

## ***Bernd's second hundred lyrics***

I was pretty busy since publishing "Bernd's first hundred lyrics" in May, 2009, so it's about time to publish the second hundred - a few more, actually. Not only have I collaborated with quite a few new partners who cover rather different musical areas, but I've recorded several Rock and Folk songs myself, often creating the music first, and struggling for some viable lyrical ideas thereafter.

This collection contains all the songs and lyrics I have written since then, many of which I published before, but also new ones that have not yet been published anywhere outside discussion boards or my lyrics home page <http://bernd-harmsen.de>.



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you're all I ever  
you're perfect

**Notes**

## **Addicted**

staring at an empty screen  
no way I could get through to you  
my mail inaccessible  
I do not know what I could do

your phone number is no use  
cause I use VoIP  
just one wire for everything  
keeps me in dependency

I'm addicted  
to a network protocol  
I'm addicted  
today I must pay my toll

I was trying to make up  
I was trying to explain  
no chance to communicate  
sure is driving me insane

I'm addicted  
to a network protocol  
I'm addicted  
today I must pay my toll

Baby, how can I reach you today  
Baby, to convey what I've to say  
Baby, how can I pick up the strand  
and make sure you understand  
how much I'm addicted to you

I'm addicted  
to a network protocol  
I'm addicted  
today I must pay my toll

## **against the odds**

against the odds  
we hit it off  
quite instantly

though reservations  
on her part  
arose eventually

some past experience  
made it hard for her  
appreciating me

she'll have to see  
we'll work it out  
against the odds

I see the light behind her eyes  
I know the truth behind my lies  
I do accept what she defies  
'cause I admit what she denies  
I'll hold her  
I'll hold her tight  
I'll never leave her  
again

against the odds  
we'll find a way  
get it together

and I'll stay true  
in good times or  
come bad weather

all her doubts  
will dissipate  
'cause we are - birds of a feather

she'll see we are  
a perfect match  
against the odds

I see the light behind her eyes  
I know the truth behind my lies  
I do accept what she defies  
'cause I admit what she denies  
I'll hold her  
I'll hold her tight  
I'll never leave her  
again

## **air to breathe**

it's hard to explain on the phone  
what it was that at last made me go  
no, I've not been cheating on you  
it's not something I would do

I've got tired of hearing complaints  
sorry I'm not one of your saints  
I'm tired of proving my love  
there are times when enough is enough

leave me some air to breathe  
leave me some room to roam  
'cause if you don't change your ways  
I won't be coming home

it's no help if you wince or you weep  
or if you start calling me cheap  
in your promises I have no trust  
I think I'll hang up before I go nuts

leave me some air to breathe  
leave me some room to roam  
'cause if you don't change your ways  
I won't be coming home

don't ask where I am headed to  
or where I am staying now  
I've got to find myself somehow  
don't know if I'll come back to you

leave me some air to breathe  
leave me some room to roam  
'cause if you don't change your ways  
I won't be coming home

**be a star**

you say you'll never  
give in  
you will stand your ground

love, fun and joy  
for each one  
forever will abound

life is a feast  
a celebration  
that never ends  
that need never end

keep on dancing  
keep romancing  
let your dreams fly high

keep on beaming  
keep on gleaming  
like the stars in the sky

keep on swinging  
singing  
be a star, don't be shy

you say you've learned  
to ignore things  
that the moaners say

you will get on  
with looking  
at things your own way

life is a feast  
a celebration  
that never ends  
that need never end

keep on dancing  
keep romancing  
let your dreams fly high

keep on beaming  
keep on gleaming  
like the stars in the sky

keep on swinging  
singing  
be a star, don't be shy  
don't be shy  
be a star  
don't be shy

### **big ad poster girl**

fell in love with you at first sight  
couldn't get you off my mind  
you always look unworldly bright  
sometimes I wish that I was blind

you've wormed your way into my dreams  
there's nothing I can do  
by day I'm lost in reveries  
all this because of you

hey, lady from the big ad poster  
when will you climb down  
meet me in the real man's world  
so we can tear up the town

imagine all the fun we'd have  
we'd live like in a whirl  
we'd gonna paint the town  
me and my big ad poster girl

got to get you out of my head  
'cause you're driving me insane  
got to find somebody real instead  
instead of longing all in vain

takes a lot coming to my senses  
until I'm sighting you again  
and begin dreaming of romances  
- it's so hard to refrain

hey, lady from the big ad poster  
when will you climb down  
meet me in the real man's world  
so we can tear up the town

## **boozed**

I had been staying a while and I'd been drinking too much  
I started to daydream and I dreamed of your touch  
dreamed of your smile  
for a while

then the world - started spinning  
and the booze - started winning  
I couldn't help it  
I had to laugh  
laugh 'bout you  
and me

then the world - started spinning  
and the booze - started winning  
I couldn't help it  
I had to laugh  
laugh 'bout you  
and me

I had been dreaming a while, I had drunk too much  
I tried to open my eyes, I tried to feel your touch  
tried to see your smile  
for a while

but the world - started spinning  
and the booze - started winning  
I couldn't help it  
I had to laugh  
laugh 'bout you  
and me

and the world - started spinning  
and the booze - started winning  
I couldn't help it  
I had to cry  
cry 'bout you  
and me

## **burst mode**

strolling aimlessly  
feeling some kind of vague agony  
crying shamelessly  
to the sounds of an urban symphony  
tryin' to make some sense  
desperate hope to find some sympathy  
somehow you're too tense  
to evoke a hint of empathy

now you're running in burst mode  
driven by compulsive forces  
you're running in burst mode  
with the power of bolting horses  
running in burst mode

you are quite confused  
your imagination running wild  
and you feel abused  
as if you were a maltreated child  
you can find no clues  
how to rid your brain of the crap it's piled  
you have no excuse  
and no reason why you should feel riled

but you're running in burst mode  
driven by compulsive forces  
you're running in burst mode  
with the power of bolting horses  
running in burst mode

disasters may happen  
in the course of tonight  
though you can't think of  
a reason to fight  
disasters may happen

'cause you're running in burst mode  
driven by compulsive forces  
you're running in burst mode  
with the power of bolting horses  
running in burst mode

## **butterfly**

champagne and candlelight  
oh, what a special night  
not a single moment  
that I would have missed

I took you tenderly  
your movements answering me  
not a single spot  
that I didn't kiss

yet now  
it hurts to look in your trustful eyes  
I don't want to tell another lie  
'cause the truth is I'm not your faithful lover  
I am a butterfly

I met her in a bar  
I had her in the car  
a short and very hefty  
moment of pure bliss

a girl with bedroom eyes  
no, I did not think twice  
such a lovely cutie  
I could use more like this

yet now  
it hurts to look in your trustful eyes  
I don't want to tell another lie  
'cause the truth is I'm not your faithful lover  
I am a butterfly

I'd hoped you'd never plan  
a future for us both  
I'd hoped you'd never want  
to hear my lover's oath

it hurts to look in your trustful eyes  
I don't want to tell another lie  
'cause the truth is I'm not your faithful lover  
I am a butterfly

### **by the seven seas**

I'm blooming like a sprig in spring  
breathing deeply I've come to life  
I'm the bird that courts and sings  
I am here to cheer and thrive

hovering over vast and fertile plains  
abundance, riches, luxuries  
I'm the sunshine when it rains  
to lure you off your infancy

and I ride with the wind  
and I howl with the storm  
I'll calm down like a breeze  
by the seven seas

I take my time 'cause life is brief  
while I climb towards the crest  
I'm gliding down as autumn leaf  
providing colour and some rest

and I ride with the wind  
and I howl with the storm  
I'll calm down like a breeze  
by the seven seas

come my time I'm the winter freeze  
whispering secrets to the trees  
I am tired, but I'm free  
I'm free

'cause I rode with the wind  
and I howled with the storm  
I'll calm down like a breeze  
beyond the seven seas

## **come down**

you're young and strong, you're smart and sweet  
you have the world at your feet  
you've got time and money that you can spend  
life's like a party with no end

sometime  
in time  
you'll come down

sometimes emotions may be running high  
sometimes you think that you can fly  
living to the fullest you go all the way  
you're taking risks but that's okay

sometime  
in time  
you'll come down  
you'll come down  
you'll come down

you've seized your chances, you've come out on top  
no-one who could make you stop  
you've been riding fast, you've been riding high  
got the biggest part of the pie

sometime  
in time  
you'll come down

there are times you feel like superman  
nothing that could stop your plans  
you've achieved so much, you can be proud  
but at times your wishes reach beyond the clouds

sometime  
in time  
you'll come down  
you'll come down  
you'll come down

## **complicated**

girl you're so sophisticated  
you make life so complicated  
I don't have the slightest clue  
as to how to make love to you

when I asked you for a dance  
you started talking 'bout romance  
the history of romantic love  
courtship in medieval times  
customs of the different climes  
I really didn't stand a chance

girl you're so sophisticated  
you make life so complicated  
I don't have the slightest clue  
as to how to make love to you

when I suggested to dine out  
you began to think aloud  
'bout poverty in the third world  
about what food the Romans ate  
what had been served on Caesar's plate  
- I began to get my doubts

girl you're so sophisticated  
you make life so complicated  
I don't have the slightest clue  
as to how to make love to you

girl, you see me in despair  
you speak in tongues, you are so learned  
girl, I think it is not fair  
I'm helpless, yet you're unconcerned

girl you're so sophisticated  
you make life so complicated  
I don't have the slightest clue  
as to how to make love to you

## a cowboy suite

### part I

we've heard the songs, we know their words  
'bout unbound freedom, songs of romance  
the lonesome cowboy, grazing herds  
and in the evenings go for a dance  
the skilled horseman, standing tall  
but we are twelve and always busy  
- not so romantic after all

we'd hear bout villains and heavy drinking  
gunslingers threatening our peace  
we'd be reacting without thinking  
and always being at our ease  
we would be righteous and shoot them all  
I only shot a mountain cougar  
- not so romantic after all

### part II

on a northbound drive from Texas  
moving slowly with the herd  
one with nature, one with your horse  
hardly ever give the spur  
watching out for hints of lightning  
could be meaning a stampede  
attentive for signs of commotion  
and always ready to turn the lead

doing your job by way of feeling  
can't be done straight by the book  
endure the dull food at the evenings  
better not offend the cook  
living through weeks of heat and dust  
appreciating heavy rains  
driving the cattle toward the railhead  
through canyons and 'cross endless plains

### part III

you are my comfort, you are my sunshine  
when the night is falling and I feel blue  
when I've got through this I'll save the money  
and I'll rush home to be with you  
and I'll rush home to be with you again

### part IV

we're reaching our destination  
we wash and shave and clean  
next to the railway station  
we'll find a lively scene

the girls will be waiting there  
and drinks we've missed so long  
and we will be the masters there  
we're jolly and we're strong

and we will party, we will party  
we will party all night long

we've made good money, we feel rich  
we're pushing through the throng  
we've long enough suppressed the itch  
we're jolly and we're strong

and we will party, we will party  
we will party all night long

## **cut you out**

winter's biting  
I feel the pain  
while you are stabbing  
me again  
a piercing sound  
splits the air  
I know our love's  
beyond repair

got to cut you out  
cut you out of my mind  
got to cut you out  
got to leave our love behind  
got to cut you out

I was a fool  
and I'm still mad  
while you're still haunting  
in my head  
I've lost my path  
I'm out of sync  
you can destroy me  
with a blink

got to cut you out  
cut you out of my mind  
got to cut you out  
got to leave our love behind  
got to cut you out

my dreams were reaching farther  
much farther than you'd go  
my hopes were reaching higher  
but you would keep me low

got to cut you out  
cut you out of my mind  
got to cut you out  
got to leave our love behind  
got to cut you out

## **dancing in the rain**

there's no sunshine every day  
storm or breeze - heat or freeze  
can't spoil a fine day  
if you just  
heed what I say

never mind a black cloud  
just don't ever let it get you down  
sometimes you're blue  
sometimes you're high  
and you can fly  
yes you can fly  
so high

let's have fun dancing in the rain  
let's get wet but let us never fret  
sun or storm - it is all the same  
let's have fun dancing in the rain

it's not raining every day  
heat or droughts - bursting clouds  
can't spoil a fine day  
if you just  
heed what I say

never mind a black day  
wave aside what others think or say  
sometimes they're wrong  
sometimes they're right  
but you can fly  
yes you can fly  
so high

let's have fun dancing in the rain  
let's get wet but let us never fret  
sun or storm - it is all the same  
let's have fun dancing in the rain

let's have fun dancing in the rain  
let's get wet but let us never fret  
sun or storm - it is all the same  
let's have fun dancing in the rain

## **Death and the Devil**

Death and the Devil are dancing on my grave  
they both may want to claim me, but they have come too late  
I've long since decided to live the life of worms  
to op'rate in the underground while spreading fertile sperms

Death and the Devil are crying bitter tears  
they both may try to scare me, but I'm beyond all fears  
I could laugh my head off about their futile tries  
cause they have been so stupid believing my bald lies

though they pester me  
with some emphasis  
in the end my unbelief  
will be their nemesis

Death and the Devil are at each other's throat  
they may want to deny it, but they're in the same boat  
while I'll live on forever they'll soon be history  
and you can bet I'll never disclose the mystery

## dancing through the light

in the morn  
I'm awaking as the sun comes out  
to greet the day

and from dawn  
till night I'll sing aloud  
and kiss  
each sun ray

and I'm dancing through the light  
'cause I love my la la life  
and I'll truly make the night  
shine just as bright

I am dancing through the light  
I am dancing through the night  
I am dancing through my life  
that does shine  
just as bright

in the eve  
I'm going to light the party lights  
to greet the night

stay or leave  
or fly to unknown heights  
be my  
knight in white

I am dancing through the light  
'cause I love my la la life  
and I'll truly make the night  
shine just as bright

I am dancing through the light  
I am dancing through the night  
I am dancing through my life  
that does shine  
just as bright

oh, my life - all my life  
I'll enjoy  
no use to be  
shy or coy  
there's no use  
to fret or worry  
don't  
be obtuse

let's be dancing through the light  
let's enjoy our la la lives  
let us  
make the darkest night  
shine just as bright

let's be dancing through the light  
let's be dancing through the night  
let's be dancing through our lives  
make them shine  
just as bright

I am dancing through the light  
'cause I love my la la life  
and I'll truly make the night  
shine just as bright

I am dancing through the light  
I am dancing through the night  
I am dancing through my life  
that does shine  
just as bright

## **diggin' deep**

cannot stand these grinning faces  
some types you've been hangin' out with!  
you've kept kickin' o'r the traces  
how come you thought I'd ignore it

I'm diggin' deep  
you bet  
I'm diggin' deep  
and the truth will out

what's the name of slimy smiley?  
gonna give him a piece of my mind  
no use treating riff-raff kindly  
he'll learn that I've not been blind

I'm diggin' deep  
you bet  
I'm diggin' deep  
and the truth will out

don't you think that you're forgiven  
when you do me and we screw  
don't you think that I'll forget  
just because I'm doing you

I'm diggin' deep  
you bet  
I'm diggin' deep  
and the truth will out

will a look behind the curtain  
reveal a party slut in heat?  
I have never been that certain  
that I will find out your deceit

I'm diggin' deep  
you bet  
I'm diggin' deep  
and the truth will out

**do not hold back**

she's the girl that goes under your skin  
she's the price you would like to win  
she's the girl right out of your dream  
but you won't get her holding on to another Jim Beam  
sitting around like you're paralyzed  
demoralized  
oh no-ho

seize the girl right out of your dream  
but you won't win her holding on to another Jim Beam

open up  
and don't worry, your chance is there  
take the risk  
and just give your best, and beat your scare  
give it all  
and do not refuse the dare  
show your loving

show your love  
and don't worry, you'll get the knack  
take the risk  
and just give your best, do not hold back  
give it all  
and don't worry, you will not crack  
but do not hold back

she's the girl that makes your heart pound  
she's your princess as yet still uncrowned  
she's the girl you've been hoping for  
but you won't get her if you do not come out some more  
sitting around like you're paralyzed  
demoralized  
oh no-ho

seize the girl you've been hoping for  
but you won't win her if you do not come out some more

show your love  
and don't worry, you'll get the knack  
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and just give your best, do not hold back  
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and don't worry, you will not crack  
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and just give your best, and beat your scare  
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**don't hurt me**

don't mind my black eye  
or my bleeding nose  
you see, most of the fighting  
was only verbose

don't expect me to cry  
don't mind the scratch  
it will heal overnight  
you see, the guy was no match

but don't hurt me  
don't dig too deep  
don't hurt me  
I'm off to sleep  
just leave me be

don't ask if I'm happy  
I am alright  
you should have noticed  
you got me satisfied

you ask where I'm off to  
just meet some guys  
if you just stop asking  
you will hear no lies

now, don't hurt me  
don't ask too much  
don't hurt me  
release your clutch  
just leave me be

can't you just stop quizzing me  
would you please stop urging me

hey -  
don't hurt me  
tryin' to touch my soul  
don't hurt me  
just leave me whole  
just leave me be

## **doomsday morn**

all's been said that was to say  
the colours all have turned to grey  
the new day arrives stillborn  
'cause today is doomsday morn

fears are weighing heavily  
of looming possibilities  
of dashed hopes and shattered dreams  
the will to live's run out of steam

and we prey to our Gods  
with their thousand names  
we are so shaken  
we've stopped playing games  
many wish that they were never born  
'cause today is doomsday morn

we've laid waste to fertile lands  
our industry got out of hand  
all countries now are paralysed  
no options left to euphemize

and we prey to our Gods  
with their thousand names  
we are so shaken  
we've stopped playing games  
many wish that they were never born  
'cause today is doomsday morn

## **drifting**

the idea came unexpectedly by thunderbird  
it grew out of proportion causing some alert  
I buried my head in the sand to say a prayer  
and found my life had shifted to a different layer

I am drifting through time and space  
and I can see it in your eye  
that though I just try to avoid disgrace  
you think I live a lie  
but I am only drifting

she was a young cute lady and she pushed me hard  
I tried looking cool but she gave me a start  
we drank a cup, and suddenly she flew away  
I had no claim on her so what should I say

I am drifting through time and space  
and I can see it in your eye  
that though I just try to avoid disgrace  
you think I live a lie  
but I am only drifting

the man said he'd look after my spirituality  
I asked how 'bout reaching a state of sanity  
he said I need not bother 'cause there was no time  
I didn't understand, he was way too sublime

and I'm drifting through time and space  
and I can see it in your eye  
that though I just try to avoid disgrace  
you think I live a lie  
but I am only drifting

## **drunken night**

could have been a word you said  
or just lust unfulfilled  
maybe that my inner beast  
needed to be stilled

in my fury I just slammed the door  
heading for the nearest bar  
where I tossed down a drink too much  
all sounds came from afar

in this  
drunken night

I maybe searching for some thing  
that cannot be found  
my head spinning, my gait unsteady  
on the shaky ground

I am wandering aimlessly  
through the drunken night  
my future right ahead of me  
is keeping out of sight

in this  
drunken night

eventually my rage dissolves  
what was it that went wrong?  
I've just got the vague idea  
that we can't get along

and I'm wandering aimlessly  
through the drunken night  
my future right ahead of me  
is keeping out of sight

in this  
drunken night

maybe I'll come never back  
or I'll scratch at your door  
maybe I will feel ashamed  
'cause I've been there before

I'm still wandering aimlessly  
through the drunken night  
my future right ahead of me  
is keeping out of sight

in this  
drunken night

## Europa

you were picking wild flowers with your maids by the coast  
when a wondrous milk-white bull caught your eye  
a marvellous beauty - it let you get close  
so gentle, so great, and not at all shy

caressing his flanks, his fur - so light  
pastoral peace under blue skies  
you dared to mount him, you wanted a ride  
and feel his strength between your thighs

## Europa

it's easy to fall in love with your  
charm, your beauty, your youth  
Europa  
so confident, so self-assured  
once the beloved one of Zeus

the bull slowly wandered towards the sea  
jumped into the waves to carry you forth  
you felt no fear, you did not plead  
headed for Crete, far in the north

the God lifted his guise to show you his love  
you gave in to him, half victim, half bride  
he made you Crete's queen, guarding you from above  
and you'd always fondly remember the ride

## Europa

it's easy to fall in love with your  
charm, your beauty, your youth  
Europa  
so confident, so self-assured  
once the beloved one of Zeus

when you will have come into years  
and you'll have reached quite different spheres  
you'll still look beautiful and young  
and you will speak in many tongues  
while men enjoy your subtle charm  
the God's preventing you from harm

## Europa

it's easy to fall in love with your  
charm, your beauty, your youth  
Europa  
so confident, so self-assured  
once the beloved one of Zeus

## farewell

the shadows grow longer  
the sun's on the decline  
the sky will be burning  
and the Gods will resign  
I am so tired now  
but I'm still feeling fine

so, farewell  
farewell, you loved ones  
keep my memory  
farewell  
farewell my lover  
and think kindly of me

and I gather my friends  
reach for my wife's hand  
the time that we've shared  
's been incredibly grand  
my long years' companions  
everything has to end

so, farewell  
farewell, you loved ones  
keep my memory  
farewell  
farewell my lover  
and think kindly of me

and I'll move towards the light  
'cause I have ceased to fight  
since quite a while  
and if you note my smile  
you will know that I am glad  
'cause I have had  
the best of times one could expect  
'cause I've known you

so, farewell  
farewell, you loved ones  
keep my memory  
farewell  
farewell my lover  
and think kindly of me

### **fat farting Fanny**

a girl in our school - she was rather obese  
would do anything to oblige and to please  
she taught us all boys and girls could do  
she was very good 'cause she knew no taboo

fat farting Fanny  
we used to call her names  
fat farting Fanny  
played our silly schoolboy games

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she would tickle our pricks, she would tickle our pride  
get our chubbies hard and teach us to ride  
she taught us French, she taught us Greek  
without a single word to speak

fat farting Fanny  
we used to call her names  
fat farting Fanny  
played our silly schoolboy games

we poured scorn and derision on her gentle head  
but when feeling horny gladly shared her bed  
ran her down behind her back but smiled to her face  
we didn't really mind when she fell into disgrace

fat farting Fanny  
we used to call her names  
fat farting Fanny  
played our silly schoolboy games

when I met her in the city today  
I felt that I blushed and had to look the other way  
though ashamed 'bout this part of my youth  
I will try to resume blocking out the truth

fat farting Fanny  
we used to call her names  
fat farting Fanny  
played our silly schoolboy games

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## four narrations

1.  
find the musician  
the busker, the poet  
find them in the pubs  
or in Galway's streets  
they busk for a living  
they are playing for fame  
they play for themselves  
yet they play all the same  
they play for the rich  
they play for the poor  
they play for the lonely souls  
and do so every day  
in the streets of Galway

2.  
where once Spanish ships lightened wine  
where Columbus got ideas  
a Spanish lady with a troubled mind  
and her eyes filled with tears  
walked the old long walk  
and prayed to God  
that she'd be able to forget  
and yet again hear a lover say  
te quiero, que bonita eres  
in the streets of Galway

3.  
in the west of Ireland  
near Galway town  
I met a girl  
in Oranmore

long hair, blue eyes  
her beauty put my  
mind in a whirl  
in Oranmore

we took a walk  
while she would talk  
but then I had to  
be on my way

it broke her heart  
that we would part  
I had to go  
I could not stay

but I would think of her  
in the streets of Galway

4.  
he was young  
he was a busker  
he made a living  
in Galway town  
but he got troubled  
by Galway's wind  
and Galway's rain

so he dreamed of  
warmth and sun  
and he would think  
"California,  
here I come -  
and I will not be  
seen again  
in the streets of Galway

## **fuck being cool**

she sat across me on the tube  
I noticed she was crying  
she said "I'm not just ugly,  
but I am fat as well"  
I said "there's no denying,  
but there is more than beauty  
where you can excel"

fuck being cool  
don't let them piss you off  
don't be a fool - so  
fuck being cool

he wore a skirt showing off  
his legs and slender shape  
he was a boy but fancied  
dancing the ballet  
I said "sorry if I gape,  
if this is what makes you happy,  
then it is okay"

fuck being cool  
don't let them piss you off  
don't be a fool - so  
fuck being cool

have you heard about the man  
who had a heart attack  
spent all his life pursuing his career  
as of today he is thrown back  
to try again - or just persevere

fuck being cool  
don't let them piss you off  
don't be a fool - so  
fuck being cool

I'm a nerd, but I don't care  
I could bore you to death  
before you say something wrong  
or start teasing me  
you'd better hold your breath  
mind that I'm pretty strong  
when I disagree

fuck being cool  
don't piss me off  
I'm not a fool - so  
fuck being cool

## **Ganymede**

guarding the sheep was a beautiful boy  
the pride of his parents - this young prince from Troy  
a delight to the eye of the passers by  
his beauty so blinding that they'd want to cry

the God cast an eye on him, the God fell in love  
he abducted the boy and he carried him off  
in the guise of an eagle to his home in the height  
to keep him as servant and make love in the night

your immortal beauty will always enchant  
Gods and the men who dare open their eyes  
your youth, your frankness, your grace, and your charm  
place love beyond pettiness, morals and lies

beautiful horses as pay for the king  
Hermes, God's messenger, the next day would bring  
to placate the father, the ruler of Troy  
that he'd never again would be seeing his boy

your immortal beauty will always enchant  
Gods and the men who dare open their eyes  
your youth, your frankness, your grace, and your charm  
place love beyond pettiness, morals and lies

will you stand by yourself  
do you think you can cope and  
overcome thought control  
and come out in the open

your immortal beauty will always enchant  
Gods and the men who dare open their eyes  
your youth, your frankness, your grace, and your charm  
place love beyond pettiness, morals and lies

## **giants fall**

deception and scheming paved the way for your reign  
now you lay down the rules for your personal gain  
holding parades celebrating your might  
aren't you afraid of the day you'll be losing the fight

enjoy the time while you're standing tall  
because there are times when the giants fall

I've seen mountains wash away  
I've seen dreams grow small  
I've seen empires crumble  
I've seen giants fall

speculating with money that doesn't exist  
ignoring all warnings you strain financial risks  
it's a monstrous bubble that you have blown up  
while you skim off the cream that floats on its top

today you look great and you're standing tall  
but the bubble will burst and the giants will fall

I've seen mountains wash away  
I've seen dreams grow small  
I've seen empires crumble  
I've seen giants fall

you bootlicked your chief while you used to kick down  
your hard earned promotion's made you a man of renown  
oppressing your subjects while impressing the boss  
how long do you think will he fall for false gloss

today you may feel like standing tall  
but the day will come when the giants fall

I've seen mountains wash away  
I've seen dreams grow small  
I've seen empires crumble  
I've seen giants fall

there are millions of people in the back row  
each one of them waiting to join in the show

I've seen mountains wash away  
I've seen dreams grow small  
I've seen empires crumble  
I've seen giants fall

## Gilgamesh

let your gaze wander  
from the top of the wall  
over the blooming land  
over courtyards, fountains, and flower beds

let your thoughts wander  
and make sure to recall  
the time of glory and  
the great king of kings, called Gilgamesh

bitter complaints 'bout the tyrannical king  
who claimed for himself the right of the first night  
and tried the young men's strength in the ring  
reached the Gods who considered the plight

the Gods decided to send him a friend  
equal in strength and equal in force  
to share adventures, to share ideas  
and in the long term alter his course

against all advice, in search of personal fame  
Gilgamesh one day decided to kill  
Humbaba, the dragon, who guarded the wood  
- he was the king and he would get his will

though a sense of foreboding weighed the friends down  
overcoming their fear they fought side by side  
they showed no mercy, and slew the beast  
so that their glory would shine far and wide

Ishdar, the goddess, fell in love with the king  
rejecting her offer he brought on her revenge  
she sent the Bull of Heaven to lay waste to the land  
but the mighty, fierce beast was overcome by the friends

the Gods resolved that the friend had to die  
so their punishment would hurt the king as well  
who would stay with his friend till the body decayed  
no sacrifice could make the Gods lift their spell

to avoid the fate of the friend he had lost  
on his quest to find immortality  
the king set off for places unknown  
through the lightless tunnel, 'cross the endless sea

he'd heard of a plant that'd grant eternal youth  
he found it, he picked it - now he could stop to roam  
but the snake stole his prize -  
she's shed her skin ever since  
he was still empty-handed when he came home

he set out for fame, for immortality  
he won some fights, found and lost a friend  
he came back bare-handed, to his people, his home  
a caring and good king until his end

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from the top of the wall  
over the blooming land  
over courtyards, fountains, and flower beds

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the great king of kings, called Gilgamesh

**glad that you're here**

I am past and I am now  
I feel like I float somehow  
I am six and I am sixtyfive

I am lost and I am found  
at times I tread on shaky ground  
holding on to my humble life

glad that you bear with me  
glad that you're here with me  
glad that you're here

glad that you bear with me  
glad that you're here with me  
glad that you're here

I am still the young boy  
messing 'round with his toy  
at the same time I am your old man

I am lost and I am found  
at times I tread on shaky ground  
trying to do the best that I can

glad that you bear with me  
glad that you're here with me  
glad that you're here

and though I'm smiling for no reason  
and we are living with no reason  
still we seem - to get along

glad that you bear with me  
glad that you're here with me  
glad that you're here

### **gonna do it my way**

you can bet I've read the sign  
now I'm gonna draw the line  
it's not defeat if I resign  
you can be sure I will be fine  
Hey, hey  
I'm gonna do it my way  
I don't live for  
others holding me down  
treating me like a clown  
Hey, hey  
I'm gonna do it my way  
I'm gonna do it my way

I'll take chances, I'll take risks  
I'll move on, I will be brisk  
I'm leaving nothing that I'll miss  
ahead of me lies a life of bliss  
Hey, hey  
I'm gonna do it my way  
I don't live for  
others reaping my fruit  
I'll follow my own pursuit  
Hey, hey  
I'm gonna do it my way  
I'm gonna do it my way

### **Good morning, love**

Good morning, love  
I bring the morning tea  
and eggs for you and me  
some jam, some toasted bread  
let's break the fast in bed  
Good morning, love

Good morning, love  
now that the day's begun  
let's greet the morning sun  
let's seize the brandnew day  
in our private way  
Good morning, love

Good morning, love  
I've put some music on  
I chose your favorite song  
a tune to soothe the soul  
like a mental stroll  
Good morning, love

now I am standing here, confused  
and if you asked me how I feel  
I'd have to say "somewhat unreal"

Good morning, love  
in my fantasy  
I still see you and me  
sitting side by side  
in the first morning light  
Good morning, love

**gotta see my shrink**

hey, Babe, you just wear me out  
I can't think straight, and without doubt  
I'm not myself when I'm with you  
I'm not in charge of what I do  
I'm a dead loss, I'm out of touch  
this can't go on, thank you very much

gotta see my shrink  
gotta get you out of my mind  
gotta see my shrink  
gotta find some way to unwind  
gotta see my shrink

hey, Babe, your cravings wear me thin  
I'm innocent of the state I'm in  
I'm dead beat after nights with you  
I've no idea of what to do  
goin' 'round in circles, no way out  
I just have to declare my rout

gotta see my shrink  
gotta get you out of my mind  
gotta see my shrink  
go to find some way to unwind  
gotta see my shrink

I wonder if you'll ever get enough  
I do not know if you could call love  
what we are having

gotta see my shrink  
gotta get you out of my mind  
gotta see my shrink  
go to find some way to unwind  
gotta see my shrink

## **Hawaiian sea**

gentle hands  
gentle lips  
gentle breath  
touch my body  
gentle breeze  
lifts me away

gentle thoughts  
gentle dreams  
gentle lust  
fill my body  
cast your spell  
to make me stay

lying on the beach  
of the Hawaiian sea  
way out of reach  
of people who'd disagree  
here we're free

gentle love  
gentle lust  
gentle moves  
join our bodies  
gentle breeze  
lifts us away

shared intents  
shared delight  
shared desire  
melt our bodies  
cast your spell  
that makes us stay

lying on the beach  
of the Hawaiian sea  
way out of reach  
of people who'd disagree  
here we're free

the heavens above  
shall be our witness  
that we're in love  
here, by the Hawaiian sea  
by the Hawaiian sea

## high school star

you were a winner, your body strong and smooth  
I was among those, who would come cheering you  
and I dreamed romance  
hoped that one day you would ask me for a dance  
but you seemed to see  
every single girl or woman, but not me

but I'm too young to live in the past  
clinging to those things that I know won't last  
life is moving on, the time runs out so fast  
I could not allow life to pass me by  
you would be going far  
a celebrated high school star  
I would be left behind, wither away, and die

and dream about  
a high school star  
whose light would shine  
from much too far  
for me

now your luck's run out, your future's down the drain  
you've got no merits left, just some memories  
now quite suddenly  
you seem to have become quite fond of me  
yet it is your fate  
that this time you are coming much too late

I'm too young to live in the past  
clinging to those things that I know won't last  
life is moving on, the time runs out so fast  
I could not allow life to pass me by  
who do you think you are  
a worn out former high school star  
I won't be left behind, wither away, and die

I won't dream about  
a high school star  
whose light would shine  
from much too far  
for me

## **hold on**

hold on  
let's see what's underneath  
hold on  
and take some time to breathe  
be ready for a secret  
that is on the verge  
of coming to the daylight  
to let the truth emerge

all I'm asking of you  
is to hold on for a while

hold on  
can you read the signs  
hold on  
that rest between the lines  
of our private story  
in the book of life  
revealing our future  
and how we will survive

hold on

can you tell the future  
or understand the past  
do you know a truth  
that you trust to last  
did you get the meaning  
of the hidden signs  
did you ask advice  
from the guardian of the shrine

standing at the crossroads  
unknowing where to head  
we're just hoping for enlightenment

maybe we just need faith  
that there will be a way  
to get us out of this predicament

## hot stuff

when I spotted you  
I didn't need a second look  
you were so hot  
no need to do it by the book  
we danced close  
I didn't have the faintest doubt  
we'd get much closer  
'cause I knew you in and out

you're hot stuff  
you're of this special kind  
hot stuff  
you simply blew my mind  
hot stuff  
you're all my dreams combined  
you're hot stuff  
and I was much inclined to do  
you  
'cause you're hot stuff

each time I see you  
and look into your teasing eyes  
I need to touch you  
and run my hand up your thigh  
I kiss you hard  
to lure your cheeky tongue  
girl, you are wild  
you're as wild as you are young

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you're of this special kind  
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you simply blow my mind  
hot stuff  
you're all my dreams combined  
you're hot stuff  
and I am much inclined to do  
you  
'cause you're hot stuff

you're hot stuff

...

## **house of worms**

Oh my, I'm crawling  
towards the place that I despise  
their pay is generous  
to keep away does not seem wise  
disgust looms largely  
upon my weary head  
while I am bound to sacrifice  
another eight hours of my life  
to this  
house of worms

disgusting creeps are  
keen to spoil my day  
there's no repellent  
to help scaring them away  
distrust looms largely  
in my weary soul  
while I am bound to sacrifice  
another eight hours of my life  
to this  
house of worms

one day I'll smoke them out  
one day I'll laugh aloud  
and I'll stand tall and proud  
one day I will not care  
one day I will declare  
war on this  
house of worms

I won't let life pass me by  
only to earn some measly bucks  
one day I will nullify  
this dreary working place that sucks

one day I'll smoke them out  
one day I'll laugh aloud  
and I'll stand tall and proud  
one day I will not care  
one day I will declare  
war on this  
house of worms

## **I believe (in our love)**

whatever we have done and said  
I believe in our love  
I believe in our love  
I believe we can go on

I beg you try to understand  
I won't leave you because of that  
I won't leave you because of that  
I won't leave you for anyone

it's not too late  
not each wrong word is meant deviously  
an escapade  
need not be taken seriously

I know it can be hard  
to straighten out the wrong  
but bearing grudges may come even harder

whatever we have done and said  
I believe in our love  
I believe in our love  
I won't leave you for anyone

one mistake  
need not taint you eternally  
an escapade  
need not be taken seriously

I know it can be hard  
to straighten out the wrong  
but bearing grudges may come even harder

trying to forgive  
trying to get along  
in the long run may be leading farther

a new lease of our love  
take the second chance  
eventually we'll create new ardour

I believe in our love  
I believe in faith and trust  
so, let us lay down our armour

### **I cannot leave it at that**

was it your sweet face,  
you slim body,  
was it that we were slightly drunk?  
we did it there and then  
out in the car park  
with your body pressed to the trunk

was it our different minds,  
divergent interests,  
or just that we had become bored?  
the same old exercises  
repetitive topics  
no new ideas that could have scored

we believed in love and lust forever  
but our friendship seemed not that strong  
now you say we've reached the end  
but you may have got it all wrong  
because much to my regret  
I cannot leave it at that

'cause when I watch you smile,  
when we are holding hands,  
or when we just share some fun -  
when I think again,  
or when I ask my heart  
I know our love has just begun

we believed in love and lust forever  
but our friendship seemed not that strong  
now you say we've reached the end  
but you may have got it all wrong  
because much to my regret  
I cannot leave it at that

## **I love you all**

blame me to cheat on you  
or call me a liar if you want  
maybe feel better if you do  
though you'd have gotten it all wrong  
'cause I do love you  
I've loved you all along  
like I love you all

yeah, Babe, it's true  
you're not the only one  
and you have never been  
but that don't mean a thing  
I love you as you are  
I love to be with you

yeah, there are other men  
and there have always been  
no, Babe, there ain't no sin  
I love them as they are  
I love to be with them  
I love you all

blame me to cheat on you  
or call me a liar if you want  
...

enjoy the time we've got  
I'll give you all I have  
I'll give you all my love  
make sure you'll get enough  
love you with all my heart  
let's do it on the spot

yeah, there are other men  
and there have always been  
no, Babe, there ain't no sin  
I love them as they are  
I love to be with them  
I love you all

blame me to cheat on you  
or call me a liar if you want  
...

Tom is big  
Tim is short  
John is strong  
and you are slender  
Tom's romantic  
Tim is cool  
John is wild  
and you are tender  
- and I love you all

blame me to cheat on you  
or call me a liar if you want  
...

## **I won't give in**

my hardship ends at closing time  
I've no intent to social climb  
I just enjoy my evening beer  
when I'm joining with my peers

I saw your patronizing look  
like I was some kind of crook  
while you're master of the universe  
you see, I'm just a little boss-averse

you may think you can dictate to me  
you may think you can lay down the law  
you base your views on ideology  
but your theories have got a flaw

I'm not your slave  
I'm not your kin  
I've got my pride  
I won't give in

you pay the wage, you're in the driver's seat  
I'm just some source that you deplete  
but that's restricted to the working hours  
at quitting time you simply lose your power

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you may think you can lay down the law  
you base your views on ideology  
but your theories have got a flaw

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I'm not your kin  
I've got my pride  
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**if I can**

I need no love  
I need no sympathy  
I need no warmth  
don't need your empathy  
I've set objectives  
I've got a plan  
I'll pull it off  
if I can

I'll stand my ground  
I'll get around  
I'm more of a man  
than you think I am  
than you think I am

I need no love  
I need no sympathy  
I need no warmth  
don't need your empathy  
I've set objectives  
I've got a plan  
I'll pull it off  
if I can

I'll prove my point  
I won't disappoint  
I'll be flying high  
I'll kiss this life goodbye  
kiss this life goodbye

I'm more of a man  
than you think I am  
more of a man  
if I can

I need no love  
I need no sympathy  
I need no warmth  
don't need your empathy  
I've set objectives  
I've got a plan  
I'll pull it off  
if I can

**if looks could kill**

it had got late last night  
'cause I was with the boys  
now I can see that you  
sure do look annoyed  
but what's so wrong if I  
just have some fun and joy

if looks could kill  
I wouldn't stand a chance  
with my song and dance  
trying to put you in trance  
so your gaze won't kill

as for the reddish smear  
you spotted on my shirt  
well I have no idea  
I'm sure I was not hurt  
I'll wash it out right now  
must be some kind of dirt

if looks could kill  
I wouldn't stand a chance  
with my song and dance  
trying to put you in trance  
so your gaze won't kill

now you say you detect  
a certain scent on me  
that I just failed to note  
it's there admittedly  
but doesn't mean a thing  
as you can clearly see

if looks could kill  
I wouldn't stand a chance  
with my song and dance  
trying to put you in trance  
so your gaze won't kill

now I wonder if it's worth it  
so little fun - yet sort of risk your life  
now I wonder if it's worth it  
just a quickie - yet risk to lose your wife

if looks could kill  
I wouldn't stand a chance  
with my song and dance  
trying to put you in trance  
so your gaze won't kill

## **I'm not that kind of guy**

when we met it was quite plain  
that we both could not abstain  
it was a question of "your place or mine"  
it was alright to meet again  
that our relation we'd maintain  
having sex - with a bottle of wine

now don't you start getting ideas  
- and nurturing my fears  
throwing off - the balance of our deal  
if you want to persevere  
this must not become sincere  
I'm suspecting - what could be your zeal

well, it's okay if you've fallen in love  
fallen in love with me  
but any tie of endurance write off  
I'm not that kind of guy, you see  
to get it on for a night or two  
that's quite alright with me  
but any tie of endurance write off  
I'm not that kind of guy, you see

don't talk 'bout kids or family  
if you want to keep seein' me  
the only way is to keep up our affair  
would you listen to my plea  
that I need to remain free  
that doesn't mean - that I do not care

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fallen in love with me  
but any tie of endurance write off  
I'm not that kind of guy, you see  
to get it on for a night or two  
that's quite alright with me  
but any tie of endurance write off  
I'm not that kind of guy, you see

don't get my back against the wall  
I need some space to breathe and roam  
do understand I'm not your thrall  
I'm not the man who'd stay at home

well, it's okay if you've fallen in love  
fallen in love with me  
but any tie of endurance write off  
I'm not that kind of guy, you see  
to get it on for a night or two  
that's quite alright with me  
but any tie of endurance write off  
I'm not that kind of guy, you see

## **I'm not your man**

you use to dance with others glancing 'round to see if I'd be jealous  
you take me for granted as your last resort  
go on cheating, go have fun with all your other fellows  
Baby, don't you be too sure  
'cause the time has come that you're  
gonna learn that I am not  
the man for you

you claim you've got a right to escapades 'cause you're undecided  
just get on with this, but let me tell you that you are misguided  
I turned a blind eye to your cheats - you know that I've tried it  
now I know that I am not  
the man for you

you mess 'round with other guys and hope I'd get along, girl  
what kind of wimp do you think I am to just hang on  
you may be assured that you have got it wrong, girl  
because I no longer care  
I'm getting over our affair  
you will learn that I am not  
the man for you

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just get on with this, but let me tell you that you are misguided  
I turned a blind eye to your cheats - you know that I've tried it  
now I know that I am not  
the man for you  
no, Baby, I am not  
the man for you

you'll see your mistake soon enough once you need a friend to talk to  
don't come crawling, don't come begging, 'cause I won't be there  
I've learned my lesson and, you bet, I no longer care what you do  
you were just one episode  
that I seemed to have to go through  
you know that I am not  
the man for you  
no, Baby, I am not  
the man for you

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no, Baby, I am not  
the man for you

**in case**

in case I needed someone to talk to  
in case I needed someone to love  
in case there was some hardship to go through  
- would you be there for me?

we've had some good times  
we've had some fun  
taking things easy  
under the sun  
but life's not always  
a walk in the park  
some days are bright  
yet some days are dark

in case I needed someone to talk to  
in case I needed someone to love  
in case there was some hardship to go through  
- would you be there for me?

I'm thinking about us  
in the long run  
will we still keep up  
acting as one  
'cause life's not always  
a walk in the park  
some days are bright  
yet some days are dark

in case I needed someone to talk to  
in case I needed someone to love  
in case there was some hardship to go through  
- would you be there for me?

in case you needed someone to talk to  
in case you needed someone to love  
in case there was some hardship to go through  
- I would be there for you

## **in love with June**

a hint of summer yet the spring still near  
the land in bloom and the air so clear  
feeling carefree in the light summer breeze  
it's a time to live a life of ease

flowery smells gently caress my nose  
I'm so happy and love feels so close  
strolling under the early summer moon  
I feel like falling in love with June

I bathe my feet in the blue lagoon  
the perfect place for a honeymoon  
it feels so good to fall in love with June

I met her at the cocktail stand  
I reached out for the young girl's hand  
and dared to ask her for a dance  
to start a summertime romance

expectant of a summer full of bliss  
I'm savouring each single kiss  
and in my mind there's this seductive tune  
tonight I will be making love to June

we bathe our feet in a blue lagoon  
enjoin' a taste of honeymoon  
it feels so good to fall in love with June  
we bathe our feet in a blue lagoon  
enjoin' a taste of honeymoon  
it feels so good to fall in love with June

**in need**

I've only just left the house  
I've only just closed the door  
and right away I feel  
there's something missing  
I don't feel like going to work  
I don't feel like doing my chores  
I would much rather we  
kept on kissing

Oh, Baby, Baby, I'm in need  
Oh, Baby, Baby, I'm in need  
Oh, Baby, Baby, I'm in need  
of you

why are the nights so very short  
why do the days break too soon  
why can't I just stay  
a little longer  
how can I keep on without you  
don't think I'll make it until noon  
my yearning getting  
strong and stronger

Oh, Baby, Baby, I'm in need  
Oh, Baby, Baby, I'm in need  
Oh, Baby, Baby, I'm in need  
of you

I think I'll turn on the heels  
and call it a day  
I simply could not stand  
to keep away  
from you

Oh, Baby, Baby, I'm in need  
Oh, Baby, Baby, I'm in need  
Oh, Baby, Baby, I'm in need  
of you

**it's all there**

laughter, or excessive joy  
my anger when you stole my toy  
- it's all there

wet dreams, and my first crush  
the first kiss, and a secret touch  
- it's all there

nothing's lost  
nothing's gone forever  
when you feel  
you're in heavy weather  
and you're at  
the end of your tether  
then you'll see  
- it's all there

friendship, my comrades' trust  
throwbacks, and days of lust  
- it's all there

prospects full of hope  
confidence that I would cope  
- it's all there

nothing's lost  
nothing's gone forever  
when you feel  
you're in heavy weather  
and you're at  
the end of your tether  
then you'll see  
- it's all there

do not fear that I'd forget  
do not fear that I'd regret  
just a single day  
that we've had

nothing's lost  
nothing's gone forever  
when you feel  
you're in heavy weather  
and you're at  
the end of your tether  
then you'll see  
- it's all there

**king of the rolling stones** (co-writer: Martin Götz, Austria)

his stuff stowed in a shopping cart  
his main asset an old guitar  
that's everything he'll ever need  
his staple diet some drinks at night  
his reading lamp a dim street light  
it isn't very much, indeed

it takes good will to call art  
the few folk tunes he sings by heart  
that suffice as his stage program  
his guitar's always out of tune  
no later than the clock shows noon  
he doesn't really give a damn

he leads the life that he chose  
or that at least comes very close  
so it's alright

he is the king of the rolling stones  
a man without a home  
he lives a life so free and peaceful  
but he will die all alone

a cardboard box to collect small change  
banknotes somehow would look strange  
although he wouldn't mind at all  
condescendence, sniggers, sneers  
good advice, though insincere -  
he takes it with a pinch of salt

his working hours use to depend  
on how much money he's got to spend  
to pay for pub grub and a pint  
eventually he'll leave the town  
before routine would wear him down  
and soon will vanish from our mind

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or that at least comes very close  
so it's alright

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a man without a home  
he lives a life so free and peaceful  
but he will die all alone

## **Knight Templar**

I'm the Knight Templar  
fighting for the good cause  
I'll die an honoured martyr  
I won't rest, I won't pause  
I'll point the way for others  
a beacon in the night  
we'll stand for one another  
in our righteous fight

I'll accept no weakness  
and no laxity  
our efforts will be ceaseless  
to end democracy  
I'm the Nordic hero  
I'm the guiding light  
I'm the modern Nero  
a Caesar's always right

if you want to win the war  
hit the enemies at their core  
never mind some casualties  
don't waste your time with trivialities  
like their misconceived humanity

I've outlined all our actions  
to further our cause  
I don't fear their reactions  
I don't respect their laws  
I bombed their office building  
and killed some dozen kids  
I declare myself not guilty  
I don't rue what I did

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I'll die an honored martyr  
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in our righteous fight

## **legalize me**

I ain't doing nobody no harm  
I give no reason for raising alarm  
I'm friendly, I'm kind, I am rather relaxed  
I'm giving people what their life lacks

what is it that some want to fight?  
I'm here for your pleasure, for your delight  
I'm gentle, I horny, I'm game for a laugh  
I'm witty, ironic, and I like to chaff

legalize me  
don't penalize me  
realize me  
don't demonize me  
legalize me

don't make a fuss about things you don't know  
don't make statements whose proof you can't show  
I don't claim your trust in advance  
just try me out and and give us a chance

legalize me  
don't penalize me  
realize me  
don't demonize me  
legalize me

Hey, my friend  
won't you just cool down a bit and relax  
have a nice cup of tea with me and a smoke  
let's have it cosy, maybe have a little sex

legalize me  
don't penalize me  
realize me  
don't demonize me  
legalize me

### **let's party and get on bad**

when the work is done  
or when school is out  
it's time for some fun  
and we sing and shout  
no more drudgery  
and no foreign rule  
no indignity  
no more playin' the fool

but we have to hurry up because the night gets close  
we clean up, make up, getting ready for the show  
got to get started, folks, because there is no time to lose  
in no time we're ready and we are all geared up to go

let us party on the beach  
let us party in the streets  
let us party every night  
let us set the nights alight  
let us feel the throbbing beat  
let us feel the body heat  
let's be hot or raving mad  
let's be free and get on bad

take the bus or train  
come by foot or car  
or even come by plane  
if it is too far  
you can walk or ride  
take the motorbike  
make small steps or strides  
just come as you like

but you have to hurry up because the night gets close  
just clean up, make up, getting ready for the show  
now do get started, folks, because there is no time to lose  
in no time you're ready and you are all geared up to go

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let us feel the body heat  
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let's be free and get on bad

we will dance  
and we'll  
be dancing slow and close [sperrig zu singen]  
or revel like crazy  
we'll have fun and dance the night away  
anyway  
we will dance  
and we  
can be boisterous and wild  
what ever the night will bring we [eine extra Silbe]  
are going to enjoy our time

let us party on the beach  
...

## **life in secret**

make me your second thought  
let's lead our life in sin  
grant me the things I sought  
but never do me in

keep me under the carpet  
and against the odds  
avoid the open market  
keep out of sight of Gods

let's lead our life in secret  
let's take what's been denied  
let's avoid the public and  
accept what is implied  
leading our life in secret

while we feel in line  
let me taste your sex  
send shivers up my spine  
while our bodies flex

let's lead our life in secret  
let's take what's been denied  
let's avoid the public and  
accept what is implied  
leading our life in secret

here's our deal today  
a climax for a guilty conscience  
there's not the lame excuse  
of a single instance

let's lead our life in secret  
let's take what's been denied  
let's avoid the public and  
accept what is implied  
leading our life in secret

## light and dark

your looks, your strength, your charm, and your wit  
bewitch all the women in town  
but I've had a glimpse into the pit  
the dark sides of a man of renown

light and dark are  
just the two sides of the same  
light and dark  
it's the nature and kind of the game

I still love you though I know your faults  
and I try to get on and forget  
my emotions can't be brought to a halt  
I'm trying to not be upset

light and dark are  
just the two sides of the same  
light and dark  
it's the nature and kind of the game

I have been there before and  
I've promised to myself that  
I'd never fall for that kind  
of men ever again, yet  
I love your looks, your strength, and your charm, and your wit  
I think I have to live with the pit-falls

light and dark are  
just the two sides of the same  
light and dark  
it's the nature and kind of the game

I have been there before and  
I've promised to myself that  
I'd never fall for that kind  
of men ever again, yet  
I love you in spite of the affairs that you've had  
I willing to weigh good against bad 'cause

light and dark are  
just the two sides of the same  
light and dark  
it's the nature and kind of the game

light and dark are  
just the two sides of the same  
light and dark  
it's the nature and kind of the game

dark and light

black and white

light and dark are  
just the two sides of the same  
light and dark  
it's the nature and kind of the game

**like 'em bad**

pure seduction -  
the way you move  
your slender body  
with the groove  
girl, I crave for you  
make my dreams come true

let's get cosy  
let's get wild  
one on one  
be my spoilt child  
Mmmh, I like 'em bad

I watch you undress  
in my mind  
I hope you are  
the naughty kind  
girl, I crave for you  
make my dreams come true

let's get cosy  
let's get wild  
one on one  
be my spoilt child  
Mmmh, I like 'em bad

let me kiss you here  
let me kiss you there  
let me touch you here  
touch you everywhere

let's get cosy  
let's get wild  
one on one  
be my spoilt child  
Mmmh, I like 'em bad

## **listen to the river**

finding the flaw in the wise man's lectures  
to break the circle of reincarnation  
first seemed based on mere conjectures  
but shall lead to your salvation

a sheltered life when you were younger  
you've known the Brahman sophistication  
lived with ascetics, bore the hunger  
and practiced humble contemplation

listen to the river  
hear its thousand voices  
when it roars, when it whispers,  
or rejoices  
listen to the river  
tell 'bout a thousand choices  
while it roars, while it whispers,  
and rejoices  
listen to the river

you've been merchant, you've been lover  
precious experience that you've acquired  
though you've lived like undercover  
you've known passion, you've known desire

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or rejoices  
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tell 'bout a thousand choices  
while it roars, while it whispers,  
and rejoices  
listen to the river

learn from the ferryman  
stay by the river  
hear what it delivers  
who searches he may never find  
what's beyond his own thoughts  
things beyond what's being taught

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when it roars, when it whispers,  
or rejoices  
listen to the river  
tell 'bout a thousand choices  
while it roars, while it whispers,  
and rejoices  
listen to the river

become aware of its holy sound  
on your quest for your own ground

## **look forward**

what's the use looking back on your misery  
or mistaking bad luck for your destiny  
why should you be sulking or cry bitterly  
cultivating a state of moody reverie

look forward  
stop looking back  
look forward  
get back on track  
look forward

yeah, I know you are hit hard  
yeah, I know it's tough to bear  
but then, it's not the end  
and no reason to despair

what's the use looking back on your misery  
or mistaking bad luck for your destiny  
why should you be sulking or cry bitterly  
cultivating a state of moody reverie

look forward  
stop looking back  
look forward  
get back on track  
look forward

yeah, I know that you feel wounded  
and it takes some time to cope  
why can't you just snap out of it  
'cause the future's full of hope

what's the use looking back on your misery  
or mistaking bad luck for your destiny  
why should you be sulking or cry bitterly  
cultivating a state of moody reverie

look forward  
stop looking back  
look forward  
get back on track  
look forward

look forward ...

## loving again

my friend

I witnessed your hardship and  
your sorrow  
there was nothing that I could do or say  
to open up your eyes

tonight  
for the first time,  
you are happy  
for the first time,  
you feel loved

I've always cared for you, hoping to see you happy  
I've seen your pain, felt your hurt, your suffering  
now your eyes shine again  
you're smiling again  
trusting again,  
loving again  
you're smiling again  
trusting again,  
loving again

these things may happen sometimes  
you're careless and green  
falling in love with the wrong one  
it can take its time to learn  
to see through lies  
and deception

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now your eyes shine again  
you're smiling again  
trusting again,  
loving again  
you're smiling again  
trusting again,  
loving again

when you love  
the past will lose its power  
when you love  
you'll be blooming like a flower

I've always cared for you, hoping to see you happy  
I've seen your pain, felt your hurt, your suffering  
now your eyes shine again  
you're smiling again  
trusting again,  
loving again  
you're smiling again  
trusting again,  
loving again

## **make me real**

like I had lived within a mist  
my future never looked quite clear to me  
I never knew what I had missed  
just dragged along year after year

I tried to live a normal life  
my only purpose was to function  
no higher aims for which to strive  
until I kind of reached a junction

you tore me right out of my dream  
I thought would never ever end  
and you awoke me with a kiss  
promising a time of bliss

it feels like I'm just getting up  
become part of a world of love  
I can't describe just what I'm feeling  
since you've come to make me real

you appeared just like a mystery  
like you'd come from another universe  
where people use to live quite happily  
my own life needed to reverse

I may have whiled away my time  
but you've made worth the time of waiting  
so that now we're on the climb  
towards a new life we're creating

it feels like I'm just getting up  
become part of a world of love  
I can't describe just what I'm feeling  
since you've come to make me real

you tore me right out of my dream  
I thought would never ever end  
and you awoke me with a kiss  
promising a time of bliss

it feels like I'm just getting up  
become part of a world of love  
I can't describe just what I'm feeling  
since you've come to make me real

**no more**

no more trusting, no more lying  
no more longing, no more crying  
no more suffering, no more feeling  
no more hurting, no more healing  
no more hoping, no more waiting  
no more loving, no more hating

no more trying, no more failing  
no more smiling, no more wailing  
no more running, no more walking  
no more listening, no more talking  
no more owning, no more yearning  
no more teaching, no more learning

no more cheering, no more prancing  
no more playing, no more dancing  
no more giving, no more sharing  
no more wondering, no more caring  
no more smirking, no more grinning  
no more gaining, no more winning

no more breathing  
no more breathing  
no more breathing

## **nothing wrong with change**

I don't need you  
like you don't need me  
we've got all out of what was in it

I got to move on  
to pastures new and  
find a new love to share my life with

I won't forget, I don't regret  
a single day we had together  
and I don't get why you should fret  
now that things have changed altogether

there's nothing wrong with change  
no reason to talk down our past  
not every love is meant to last  
life sometimes can be strange  
there's nothing wrong with change

I got my car  
to cruise the land and  
learn to see, find new perspectives

new faces  
fresh impressions  
walk new paths, find new objectives

I won't forget, I don't regret  
a single day we had together  
and I don't get why you should fret  
now that things have changed altogether

there's nothing wrong with change  
no reason to talk down our past  
not every love is meant to last  
life sometimes can be strange  
there's nothing wrong with change

I've met this girl  
gives me the feeling  
like a new life is beginning

there's nothing wrong with change  
no reason to talk down our past  
not every love is meant to last  
life sometimes can be strange  
there's nothing wrong with change

## **one of seven billion**

I was there when you shit your pants  
I fell in love with your first romance  
I was the man in your wet dreams  
I'm famous for my cunning schemes

I'll be with you when you despair  
when you need help I will be there  
one day I'm am there to show the way  
next day I'm leading you astray

live your dream before you wake up  
live your life before you die

I kill people  
I give birth  
I make fortunes  
I eat dirt but you see  
I just want to be  
one of seven billion

I'm your story as yet untold  
I'll stay young while you grow old  
eventually I'll see you die  
but you will never make me cry

live your dream before you wake up  
live your life before you die

I kill people  
I give birth  
I make fortunes  
I eat dirt but you see  
I just want to be  
one of seven billion

let me seduce you  
give us a try  
let me tease you  
give me your smile

live your dream before you wake up  
live your life before you die

I kill people  
I give birth  
I make fortunes  
I eat dirt but you see  
I just want to be  
one of seven billion

**pardon me, Melanie**

Melanie, please pardon me  
if I caused you pain  
Melanie, please pardon me  
if your pleas were in vain

Melanie, please pardon me  
if my words were too harsh  
Melanie, please pardon me  
if I hit you too hard

Melanie, you see  
if it wasn't for your intransigence  
I'd never have lost control

Melanie, please pardon me  
if I made you cry  
Melanie, please pardon me  
if I caused your black eye

Melanie, please pardon me  
if I have stained your rug  
Melanie, please pardon me  
if I have spilled your blood

Melanie, you see  
if it wasn't for your intransigence  
I'd never have lost control

Melanie, please pardon me  
if I have smashed your head  
Melanie, please pardon me  
if I have caused your death

Melanie, you see  
if it wasn't for your intransigence  
I'd never have lost control

[spoken:]  
gotta wrap you up real nicely  
add some more weight to the package  
and find me some place to dump it  
fuck, what a mess  
see what you're doin' to me

## **pastures new**

we lived and lied and caused confusion  
lived an illusion  
now we've reached deadlock

we've never, never ever known the true first love  
we've hoped real love would come to us soon enough  
we never, never thought that life could be so tough  
our path looked smooth but it has proved too rough

it can't be wrong  
to look ahead  
move on  
to pastures new  
instead

there is nothing  
that we need dread  
moving on  
to pastures new  
instead

to fool ourselves we used so many different tricks  
although our love since long had lacked the kicks  
deceived ourselves we'd have to go through thin and thick  
our own answers to our questions always being slick

it can't be wrong  
to look ahead  
move on  
to pastures new  
instead

there is nothing  
that we need dread  
moving on  
to pastures new  
instead

there's nothing wrong  
we will be strong  
we'll get along  
no, nothing's wrong

it can't be wrong  
to look ahead  
move on  
to pastures new  
instead

there is nothing  
that we need dread  
moving on  
to pastures new  
instead

## **pay them back**

yellow rain  
and a lethal gas cloud  
hanging over your village  
wiping it out

not a single creature  
survived the attack  
there was no future  
and no turning back

coming back from your mission  
you've witnessed the scene  
nothing unproved  
nothing unseen

dead infants, wrenched bodies  
frozen in pain  
the sight of the carnage  
burned into your brain

now they fear you  
they won't come close  
your raging madness  
your vacant stare  
lunatic violence  
that still glows  
and your tension  
are hard to bear

since you have sworn  
to pay them back

pay them back  
don't show mercy  
pay them back  
be sly and nasty  
pay them back  
surprise the enemy  
pay them back

the visions will haunt you  
till your last breath  
till then you won't cease  
in your mission of wrath

and they fear you  
they won't come close  
your raging madness  
your vacant stare  
lunatic violence  
that still glows  
and your tension  
are hard to bear

since you have sworn  
to pay them back

pay them back

...

## Phoenix

in times of mourning and sorrow  
without faith,  
times of fear, despair, and cries

although all hope may tomorrow  
go up in flames  
nothing's lost when the Phoenix dies

and yet again you will see  
that it will rise - yes, it will rise  
from the ashes

noble bird, comforting sight  
brilliant colours, graceful flight  
wheels in the sky, spread wings  
viewing the world as it sings  
such wondrous chants are its cries  
that they'd bring tears to men's eyes

although all hope may seem to  
go up in flames  
nothing's lost when the Phoenix dies

and yet again you will see  
that it will rise - yes, it will rise  
from the ashes

it's roosting in the tree of life  
that would shake when it'd take flight  
and spread the seed of all known plants  
and spread the riches of the land  
the bird beholds the fertile fields  
and the earth it shields

although all hope may seem to  
go up in flames  
nothing's lost when the Phoenix dies

and yet again you will see  
that it will rise - yes, it will rise  
from the ashes

it has lived and witnessed change  
and all the wisdom of old age  
it's gathered in its course of life  
it has seen emperors rise,  
reigns pass, and hopes soar,  
times of peace, and times of war

although it's burning in the flames  
it will stand up and live again  
although it's burning in the flames  
it will stand up and live again  
will stand up and live again

**play with me**

Oh, I'm in the mood to toy and tease  
I know I can coax and please  
messaging around makes me feel like

flirting time  
oh I feel like it  
it lies in the way you are dancing  
the way that you show off your body  
looking gorgeously sexy tonight

play with me  
dance with me  
yeah, play with me  
don't fear the fire

play with me  
dance with me  
yeah, play with me  
touch me, kiss me, love me

party time  
oh I feel like it  
I love to groove and to be dancing  
and I like to show off my body  
feeling gorgeously sexy tonight

play with me  
dance with me  
yeah, play with me  
don't fear the fire

play with me  
dance with me  
yeah, play with me  
touch me, kiss me, love me

**post it on the net** (co-written with Robert Baitinger)

if you're just starting  
or you're already through  
if you feel good  
or you've got the flu  
just post it  
post it on the net

when you feel happy  
or you've got the blues  
when you're unfaithful  
or when you are true  
just post it  
post it on the net

and when your friends ask  
what you've been up to  
just upload a picture  
with a comment or two  
just post it  
post it on the net

it may be important  
and significant  
maybe just boring  
or irrelevant  
just post it  
post it on the net

when you wait for the bus  
or you walk the dog  
whatever it is  
write it down in your blog  
just post it  
post it on the net

the things that you hate  
the things that you like  
the things that you do  
in the middle of the night  
just post it  
post it on the net

## **promised land**

you were marked out  
for the big venture  
to go and try your luck  
travelling over the sea

young, healthy, strong  
you could be the one  
who once could support  
the whole family tree

all of your family  
had scraped together  
what little they could find  
to pay the smuggler's fee

venture to the promised land  
to share its overflowing wealth  
work and prospects with no end  
as long as you are in good health  
venture to the promised land

a dark and misty night  
a vessel with no name  
overloaded to the brim  
to carry desperates abroad

crossing the rough sea  
in a moonless night  
all were sick  
a few went overboard

venture to the promised land  
to share its overflowing wealth  
work and prospects with no end  
as long as you are in good health  
venture to the promised land

doing illegal work  
under plastic foils  
at the Spanish coast  
for a starvation wage

your hopes are shattered  
and you feel cheated  
yet there's no choice  
but swallowing your rage

welcome to the promised land  
create its overflowing wealth  
work and hardship with no end  
as long as you are in good health  
welcome to the promised land

**rows in a row**

to start a row  
you need neither cause nor reason  
act like I've committed treason  
you heed neither time nor season  
but I don't wanna leave  
I ain't gonna leave  
I don't wanna leave you at all

rows in a row  
can't we agree at all  
will there always be  
rows in a row

when we make up  
you can be a real dish  
you'd do anything I wish  
no you ain't a cold fish  
and I don't wanna leave  
I ain't gonna leave  
I don't wanna leave you at all

rows in a row  
can't we agree at all  
will there always be  
rows in a row

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## rule of thumb

you beat up your wife when you felt like it  
you bullied, threatened, abused her  
at last she broke out after one of your fits  
to escape from oppression and torture

you pestered your brother-in-law to find out  
where your wife might be in hiding  
he would not reveal her whereabouts  
so you seized him to get him confiding

you punched him hard because you knew he knew,  
broke his nose, tore his nails, yet still  
he'd said no word when he died off on you  
though you had never intended to kill

by rule of thumb  
a severed thumb sticking out  
will mean thumbs down  
in the end for you

this tiny part  
of your victim's corpse  
makes your whole home town  
point a finger at you

you butchered your victim quite thoroughly  
and disposed of your slaughterhouse waste  
who'd have thought that a crow eventually  
would find his thumb to her taste

yet lose her precious prey in mid-air  
while bein' captured on CCTV  
it dropped right on a crowded public square  
giving voice to a silent man's plea

his thumb providing the only proof  
of what the police had conjectured  
so you've got no choice to stand aloof  
or hold the alibi you'd manufactured

by rule of thumb  
his severed thumb sticking out  
will mean thumbs down  
in the end for you

this tiny part  
of your victim's corpse  
makes your whole home town  
point a finger at you

a crow as a messenger from the beyond  
makes you look stupid, makes you feel conned  
you thought you were cunning, but now you look dumb  
being given the finger by a dead man's thumb

by rule of thumb  
...

this tiny part  
...

## scavengers

sickening smells now waft  
across the battlefield  
another war's been won - or lost  
scavengers emerge  
who'd been well concealed  
they'd kept their fingers crossed

black market treasures to be found  
among the dead and body parts  
of soldiers who no longer care  
when they are being tossed

the buzzard on the pole  
watches attentively  
the busy highway's scenery  
it can't be very long  
before a car runs over  
some mindless tiny beast

the table very soon is laid  
with choices of delicacies  
fresh from the fields and from the woods  
- time for another feast

garbage mountains rise  
beyond the métropole  
leftovers of a life de luxe  
gaunt and scruffy kids  
who somehow do not count  
tearing trash from trucks

they live their lives in misery  
fighting over rotting food  
just to make it one more day  
competing with stray dogs

### **screw up my courage**

I think I should screw up my courage  
I guess that I should take a chance  
I know I risk to feel ashamed  
but then my gain could be romance

there's this girl here at the party  
but I feel too shy  
approaching her, ask for a dance  
I know that I should try

I think I should screw up my courage  
I guess that I should take a chance  
I know I risk to feel ashamed  
but then my gain could be romance

her beauty takes my breath away  
I feel weak at the knees  
how shall she ever notice me  
I feel so ill at ease

I think I should screw up my courage  
I guess that I should take a chance  
I know I risk to feel ashamed  
but then my gain could be romance

I watch the others dance in pairs  
they kiss and they get close  
I stand like frozen and I stare,  
afraid my yearning shows

I think I should screw up my courage  
I guess that I should take a chance  
I know I risk to feel ashamed  
but then my gain could be romance

I'm in a state of desperation  
I'm tearing out my hair  
why do I have to be so meek  
I think life is not fair

I think I should screw up my courage  
...

## **see you again**

you twirled round the dance floor uncaring who was watching  
happy with yourself, looking whole and satisfied  
I kept holding on to yet another drink, romanticizing  
there's this flash I won't forget  
when our eyes just briefly met  
that I knew that I just had  
to see you again

when you dance and move your body you hold all the guys' attention  
you're just yourself, your lucky self, and you know no pretension  
if there was a winner or a prize you'd sure be in contention  
and I wonder when will I  
see you again

I got into the habit of hanging 'round the place that I'd first seen you  
hoping that there'd be a chance that we'd come close  
I was close to giving up when suddenly I spied you  
there's this flash I won't forget  
when our eyes just briefly met  
that I knew that I just had  
to see you again

when you dance and move your body you hold all the guys' attention  
you're just yourself, your lucky self, and you know no pretension  
if there was a winner or a prize you'd sure be in contention  
and I wonder when will I  
see you again

when you dance and move your body you hold all the guys' attention  
you're just yourself, your lucky self, and you know no pretension  
if there was a winner or a prize you'd sure be in contention  
and I wonder when will I  
see you again  
Oh, I wonder when will I  
see you again

**shall I live**

shall I live  
as the world's going under  
shall I live  
in a future that's void  
while it rains  
lightning and thunder  
'til the earth  
is finally destroyed

how come  
that (just) one single species  
has the power  
to end it for all  
come o'r them  
like the final disease  
making sure  
that the strongest will fall

shall I live  
as the world's going under  
shall I live  
in a future that's void  
while it rains  
lightning and thunder  
'til the earth  
is finally destroyed

in our time  
we've created great wonders  
in our time  
we've changed the world  
the last plague  
is what we'll come under  
for the forces  
that we've unfurled

shall I live  
as the world's going under  
shall I live  
in a future that's void  
while it rains  
lightning and thunder  
'til the earth  
is finally destroyed

will we be devoured by the darkest night  
will we be blinded by a blazing light  
will we be burning in hellish fires  
will we choke on our own desires

shall I live  
as the world's going under  
shall I live  
in a future that's void  
while it rains  
lightning and thunder  
'til the earth  
is finally destroyed

**sooner or later**

girl, I'll get you  
sooner or later  
I will win your  
stubborn heart  
I'm untiring  
I'm persistent  
I'll be seductive  
I'll be smart

I will make it  
sooner or later  
I'll be surpassing  
your careers  
I'm untiring  
I'm persistent  
I've no restrains  
I know no fears

sooner or later  
all things change  
sooner or later  
my time will come  
sooner or later  
we'll all succumb  
when our options  
are rearranged -  
sooner or later

we will all die  
sooner or later  
by accident or  
of old age  
may we be weenies  
may we be heroes  
someday we'll have to  
leave the stage

sooner or later  
all things change  
sooner or later  
my time will come  
sooner or later  
we'll all succumb  
when our options  
are rearranged -  
sooner or later

## **spill blood**

what do you find in him that I could not offer  
it sure ain't the looks of this paltry guy  
tell me which riches has he got in his coffer  
give me just one reason that I can buy

you dump me like old stuff on a junkyard  
you treat me like some piece of shit  
for you love is a thing you can take or discard  
you've had your fun now you're saying "that's it"

I need to spill blood  
rub your face in the mud  
won't give a shit 'bout your pleading  
dance with glee while you're bleeding  
so you see how it feels  
to be grievously hurt

you're comparing his virtues to my vices  
while worshipping him you trample on me  
what once was whole you cut into slices  
don't be too sure that I'm letting you free

I need to spill blood  
rub your face in the mud  
won't give a shit 'bout your pleading  
dance with glee while you're bleeding  
so you see how it feels  
to be grievously hurt

I want to see blood  
I need to taste blood  
I need to spill blood

I need to spill blood  
rub your face in the mud  
won't give a shit 'bout your pleading  
dance with glee while you're bleeding  
so you see how it feels  
to be grievously hurt

I want to see blood  
I need to taste blood  
I need to spill blood

## **stand by yourself**

like you're undercover you are trying to live  
a life for the others accepting what they give  
you let them have their say and let them set the norm  
a play that they are writing is what you perform

what's wrong with your feelings, what's wrong with your faith  
opinions, convictions, questions that may raise  
don't you trust your own judgement, can't you see the truth  
where is your sense for facts, just look beyond your booth

stand by yourself  
be true to yourself  
stand by yourself

live life to the fullest, do not be afraid  
don't wait for tomorrow - that could be too late  
take your life in your own hands and find your own way  
if there's a time for change that point of time is today

stand by yourself  
be true to yourself  
stand by yourself

what you make of your chances is up to yourself  
there's no-one taking charge while you're just sitting 'round  
obstacles, problems, troubles won't dissolve themselves  
but there is pleasure, love, and fun abound  
the choice is yours - it is in your hands  
it's all so simple if one understands

what you make of your chances is up to yourself  
just keep your senses open, be true to yourself

## **stop wanting you wanting me**

I felt you close and I even saw your face,  
felt your touch, and heard your voice again  
you walked around but you didn't leave a trace  
and I wished the sensation would sustain

I felt deserted, abandoned, left alone  
unsure how to make it on my own

I asked myself when would I stop dreaming  
and close my eyes so I'd be seeing you  
or just stand frozen wanting you wanting me

I wondered when would my mind stop scheming  
and free me to what I'd have to do  
so I could stop wanting you wanting me

we'd been close, but somehow we had changed  
untouched skin, unspoken words, and unheard cries  
we denied it but we'd become estranged  
a doubtful fix our well-meant lies

I felt deserted, abandoned, left alone  
and I hoped I could make it on my own

now I realize that I've stopped dreaming  
or close my eyes so I'd be seeing you  
'cause I've stopped wanting you wanting me

I'm glad, my mind's stopped scheming  
to free me to what I have to do  
since I've stopped wanting you wanting me

my tears have dried, my sorrows washed away  
a dark passage to go through and find the light  
you may wonder, but it's true I'm quite okay  
the past is past, the future looks alright

I felt deserted, abandoned, left alone  
but I know I will make it on my own

I realize that I have stopped dreaming  
or close my eyes so I'd be seeing you  
'cause I've stopped wanting you wanting me

so glad, my mind's stopped scheming  
to free me to what I have to do  
since I've stopped wanting you wanting me

### **taking to flight**

she's been a dutiful daughter for long enough  
she was eager and well-behaved  
she was studious at school and never gruff  
she was kind, if a bit too grave

there's this boy, her senior by a couple years  
experienced, and so worldly-wise  
when she's with him she has nothing to fear  
he knows all the answers when doubts arise

now

she's taking to flight  
she's made her decision  
she left home at night  
she will follow her vision  
she's taking to flight

he convinced her pursuing the course of their love  
his uncle has got this summer house  
there's no detail that he's not thought of  
just thinking of her gets him aroused

while

she's taking to flight  
she's made her decision  
she left home at night  
she will follow her vision  
she's taking to flight

can there be men who are not good enough?  
does it count at all when you're in love?

she's taking to flight  
she's made her decision  
she left home at night  
she will follow her vision  
she's taking to flight

## **the first night**

why can't  
time just stand still for us  
capturing this one spell of the moment  
why can't the good things last  
why can't we keep the past  
living in cherished mem'ries  
why does our life have to go on  
when there's reason just to hold on  
please don't tear me out of my sweet reverie-ie  
leave me my daydream  
leave me this small gleam  
of a love that once has been and that may come back again  
of a dream that once was true and that may come true again

at the first time we met  
our eyes just kept locked  
and the world 'round us faded away

the first night we met  
our eyes just kept locked  
we were dancing the ni-ight away

how fast  
you've got me off your mind  
belying this one perfect moment (in my life)  
all dreams and hopes belied  
I saw the new man by your side  
a sight to shatter my sweet dreams  
squashing my hope that I'd at last  
found my girl, a love to last  
how come that things are so different than they seemed to me  
so now I am again  
left out in the rain  
with a love that once has been but may not come back again  
with a dream that once was true but may not come true again

at the first time we met  
our eyes just kept locked  
and the world 'round us faded away

the first night we met  
our eyes just kept locked  
we were dancing the ni-ight away

but tonight I'm spotting yet again  
the sparkle in your eyes  
yeah, tonight there is some hope again  
that our love may survive

at the first time we met  
our eyes just kept locked  
and the world 'round us faded away

the first night we met  
our eyes just kept locked  
we were dancing the ni-ight away

## **the love you've found**

why  
should they care  
and claim that he is the wrong one for you

how  
dare they judge  
about what he has done or what he would do

it  
is for sure  
none of their business, none of their concern

you  
know for yourself  
what's good and what's bad, and you will be stern

yeah, you'll keep your head up high and stand your ground  
you'll always stay true to the love you've found  
keep your head up high  
stand your ground  
staying true  
to the love you've found  
the love you've found

you've  
known before  
that his reputation was doubtful at least

but then you  
learned that he  
can be tender and true once his love is released

yeah, you'll keep your head up high and stand your ground  
you'll always stay true to the love you've found  
keep your head up high  
stand your ground  
staying true  
to the love you've found  
the love you've found

## **the sound of nations**

take on the virtual journey  
to places yet unknown  
a keyboard and your earphones  
to bring a world of music  
a world of music to your home

the music talks to people  
who would not understand  
each other's words and phrases  
their passions and their crazes  
but they will understand each tune

the sound of nations  
the world's creations  
the sound of peoples  
there for you

take on the virtual journey  
and leave the comfort zone  
grow like this world has grown  
and make this world your own  
a world of music in your home  
(background choir: a new world's waiting one click away)

the sound of nations  
the world's creations  
the sound of peoples  
there for you

the sound of nations  
the world's creations  
the sound of peoples  
there for you

## **tiger boy**

life is a dream  
we live in a magic world  
come as my prince  
and I'll be your loving girl

we will dance like the wind through a colourful scene  
whirling and leaping and reeling  
bright spotlights are shining yellow, red, blue, and green  
we're carefree, gay, and freewheeling

and  
I touch the lips of  
tiger boy  
and I  
play his purring cat and  
I let him lead the dance

I feel the hips of  
tiger boy  
and I,  
I'll hold on and I won't let go, oh I'm

kissing the lips of  
tiger boy  
and I'm  
I'm his tiger girl  
starting a wild romance

prompt the love of  
tiger boy  
and I,  
I'll hold on and I will never let him go

hope and despair  
we live in a tragic world  
come to my relief  
and I'll be your grateful girl

we will live our life full of passion and lust,  
caring, and loving, and sharing  
we will brush off defeats with the force of a gust  
we'll be strong, and brave, and daring

and  
I touch the lips of  
tiger boy  
...

## **tiger in a cage**

another Friday  
another weekend lies ahead  
another Friday  
one of these days I've come to dread  
hanging 'round with brother boredom

she's gone for good now  
said I could stuff my sympathy  
so in my spare time  
all that is left to do for me  
get pissed and throw a tantrum

I am feeling churned up  
I'm feeling turned on  
I waver between  
lust and rage

I am feeling churned up  
I'm feeling turned on  
I feel like a tiger  
in a cage

look at the chicks now  
no single girl without her bloke  
a smile can cause a row  
their blokes are easily provoked  
you may have to knock 'em down first

she's gone for good now  
said I could stuff my sympathy  
so in my spare time  
all that is left to do for me  
got to find for what I thirst

I am feeling churned up - so confused  
I'm feeling turned on  
I waver between  
lust and rage

I am feeling churned up  
I'm feeling turned on  
I feel like a tiger  
in a cage

**torn down**

no way we could get along  
both our minds were much too strong  
caught up in our power games  
heading for quite different aims

simple as that

I wish I had understood  
that our break-up was for good  
I wish I had understood  
and had done all I could

I've torn down the bridge I crossed  
now I dream of things I've lost  
and I'm longing for the past .. and I  
yearn for love I trust could last

I've torn down the bridge I crossed  
now I dream of things I've lost  
and I'm longing for the past .. and I  
yearn for love I trust could last

## **up to you**

wave your scruples, give us your okay  
overcome your reservations  
scrap the images that you portray  
do give in to the temptations

you can only win when you give in  
love is stronger than all reason  
love's a force beyond - reason  
don't fight it when you cannot win  
you can only win when you give in  
love is stronger than all reason

you decide - it's up to you  
I can just shed on some light  
your turn now - it's up to you  
whatever you do, make sure it feels right

don't judge me from what some others say  
form a personal opinion  
scrap the images that they portray  
don't act like you were their minion

you can only win when you give in  
love is stronger than all reason

you decide - it's up to you  
I can just shed on some light  
your turn now - it's up to you  
whatever you do, make sure it feels right  
whatever you do, make sure it feels right

## **virtuality**

I'm a tough guy, I'm a hero  
in front of my screen  
I reduce all fiends to zero  
while I remain unseen

earphones, joystick, and my keyboard  
are all I need to kill  
avenger, killer, or just fighter  
I surely get my thrill

I'm a he-man  
in the virtual scene  
confident only  
in the virtuality

I feel worn out in the mornings  
after nights on the net  
when the coming days are dawning  
like some unknown threat

have to earn my humble living  
in a state of void  
life can be so unforgiving  
and I feel annoyed

I'm a he-man  
in the virtual scene  
confident only  
in the virtuality

No, I don't miss a thing  
No, I don't miss a touch  
real, living persons  
can become too much  
No, I don't miss being loved  
No, I don't miss being hurt  
hints of reality  
put me on the alert

I'm a he-man  
in the virtual scene  
confident only  
in the virtuality

### **what use are colours**

what use are colours when your eyes can't see  
what use are sounds when your ears can't hear  
what use is my touch when you won't feel me  
what use is my love when you're not here  
since you have gone  
leaving me alone  
I feel so senseless  
being on my own

what use is my mouth when it can't taste you  
what use my hands that can't feel your skin  
what use is my nose without your perfume  
what use are senses in the state I'm in  
since you have gone  
leaving me alone  
I feel so senseless  
being on my own

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what use are sounds when your ears can't hear  
what use is my touch when you won't feel me  
what use is my love when you're not here  
since you have gone  
leaving me alone  
I feel so senseless  
being on my own

### **when there's nothing else**

they don't read your wishes from your lips  
instead they make you go to school  
they would not grant you every single wish  
they make you feel just like a fool  
although you dress up with so much care  
and use to move quite daintily  
they ignore your highbrow tastes  
that you keep up assiduously

at night you pray for recognition  
that you will be made a star  
and you know by intuition  
that that moment can't be far

well,  
hold on to your prayers  
to your romantic dreams  
hold on to your prayers  
to your crazy schemes  
when there's nothing else

he's turned out annoyingly mundane  
like just some ordinary guy  
his wishes just drive you insane  
and his demands can make you cry  
no he's no knight in shining armour  
who would court you gallantly  
there will be no graceful wedding  
where you could dance exquisitely

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to your crazy schemes  
when there's nothing else

## **when you need help**

where the road of your life  
goes straight on, twists, or turns  
is not up to you  
each surprise a chance for you to learn

more to it than just survive  
I will not lay down the law  
it's not up to me  
so maybe all the better I'd withdraw

when you need help just remember I'm there  
when you're in need you will see that I care  
you reach for the stars and you search for the sun  
eventually you'll see I am the one

now that you will leave me for another  
you say for you I'm like a brother  
yet I'm not the one  
you're seeing as your lover

now that you will leave me for another  
should I cry or just not bother  
it's not the last time  
that we are seeing each other

when you need help just remember I'm there  
when you're in need you will see that I care  
you reach for the stars and you search for the sun  
eventually you'll see I am the one

when you need help just remember I'm there  
when you're in need you will see that I care  
you reach for the stars and you search for the sun  
eventually you'll see I am the one

### **when you smile**

you're still a mystery to me and other boys  
attracted like the moths are to a flame  
you play with men like they just were your children's toys  
but they'd stand by you all the same  
you play with men like they just were your children's toys  
but still I would be seeing you again

our history is past yet still it makes me cry  
I knew beforehand that we wouldn't last  
I've always hoped for more - no need to ask me why  
ignoring that the die had been cast  
I've always hoped for more - no need to ask me why  
and still I would forgive you all at last

when you smile  
you melt iron hearts  
when you left  
you tore me apart

when you leave  
you tear men apart  
when you smile  
you melt iron hearts

you will remain a mystery to every man  
just looking in your eyes can make them daze  
for you they'd take great pains and do all that they can  
you're smile simply sets them all ablaze  
for you they'd take great pains and do all that they can  
and I will never cease to sing your praise

when you smile  
you melt iron hearts  
when you left  
you tore me apart

when you leave  
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## **who I am**

in my uneventful working days  
I use to dream away the hours  
sometimes life is like some boring play  
or a joke that has turned sour

in my happy coloured garden plot  
with its tasty juicy fruits  
I may have found my private slot  
to escape a world of brutes

when I try to make out some sense  
I find deception and pretence, so

why is the truth opaque  
why do your smiles look fake  
why do I still not know  
who I am

commercials meant to wash my brain  
wrapped into nonsense tales  
they only care to entertain  
so they can increase their sales

when I try to make out some sense  
I find deception and pretence, so

why is the truth opaque  
why do your smiles look fake  
why do I still not know  
who I am

though I hoped that I could find my place  
and I hoped to find some meaning  
though I hoped some day I could embrace  
a proud future that was gleaming

when I try to make out some sense  
I find deception and pretence, so

why is the truth opaque  
why do your smiles look fake  
why do I still not know  
who I am

**you are the light**

I wandered in the dark  
I must have got off course  
no signpost and no mark  
to show  
me the way  
back home  
to you

you are the light  
you shine so bright  
with all your  
warmth and might

I felt like I was blind  
straying aimlessly  
but then I didn't mind  
'cause I knew  
that you'd  
be waiting  
for me

you are the light  
you shine so bright  
with all your  
warmth and might

with you I feel safe  
threats and dangers far away  
nothing that could harm me  
while I'm here  
with you

you are the light  
you shine so bright  
with all your  
warmth and might

you are the light  
you shine so bright  
with all your  
warmth and might

**you don't make things easy**

life's a game with win and loss  
the world's a place where coins are tossed  
sometimes you're sweet, sometimes you're cross with me  
for reasons I can't see

you're never playing by the rule  
you love to make me look the fool  
you can be sweet, you can be cruel, and I  
I just can't make out why

Hey Babe, you don't make things easy  
you don't try hard to please me  
you're jealous, angry, and you're wild  
now you're mature, then you're a child  
I love you all the same  
but you don't make things easy

I'm not sure which game you play  
but I love you anyway  
I'll buy you flowers now and then, though you  
don't honour what I do

Hey Babe, you don't make things easy  
you don't try hard to please me  
you're jealous, angry, and you're wild  
now you're mature, then you're a child  
I love you all the same  
but you don't make things easy

Hey Babe, ...

## **you have to let go**

I'm not here  
don't come looking for me  
I'm not there  
if you just looked you would see  
'cause I have closed my eyes

I'm not you  
you'll never know me that well  
I'm not him  
who'd never be able to tell  
'cause I have shut my ears

if you hold on to your romantic dream  
of a love that would shine and gleam  
then you're in for a terrible blow  
'cause you will have to let go

I'm not now  
and I'll never be there for you  
I'm not then  
there is nothing that you could do  
'cause I have shut my mind

if you hold on to your romantic dream  
of a love that would shine and gleam  
then you're in for a terrible blow  
'cause you will have to let go

you know, I've never loved you  
and I never will  
and whatever you undertake  
still your chances are nil

if you hold on to your romantic dream  
of a love that would shine and gleam  
then you're in for a terrible blow  
'cause you will have to let go

**you were my dream**

I feel that I'm trapped in your dream  
and I don't seem to find an escape  
oh girl, you are much too extreme  
and I just hope that things  
are not what they seem

you were my dream little girl  
and now I am yours  
you were my love, now I am  
your prisoner

you were my dream, now you have  
thrown me off course  
you were my love, now I  
feel lost  
and doomed

I feel suffocated by love  
and I don't seem to find air to breathe  
girl, your wants are simply too much  
and I just hope that you'll  
one day have enough

you were my dream little girl  
and now I am yours  
you were my love, now I am  
your prisoner

you were my dream, now you have  
thrown me off course  
you were my love, now I  
feel lost  
and doomed

## **your place or mine**

I've called it a day  
though I have nowhere to go  
but find me a bar  
and chill out

a young lady across  
I start talking with her  
so many topics  
for talking about

where do you come from  
where will we go  
where will it lead us  
from here

one day like the next  
should that be all there is  
what 'bout our plans,  
what 'bout our hopes, and our dreams

you're good for me  
I'm good for you  
the night is still young  
so what should we do  
well -  
is it your place or mine

you're good for me  
...

we order a drink  
and we drink to the past  
we drink to our future  
and the night

we run out of words  
but our silence still talks  
so many topics  
we'd been talking about

where do you come from  
where will we go  
where will it lead us  
from here

one day like the next  
should that be all there is  
what 'bout our plans,  
what 'bout our hopes, and our dreams

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the night is still young  
so what should we do  
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...

**you're all I'll ever**

I could call it luck  
or I could call it destiny  
sometimes I'm not sure  
if you're real or fantasy  
I think I'll never grasp,  
I will never clearly see  
how come that you one day  
just fell in love with me

such a lucky day  
such a lucky guy

you are all I'll ever want  
you are all I'll ever need  
you are all I'll ever love  
you are all I'll ever

I love to watch you smile  
I love your sparkling eyes  
you make me so glad  
it feels like I could fly  
I'm so fortunate  
I'm such a happy guy  
and I won't waste my time  
by asking how or why

such a lucky time  
such a lucky guy

you are all I'll ever want  
you are all I'll ever need  
you are all I'll ever love  
you are all I'll ever

Mmmh, you do me good  
Mmmh, life feels so good

you are all I'll ever want  
you are all I'll ever need  
you are all I'll ever love  
you are all I'll ever

## **you're perfect**

kids found you uncool  
you often looked the fool  
never caught the boys' eyes  
love seemed to pass you by

but  
you're perfect as you are  
you're perfect by wide and far  
you're perfect, you're perfect  
for me

you had no romance  
you would never dance  
with no rhythm in your head  
but two left feet instead

you're perfect as you are  
you're perfect by wide and far  
you're perfect, you're perfect  
for me

your looks aren't too great  
this is just your fate  
so much as for your skin  
yet not the girl within

you're perfect as you are  
you're perfect by wide and far  
you're perfect, you're perfect  
for me

there's a buzzing happy life  
beyond stardom and careers  
there's fulfilment and quite bliss  
beyond the spotlights and loud cheers  
you need not struggle, fight, or toil  
to find true love right now and here

you're perfect as you are  
you're perfect by wide and far  
you're perfect, you're perfect  
for me

## Notes

"Phoenix" was originally written to match a Persian tune with the original title "Simorgh". As the English version was never produced I rewrote its text to make it more suitable for, say, some ordinary folk song. I included the original version in "Bernd's lyrics 2009/2010".

A former version of "no more" is also contained in "Bernd's lyrics 2009/2010". I changed its text when I recorded the song myself.

As their title suggests the "four narrations" are not lyrics at all but spoken interludes that I wrote for a concept album by Martin Götz, Austria.

Quite often I write lyrics to match someone else's tune. And more often than not the joint work is never produced or performed. "I'm not your man" and "see you again", for example, were written to match the very same tune (except for one part that was left out during the process). First Kai rejected "I'm not your man" because he found its attitude too negative, later he rejected "see you again" as well. Such things happen. Markus produced several rough demos of the songs we wrote together, but being dissatisfied with his own performance - which wasn't bad at all! - he never published anything. He also wouldn't allow me to publish at least his 'rough demos'. I think that his songs are truly great - it's a pity! Fortunately, many other collaborations have come to fruition. Bernd as well as Alex have produced and published quite a few songs we have written together.

It always makes me proud and happy when, quite unexpectedly, I hear that someone somewhere chose my lyrics to create a song. A while ago, Svein from Denmark sent me his version of "in love with June". The Austrian band "Daydream" produced "peaceful times" as well as "alive" (my original title was "I feel – I live"). Just now an American rock band has shown interest in "I won't give in". And, of course, my good old partner Bernd takes his picks every now and then.

That is actually what I want to encourage with my 'creative commons license': that people create songs using my lyrics or even alter them to their liking so that new and surprising creations emerge. None of my lyrics are for the exclusive use of any particular artist or band, all are free for everybody to use, change, or adapt. (And I also still hope that one or more of my songs will be 'covered' someday. Although my own performances may be lousy, the songs aren't.)

I would love to hear from you – be it in the virtual world or in the real one. Each new song makes the world a little richer, as it says in Markus' song "the sound of nations" (lyrics: Bernd Harmsen – who else!).

Bernd