

The Wilderness Years - lyrics

Fools Like Me

Never count yourself away from danger

Put yourself behind reality

Counting on your stars

Will take you just so far

But then again there's lots of

Fools around like me

Oh i walk, down inner-city blocks

Turn your head sure gotta watch the way you walk

Well I like to dig the scene

It's no fun stuck in-between

Get me high man scoot me along

That's my natural speed

chorus:

I don't have what you call a book education

I learned most of my lessons after school

I have what you call a real life education

And i try to be nobody's fool

Well I'd rather a little sense than a lot of wiggle

Sometime i hide my dollars in my shoes

I read my horoscope every day

I like my work to be like play

Aint'asking for much

Just want the whole damn thing my way

chorus repeat 1st verse

Change First With Truth

Sometimes I think you're lazy,

you wanting to run away

Where's the hope if you see the problem

and you choose not to stay?

I can't deny the curtains falling

and the colors turned to blue

but I guess if I'm not leaving

I think you should stay too

Don't you know you can't run forever

but it's your right to go and try

forget the need for answers

and the need for reasons why

Buy yourself your solitude

Bolt and lock up all the doors

but remember if it falls apart here

The flood will still be at your door

chorus:

You never get nothing

from doing nothing it's true

Push away the shadows

Chase away the darkness and blues

Change first with truth

I can understand frustration

It twists lives unusual ways

And i don't call it freedom

Sticking dreams back day by day

But you if you gotta work for that dollar

Yes you gotta have your pay

Just remember if you have to give up much

You still gotta debt to pay

chorus:

You never get nothing

from doing nothing it's true

Push away the shadows

Chase away the darkness and blues

Change first with truth

A New Heart

I need a brand new heart

And then I'm going to run away yes

I need a little bit of time

to figure out what's really mine

I'll leave a part of me here though

to mind the store yes while i am away

He will pay the bills and send me checks

I'll never worry as I rest

Do you think it's strange

Well I 'll tell you that i hardly care

I've been in here much too long

Let me out, watch me run,

say goodbye Terry Lee I'm gone

Run

chorus:

I've been around these streets

Up and down it seems I'm always talking about changes

Now look who needs the major changing

Don't ask me how I know, on a hard line it shows

A new heart's the thing I need

A new heart's the thing for me

Do you think it's strange?

Well I've some doubt about it happening yet

Given half a chance, I could build a heart that lasts

I know a little place that's warm

And a place where all the shadows hide

That's the place for me

With my new heart, there I 'm gonna go

I'm never going to leave

chorus:

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Casting No Shadows

Casting no shadows, no brilliant displays

Look into mirrors, want to run away

Casting no shadows, taking no place

Asking for two, lost in the space

chorus:

What's wrong, what's the matter with me

Can you say what's wrong?

Can you say, can you see?

Casting no shadows, I cry as I play

The space in my laughter won't go away

Casting no shadows, perhaps time forgot

But maybe I should feel that what I have's enough?

Ah what's wrong, what's the matter with me

Can you say what's wrong

Can you say, can you see

Casting no shadows, but maybe I 'm wrong

Maybe I should that feel that half enough is enough

Casting no shadows, dissatisfied me

Looking for the sun and wanting to see

Just what's wrong, what's the matter with me

Can you say what's wrong

Can you say can you see

Ragged Caravan

Instrumental

Cruel World

I've got nothing, fallen idols

The loss was not kind

One by one it's old and moldy

They all seem to fade with time

What did you do when the innocence was gone

Did you cry, run and hide or were you just pissed off

Loving mothers, kind fathers,

The loss was not kind

Tell yourself that it really doesn't matter

But i think i might be just a lie

I couldn't believe they would intentionally never see

I couldn't believe they would try to kill a dream

chorus:

But it's cruel world

It's an cold world

It's a hard world

It's a cruel world 2x

Good intentions, words that promise

The loss was not kind

You might say that it doesn't really matter

But i think it might be an alibi

Cause half of everything is not the part you need

But what you find is sometimes hard to keep

chorus:

But it's cruel world

It's an cold world

It's a hard world

It's a cruel world 2x

If You Don't Love Her

If you don't love her why don't go

you should just tell her, she deserves to know

Why don't you now, now is a good time

Once it is done everything will be fine

If you don't love her and it's a fact

You should admit it and tell her that

Why don't you now, now's a good time

Though it might hurt in the end it is kind

If you don't love her don't lie to yourself

Say it out loud, lies never help

So won't you tell her, now's a good time

Once it is done everything will be right

If you don't love her it's not big crime

Some things don't work no matter who tries

So won't you tell her, now's a good time

Once it is done everything will be fine

So won't you tell, now's a good time

Once it is done everything will be fine

Some Girlfriend

I have a girlfriend but she doesn't live here,

she lives far away

I have a girlfriend but I sleep here all alone

every morning so all alone

Some girlfriend

That woman that can love me so far away 2x

I have a girlfriend but I hear the hum that's in the wire

I hear the hiss that's on the line

I have a girlfriend but she lives down in Texas

and I stay here all alone

Some girlfriend

That woman that can hold me so far away 2x

I have a girlfriend but she's not moving back here

and I 'm not moving back there

I have a girlfriend but I wonder what I 'm going to do

with that girlfriend of mine who needs to move

Some girlfriend

That woman that keep me so far away 3x

Two Windows

The urine smell of darkened halls,

it's fried meat every evening

This old apartment building reeks but we all live in it

I've got a corner room, it's long and narrow

Of course it's a fire trap with hot plates and cigarettes

and it's hard for me to trust anyone

cCuse anymore you just don't know who is who

I stay alone in my room

chorus:

But at least I 've got two windows

two windows are my world

I'm lucky to overlook the street

lucky to be warm

My neighbor listens to bad music

I think he gets drunk every night

I can hear him move in there

and the silence that comes from his squeaky chair

I can hear him snore, right through the walls

chorus:

But I've got two windows

two windows are my world

I think I'd die without them

into the void I'd hurl

I have two windows

two windows are my world

I look out on the street

I look and I live in my corner room

Countdown

Political thinking from any point of view

Is just another focus but how much is true

If you get along yes then you're probably leaning right

If you don't, then you'll want to be inside

Countdown

Floodwaters grow volcanoes erupt

Too much of nothing never have enough

Poking through the garbage looking for some food

I saw it with my own eyes, could not believe it was true

Countdown

Long white fingers clutching green bills
They don't mind don't count who they kill
Overweight meat-eaters, mostly well dressed
You can tell they've been and gone
They never leave nothing left

Countdown

You see it the Philippines you got it down south
Everywhere there are jails you got people busting out
Chile, Ireland, Palestine too,
Way too many places, way too many people overdue

Countdown

Our great white fathers meet out East
Meanwhile back here on the streets
We've guns, incest, drugs and crime
Hang on to yours folks,
I'm putting bars on mine

Countdown

Our sons and daughters growing up too fast
In a world that they know nothing ever lasts
You better grow, gotta hurry, better get it while it lasts
You gotta hurry man, hurry, hurry, and hurry, hurry

Countdown

Little Wood Guitar

Don't play so loud they said, learn a little control

What do you think that you're trying to do

This is folk music, not rock and roll

Yes but I'm working

Stand up there with a wood guitar

Making too much noise is breaking rules

Why don't you play us an intricate folk song

What about tradition and not so much new

Well I try, try and try

Yes I'm working

Turn it up so we can feel it

Where's the drummer and the bass playing hard

We know what's rock and roll

And it ain't you with that wood guitar

Yes but I'm working

There's such a thing as a rock and roll tradition

There's such a thing but if you take it too far

What you need is a lot more power

It ain't enough with just one guitar

Well I try, try and I try

But I'm working

Everybody speaks with such conviction

They know the secret, just what the world needs

Ain't it funny how they point their fingers

I listen but do not heed

Yes and I'm working

When I play I get some satisfaction
And when I play yes I work at it hard
But what I am is how you hear it
But it's just me and a wood guitar
Well I try, try, yeah I try
And I'm working

(C G C G C E)

Ride Hard

Just grab a horse I'll go get mine
Not much that's left to do
But just get on and ride
And somebody's coming
,And we haven't much time

It's such a bloody mess
But what was I to do
It's true he was a friend of mine
But he wouldn't let go of you
And jealousy's a poison
As we ride cry

So much trouble, for me and you
So much trouble, but it's almost through

Long as I remember, it's always been this way
just when I get a foot on the ground

it ends up next to a grave

And yes there's a poster

A dollar sign and my face

Now I'm burning up the leather

Another man shot down

But just as long as it's not me

I'll find another town

And I don't mind the running

I just hope not too late

Someone's coming, for me and you

But ride hard and we might get through

The hiss and a whine

And an ugly slap

I know a bullet's got my

But thirteen steps and a hanging tree's

Not gonna be my fate

Ride hard

It was all for the love of you dear

I swore I'd try and change

But I warned you once

I'm a jealous man

And it's a part of myself I hate

But ride hard

And we might get through

Ride hard me and you

Ride hard

Ah Love

I know, a friend told me so

Well I want to do it but I couldn't let it go

And it even while it burned

It was too late to try and turn

Well I hang me head why

I bled my heart dry

Yes I even knew it but I couldn't help but try

'cause my empties on full

And I couldn't let go

Ah Love

Well I couldn't help myself I get lucky sometime

I thought that I could do it I could get her on my side

But what you going to say

If she don't want to stay

I've been trying on the phone

Walking 'round her block

Peeking in her window, I couldn't even stop

I've been calling out her name,

I've been calling out her name

Ah Love

I'm been chasing after true love

I swear I'm going to change

I know that it's a real love

Ah Love, say you're gonna stay

I know, I did it all wrong
And now she won't believe me and she's almost gone
It's not good the "I love you's",
Oh what you gonna do?
True love's pushing out the boundaries of my heart
But what you gonna do if you never get to start
And I don't want to lose, I never want to lose
Ah Love

I'm chasing after true love, I need another chance
I'll prove that it's a real love
Ah love, let me be your man
I'm been chasing after true love
I swear I'm going to change
I'll prove that it's a real love
Ah Love, ah say you're gonna stay

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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

Life's The Time

Let's go get a drink friends, maybe go downtown

I can see you need to kick it, kick it all out

'cause pushing that hard will give you bent-back blues

Grab a little of this, grab a little of that

Oh it's hard to stay loose

But I know how your feeling

For me too, it's been hard to find

But so what, if your living

Life's the time

Everyone complains, I guess there's nothing wrong with that

But if you hate it so much, why don't you quite just take the chance

'cause your worry lines are showing, I see them pulling at you face

You know that if you want to make the change

your just going to have to have a little bit of faith

chorus

My Confession

I thought I would be so cool, pretend like I did not care

When all I wanted was your arms

Yes but sometimes the little boy inside

wants to play stupid games and run and hide

Well I put on my coat to watch you cry

I wanted you to do for me what i so often had done for you

It was to reach out and touch me, reach out and touch me

But like it or not this stupid pride does nothing more

than tear and divide

Well I kept it in and watched it die

chorus:

It's my confession

I did it wrong

I wish she knew that part of me had changed

but we learn our lessons and we can't go back again

It's my confession yes

Darling I 'm the one to blame

Well I like to have things my own way

It was hard for me to share

I liked my space

But it was not my intention to drive her away no

But here comes the day she said enough

She said Terry Lee you play too rough

She said, goodbye baby, I gotta go

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