I see tattoos on your arms
sailor man sailor man
tattoos from where you've been
wandering Sailor

What's it like to live in sin
get in fights from too much gin
tell me tales that make me dream
wandering Sailor

Steven Sabathie

When The Soldiers Came Home

When the soldiers came home
they found out what it really meant to be alone
their family their friends even strangers on the street
wouldn't give their minds what they needed to eat

They were the criminals on parole
responsible for the torment in America's soul
sent off in expected glory
they came home to quite a different story

They were the losers in a war never declared
but they were the ones who laid down their lives for Sam
well Sam's no longer with them he's out for himself

And the Soldiers
well they're just paperwork
on the back of some committees shelf.

Steven Sabathie

Where Were You Before The Ground War Ended In ‘72

Were you safe and warm in your mothers’ house
or were you on the street traveling around with a temporary spouse
or maybe you were in the jungle with me
killing gooks and babies, yeah and even the trees
and when it was over they said go home, go home to your dreams

Well I stopped and I thought and then I remembered
1969 when my dreams were still mine
I was growing my hair and feeling youth
but in just one short year this “old man” learned a different truth

And the dreams of those days are like smoke in the wind
I’ll never be the same ‘cause oh God how I’ve sinned
and even though I thought it was right
when I found it was wrong I still played their song

Following orders to search and destroy
how the hell could I ever go back to being a boy.

Steven Sabathie

Words Make A Dream Real

Dancer take these words
and together with the wind fly them high
over a rainbow in a distant sky
to the place where the magic of words
pulls a tear from your eye

It’s words that make a dream real
by taking the nothing and shaping it
into flesh and steel.

Steven Sabathie

You Never Took The Time

You never took the time to see what she saw
you never took the time to notice she was locking her door
and you never took the time to hear what she heard
or to understand any of her words

But you always found the time to dress her real fine
and you always found the time to toast her with wine
then after your laughter and after your cheer
you couldn't understand how all you ever gave her was fear

All of that was long ago and still all of that is here today
and now that you’re dying
this may be your last chance to say

'I'm sorry I didn't know what I did – I guess I was just a kid
trying to raise a child – I'm sorry it's true there was anger
in me so I lashed out and I hurt you – I am sorry.'

Steven Sabathie

You’re A Part Of It All

I know where you’re going
and I know how you’ve suffered
take comfort in knowing
you’re a part of it all

Look at earth from a starship
and you’ll see only rhythms
each rhythm is perfect
for creating it all

All the losers are winners
failures are successes
‘cause the white light of wonder
creates shadows to fall

I know where you’re going
and I know how you’ve suffered
take comfort in knowing
you’re a part of it all.

Steven Sabathie

Your Song

Dear Nicole how are you
I've been wondering long
dear Nicole how are you
it's time I sang your song

I wrote it down some years ago
when our love was going strong
and as I wrote my tears would flow
I knew I'd do you wrong

Nicole is a girl most guys never find
her beauty amazes everyone
when I look at her face I see the sun
and my heart becomes undone

The friendliness in her eyes fills me up
her laughter calms me down
and men and boys are hypnotized
whenever she's around

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