

# Old Hand - lyrics

## Old Hand

Laying here in the heat of the night

like two lovers do

Sandpaper breath in my throat

trying to get next to you

Looking for a word

Gotta have a word

Need a good word to say

next to you 2x

Well we try and we try and we cry and we try

nothing more left to

working hard at the same old crime

I'm bored of it and so are you

Damn these old lies, damn the chains

Damn the spoken truth

Damn the past i can't erase

god-damn you

Well i kick my fate 'cause you like the tears

but i kick away stubborn pride

Don't say that you are really that amazed

at the lack of love you find inside

You can take apart a life with dynamite

You can take apart of life with no faith

You can take apart a life with endless strife

but you take apart love with hate

Next to you 2x

chorus:

I'm an old hand

I've been down here before

I'm an old hand

I know my way across this floor

Fire in the darkness will get you through

but luck you're going to always need

Sometimes a man and woman just gotta move ahead

Take a bow when it's over and leave

Settle for the passion

level of trust

Settle for a price to pay

Settle for love in a fucked up world

Settle for the take away

Next to you 2x

chorus

### **If It Don't Rain**

Running out of patience and courage

Holding on to paper and steam

Try a little longer i want to  
but dry is dry and i need  
A sprinkle of the water  
started with enough i was thinking  
Wide-eyed optimist me  
but the wind's still pushing and i'm leaning  
and no green as far as i can see  
Bent back blistered and burning  
a face i don't know  
but it's true that what i follow  
is just what i hold

I've been looking for an oasis  
in the middle of this desert  
once i thought i saw it  
but i reached and there was silence  
So ok i get the message  
in the middle of this lake bed  
but it won't matter anyway  
If it don't rain

I'm gonna get blown away  
If it don't rain  
Dry up and blow away  
If it don't rain  
how romantic this passion  
how romantic this way  
how romantic this passion

If it don't rain

## **Hardly Ever Two**

She likes to slam the door in anger

but it slaps like a guillotine

It disconnect my head from my shoulders

I wonder which part she'd claim of me

Oh, you'd think i'd know

but i haven't got a clue

'cause most times she only likes one hald

Hardly ever two

Yes her words they cut like daggers

and these days i bleed so easily

I wonder how i ever got this fragile

I wonder why i let that happen to me

Oh, you'd think i'd know

but i don't know what is true

'cause one day i look in the mirror it's me

But hardly ever two

We started out with good intentions

but for a dime now i think i'd walk away

I can't believe that this is my surrender

I wonder why i even choose to stay

Oh, you'd think i'd know

but i haven't got a clue

'cause one day it feels so good to me

Hardly every, almost never

Hardly ever two

### **Fading Anger**

I think about her now with fading anger

At least now i can hear her name

but i had to move, 3,000 miles

I had to get away

but at last i know i can say the anger fades

The anger fades

It's good to know you can go through your changes

and be ok

You might no be the same yes

but you can be ok

But if you have to move

If you have to get away

If you have to buy a ticket

and find a new place to play

You better pack your bags

Do what you do

Pack your bags  
Do what it takes  
to get to the place yes  
where you can say the anger fades  
The anger fades

### **Toss**

Toss, it's so wrong  
and where'd you learn that way and how  
so strong ?  
Cause i can barely walk away  
and contain myself in such dissaray  
Trying not to just second guess  
what i didn't do or might have said

Toss, it's so cruel  
but there you are and play the part so calm  
and cool  
Just what i'm not today  
Even summertime  
has turned her face away  
She tries but cries gray skies

chorus:

But i wish she could see  
the sunshine inside of me

and how i wish that she knew

above this all the blue

Toss, it's your work

Excuse me if i bend a knee but thanks to learn

Just what you've got a turn

A time and turn no longer mine

Shrug it off just walk away

A broken toy, no fun to play

chorus

## **Edenless**

Sitting here on this old bar stool

the fabric of my life is naugahyde

Not falling over yes i'm looking pretty good

I just lean a little on the inside

It's a corner bar, a congregation

Just a place for the night owls

Edenless is the sign in the window

Edenless in out town

But i like it here, i've got a nickname

all my friends call me "redhot"

it's the rhythm king playing in the corner

4 quarters and whe won't stop

Chief one-eye, don and willy,

big john and crazy sue

It's leaky here, there's mumbles in the corner

Horny janes in the back booth

Yes i know that hane's a lie

and by god i can't afford it

But i wonder as the night goes by

and this bottle gets a little lower

But i know just what's the dance

But maybe not all the timeouts

of course it could become good romance

But it's probably just another wipe-out

We pass away the hours in a smoke filled room

We pass away the hours in our hideout

We don't pretend that we don't know how

It's endenless in out town

So pur another one i read a good fortune

yesterday at the take-out

I still remember that i'm covered today

and that i will find lost treasure

But theres bones are killing me

and that goes for the doubles

But tonight on this bar room seat

only the mirrow is trouble 4x



## **It's Only Love (C'est Seulement l'Amour)**

Je sais la verite

oui, je me laisse aller

A t'attendre trop longtemps

je crois te voir partout

Dans les mots que je lis

Dans les livres que je lis

T'es entrée dans la danse

de mon coeur sans difference

## **It's only love**

Je viens d'avoir tue

un regard dans le miroir

Je croyais tant t'y voir

que j'y passais ma vie

Tu etais si jolie

Tu me donnais envie

mais seul dans le silence

je n'ai plus de patience

It's only love

Mon reve le plus fou

s'éveille le matin

Se plante dans le jour

s'élève dans le chagrin  
de ses longues nuits sans toi  
Sans savoir qui tu es  
à compter les instants qui me séparent de toi

It's only love 2x  
C'est seulement l'amour

English translation:

I know the truth  
yes, i'm letting myself go  
Waiting for you so long  
i believe i see you everywhere  
In the words i scream  
In the books i read  
You entered the dance  
of my careless heart

I just killed a look in the mirror  
I thought so much i'd see you there  
that i'd spend my life with you  
You were so pretty  
You made me want you  
but alone in silence  
i have lost my patience

My wildest dream

wakes me in the morning  
Hides during the day  
Is raised in sorrow  
of these long nights without you  
Without knowing who you are  
counting the moments  
that keep me from you

(translation: Lisa Piriou)

### **Just Words**

You're just happy melancholy  
Wave the flag i won't forget  
but remember don't just say it,  
where you aim is what you get  
I almost thought congratulations  
to make a home beside the ditch  
but it's lost and not just traded  
If you cut the limb and you miss the itch

chorus:

Just words

in the night

More words

hold them tight

More words

just words

Fill the silence, empty hollow

Write a testimonial

Dumb attention, meekly follow

Take away is how it goes

Call me ten but call me strong

You're not the first but now you know

It's no good if you spend that dollar

Silly you to so weakly blow

chorus:

The words

All around

More words

on the ground

More words

Just words

Desperation, useless folly

Leaves her mark upon your flesh

but still ahead is how you call it

Shiny new but such a mess

Black you paint it, aimless wander

Still more darkness on it goes

but suck the tit she's now your mother

But take this mirror so you will know

chorus:

The words

These are mine

More words

All the time

More words

Just words

### **If You Want**

You could run but you don't know how

You could fly away

If you want you could leave that town

find a new place to play

If you want you could lift yourself up

dry the tears in your eyes

If you want you could love me now

and know the reason why

Come away with me love

Take my hand

If you want we could see love

Get back imagination

Peace for your heart

Find the part that's been missing

that we knew at the start

If you want there could be light

Chase the blue

If you want you could love me right

and i could love too

Come away with me love

Take my hand

If you want we could be love

Love is not illusion

Love is more than signs

Love is not just dreaming

Loves is more than time

If you want it could be love

If you want it would show

If you want i could see you

If you let you would know

Come away with me me love

Take my hand

If you want we could see love

and be love

### **Rainer's Song**

Instrumental

Dedicated to Rainer Ptacek 1951 - 1997)