

HARBOUR FROM THE STORM



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HARBOUR FROM THE STORM

Save this soul, carry me
Far across the ocean
Till I'm anchored in your key

When I'm there, rain or shine
So long as I am by you
Then I know it will be fine

*There were all is calm
Lying in your arms
My harbour from the storm*

When I feel lost at sea
The thought of you there once more
Will always comfort me

Chorus

Looking up to the stars
I know that they will guide me
Till I'm back to where you are

Chorus

SOMETHING'S WRONG

Back in the winter Of 2003
There was talk of invasion but we begged to disagree
So we got together to think of what we could do
Like so many others who shared our point of view

*All along I thought something's wrong
But in the end we'd put it right*

We fixed a banner to the cliffs of High Tor
And I put on a concert to raise funds from the door
Marching through London in the hope sense would prevail
With so many people how could we now fail?

Chorus

A few weeks beforehand my woman had said to me
She'd been asked by her workmates and she hoped I'd agree
If she met up in Matlock on each Friday night
With the girls from her office, would that be alright?

Chorus

Back home from London on the following night
I furnished our bedroom with flowers and candlelight
But it didn't touch her how I thought it would
Then she said she'd met someone & she was leaving for good

Chorus

Now I've told my story and the moral is clear
At the personal level or political sphere
However high your hopes they may be
What will turn out to happen you never can see

Chorus

LONG SUMMER DAYS

Long summer days on holiday
Didn't we have so much fun
We thought the South West was always the best
Whether Newquay or St Ives won

Building those dams there on the sand
And smiling in the sun with my brother John

I climbed up those cliffs fearless and strong
Never thinking I'd put a foot wrong
Then into the sea with the waves crashing down
Never fearing that I might drown

On the surf riding high in that deep blue sky
when there on my board i would lie

I remember that year we were just halfway home
But couldn't go on as the engine had blown
So my Uncle came down and towed us back home
With an old piece of rope that was clearly well worn

The photos still here can still bring a tear
Mum, John and me laughing in the sea
Dad, John and me in our dingy
We were as happy as could be

My Mum and Dad thought what if we bought
A cottage that's here before they're too dear

But they never went through with what they wanted to do
For how could they see what soon came to be
So the boy became a man
And he goes back whenever he can

As his children grew he took them too
And saw that joy that he once knew

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Didn't we have so much fun
we thought the south west was always the best
whether Newquay or St Ives won

OUR LAST GOODBYE

Standing on the platform, my love and I
Waiting for the next train before we said goodbye
I'd got my grades and they'd offered me
A place to study for my degree

But she had one more year till her turn came
And feared she would lose me once on that train
The first time lover for her and I
And as we waited she began to cry

And she said, "I will always love you, till the day I die"
And I said, "I will always love you too, there's no need to cry"

She wrote lots of letters and so did I
From that room on the campus as the days went by
And over summer we went away
Once more together on holiday

Then it came to her turn to do like me
And go off to study for her degree
But when we met up at Christmas time
She told me she was no longer mine

But she'd said, "I will always love you, till the day I die"
And I said, "I will always love you" on our last goodbye

A WONDER TO BELIEVE

When I was at secondary school, a girl said “My friend really fancies you”
And she turned out to be the one all the boys really liked
So suddenly I was seen in a different light

She said, “You look lonely would you like, to sleep with me, in my bed tonight?
But nothing else of course, don’t you know, or you’ll have to go”
So I agreed to do what she told me to

*I never knew how lucky I was, I rarely made the first move because
I was so shy, just that kind of a guy, so naive it’s a wonder to believe*

While I was on the collage dance floor, a girl came over to me once more
She flung her arms around me and we kissed passionately
And before too soon she’d taken me back to her room

Chorus

I visited an Agency to see what work they could offer me
The woman I saw there said her husband’s just got an aupair
And would I like to share a lunch with her

Chorus

At the Australian consulate where I was working on that date
They had an office do & a girl said, “I really like you
So lets get out of sight, have some fun tonight”

Chorus

JUST ANOTHER GIRL

(A recently discovered Nick Drake lyric which I have set to music)

NOTHING ON THE BOX

I turn on the T.V. and there's so many programs to see
But why does it seem to me there are so few that are worth the fee

Most of what we see there are soaps, competitions and repeats
That hardly make me want to continue sitting in my seat

*And I'm struggling to find what to watch
'Cause there's not much all that good on the box
And it's just like I'm looking in
Some old Blockbuster bargain bin*

Screens are getting bigger but then smaller as well all the while
With your grande home cinema or catch up on a tiny mobile

chorus

Though I know if I've has enough
All I need to do is turn it off
Why don't we just turn it off?
We could have the time of our lives
Getting out to see what meets our eyes
Isn't that where our life lies?

But what really gets me and it happens every time I know
Is when we see the adverts, the volume goes up more than before

Chorus

THAT CERTAIN SPARK

Standing in the swan on the night we met
Me with my friend, you with yours the scene was set
I took you by surprise when I went for you
And I was so pleased when you felt the same way too
We met up in that club, talked about the books we'd read
And predestination as I responded to what you'd said

We seemed to be quite different but every time we'd talk
Or we'd touch each other we'd feel that certain spark
The ticket that I bought to take me to Biarritz
After I met you I just tore it all to bits
At the vicarage where you let me stay
On that summer week while your parents were away
Laughing in the sun in the garden where we lay
And running across the grass as I chased you in our play

*We seemed to be quite different but every time we'd talk
Or we'd touch each other we'd feel that certain spark*

The following year the School of Pharmacy
Offered you a place at their University
That weekend I came down we shared your student room
But our time together, it just seemed to go too soon
Then repeated history, now you wanted to be free
And by Christmas time you had then split up from me

Chorus

After all those years it came out of the blue
When I saw on my screen that message there from you
You said that I could see your vulnerability
And what a rarity that seemed to be in me
You thought that I could tease out your gentler side
In our intimacy as we explored how we felt inside

Chorus

And so we came to meet in London like before
At a well known bookstore when I walked through that door
It was such a joy to be with you once more
Talking face to face like we had so long ago
We met again and kissed there beneath that tree
We tried to meet once more but it never came to be

ALONG THIS ROCKY ROAD

Up, down, 'round and about again
A joy ride that never seems the same
Have fun, see what you can learn
Till it's someone else's turn

*Not everything is possible
But we can be unstoppable
When we share the load
Along this rocky road*

High or low, fast or slow
How we go, who can know

Chorus

We can never really know
If what we want to be will turn out so

Chorus

A butterfly's wing can change everything
And in the promise it brings, new hope will spring

Chorus

Upwards and onwards we will go
Through the rain and hail and snow
Till we reach our final aim
Further down the lane

TRIBUTE BANDS

*Tribute bands are everywhere
But tribute bands I just can't bear
Tribute bands get outa there
Don't wanna see some pale imitation*

Make up a name that's almost the same
As the band you're pretending to be
Oh what a game, feed off their fame
And end up with a nice big fat fee

Chorus

Wear clothes the same as the band with that name
When they were at the height of their fame
If only you could sound just as good
Seems to be your only aim

Chorus

Copy the way they played, each gesture & move they made
What they would tend to say back then in their hayday
And if you get stuck you just might be in luck
If on a video someone there will show what you need to know

The media plays a part in this craze
You have to be famous these days
And if you're not, we couldn't give a jot
So the players get pushed into what will pay

Chorus

LOVING CARE

Every day I think about you wherever you may be
Looking forward to the time when you can be with me
All the times we share together make me feel so good
And I'm glad you feel the same way as i hoped you would

*For who knows how we'll fare in this life we share
Will we come to see how we make such a loving pair
And always be there through loving care*

Every day I think about you and how you've got along
Hoping that your day's gone well and hasn't all gone wrong
Thinking of those great adventures and the fun we've shared
With the sadness we've encounterd but have somehow bared

Chorus

THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF OUR LIVES

*All the twists and turns of our lives
What comes and goes and what still survive*

The smiles and frowns through the ups and downs
The joy and pain in all we lose and gain
What we dared to do when we were scared

Chorus

Could we show how we cared, would our worries be shared
Did we keep to our word , act upon what we heard
Be prepared to see just how we fared?

Chorus

Will we take from each turn a new chance to learn
Find within every twist what before we had missed
And pass it on before we're gone
From the twists and turns of our lives