

A Suitcase Full of Tears

the old unpublished songs

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Old Unfinished Song

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D **G** **A**
My Daddy's been a music man for nigh on thirty years
G **A** **G** **A** **A7**
All he's got to show for that is this suitcase full of tears
D **G** **A**
But now he's got the chance to prove that everybody was wrong
G **D** **G** **A** **D**
Cuz' Daddy finally finished with that old unfinished song
D **G** **A**
Mama's had to spend a lot of lonely nights at home
G **A** **G** **A** **A7**
While Daddy and that old guitar were out there on the road
D **G** **A**
But now she's going to have him right back home where he belongs
G **D** **G** **A** **D**
Cuz Daddy finally finished with that old unfinished song

Chorus: 1 **G** **A** **D**
This one's going to make in on the radio
G **A** **G** **A** **A7**
This one's going to keep them goin' while they're growin' old
D **G** **A**
Now they're going to live the life they've been denied so long
G **D** **G** **A** **D**
Cuz Daddy finally finished with that old unfinished song

Instrumental:

D **G** **A**
Daddy used to be the one that started every show
G **A** **G** **A** **A7**
But now he'll be the star and people just won't let him go
D **G** **A**
Til he comes back out up on that stage so they can sing along
G **D** **G** **A** **D**
As he does just one more encore of that old unfinished song

Chorus: 2

G **A** **D**
This one's going to make in on the radio
G **A** **G** **A** **A7**
This one's going to keep on goin' this one's solid gold
D **G** **A**
Now they'll put his name in lights right where it belongs
G **D** **G** **A** **D**
Cuz Daddy finally finished with that old unfinished song

I Wonder... (Who's Truckin' Her Now)

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Rock and Roll in E

E
She Was Thumbin' a ride down to Mexico
A
and I could not let her walk
E
A couple of days and a couple of jays
B7
and we began to talk
E
I talked her in to stayin' on
A
we could see the whole world round
B7 A7?
But I wonder... Who's Truckin' Her Now

Instrumental

I know she loved my Truckin' cuz she was the rambling kind
But she was always messin' with that engine in my mind
One day she up and she left me
and I don't know where she was bound
But I wonder... Who's Truckin' Her Now

Instrumental

Well I got a Wife and I got a kid and I'm livin' on this farm
This simple life I'm livin' hasn't done me any harm
I guess I'm kinda' happy here with my chicken and my cow
But I wonder... Who's Truckin' Her Now

Inst.
End

Stateline

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I said I don't really want to leave you
And when I'm gone I promise to be true
I only said them things to justify the means
And the way I left you

I said baby I'll be back someday
I thought that's what you wanted me to say
As you lay there on the bed I could tell you had me read
And I heard "Darlin' that'll be the day"
But I didn't know about love till I hit Stateline
I don't think another thousand miles will get you off of my mind
I should have told you when I had the chance I want to make you mine
But I didn't know about love till I crossed that line

I want to turn around and come back home to you
But I don't know if that's what I should do
I couldn't blame you if you told me we were through
But I'm coming back to tell you I Love You
And I didn't know about love till I hit Stateline
I don't think another thousand miles will get you off of my mind
I should have told you when I had the chance I want to make you mine
But I didn't know about love till I crossed that line

A Birthday Song for You

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If I could climb up to the sky and then back down again

I'd bring the stars back home with me just for Patti Linn

But I am just a simple man I'll do what I can do

Please accept with all my love this birthday song for you

If I could sail around the world and then back home again

I'd bring with me the spice of life just for Patti Linn

But I am just a simple man I'll do what I can do

Please accept with all my love this birthday song for you

Share with You Tonight

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There's a fire in my soul ignited by a spark

You came along and lit the flame that dances in my heart

I've got a feelin What I feel for you is right

I've got a feelin I want to share with you tonight

But lately things are changing and you don't seem satisfied

I guess maybe I'm the reason for the nights you cried

I've got a feelin You don't want me by your side

I've got a feelin Your love for me has died

But please Forget the times I made you cry

I believe that we were meant to be and if we try

I've got a feelin Everything will be all right

I've got a feelin I want to share with you tonight

I'm bound to my emotions they call from deep inside

They fill my head with notions until they get satisfied

I love that feelin Like when you hold me tight

I love that feelin I want to share with you tonight

So please Forget the times I made you cry

I believe that we were meant to be and if we try

I've got a feelin Everything will be all right

I've got a feelin I want to share with you tonight

Never Gonna Win

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I'm gonna lose my mind

I can't believe a little girl like you ripped out my spine

You left my love behind

Every time I think about it I break down and have to shout

I lost at love again

I lost I lost at love again

I `m never gonna win

I must be goin blind

I never see it comin at least not in time

Love sneaks up from behind

Even though I try and fight it I can't win to save my life

I lost at love again

I lost I lost at love again

I `m never gonna win

Now I'm getting slow

I keep on runnin but I just can't win why I don't know

My Heart says time to go

So I get down and join the race but end up fallin on my face

I lost at love again

I lost I lost at love again

I `m never gonna win

Lovin' Family

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C F C
The big 'ol house we wanted just never came to be.
C F G G7
Money always rolling in has somehow eluded me.
C F C
With the bills all stacked so high there's no hope that I can see
F C G
Thank the Lord I've still got my lovin' family
F G C F G C
They understand when I'm only human, they'd never think of
judging me
F G C Am
If I ever get my head above whatever's drowning me
F G F G
I wouldn't think twice to do something nice
F G C Am F G C
For my family my lovin' family

Instrumental

C F C
My big old truck done lost the will to live and carry me
C F G G7
My boss will never understand I need job security
C F C
And the IRS is about to take the rest of my dignity
F C G
Thank the Lord I've still got my lovin' family
F G C F G C
They understand when I'm only human, they'd never think of
judging me
F G C Am
If I ever get my head above whatever's drowning me
F G F G
I wouldn't think twice to do something nice
F G C Am F G C
For my family my lovin' family

Demon Eyes

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It took a thousand years to get here
now I know it's worth the time
for I've arrived to open up the book
and speak the Magic rhyme

The pentagram is in the circle
I hear the coming Autumn storm
down below a crowd is calling
for the blood of one still warm

Tonight we ride the Tiger
tonight we turn the tide
tonight the noose gets tighter
tonight we demonize

I see the moon above the tower
hear the tolling iron bell
and now it is the final hour
open all the gates of hell

Tonight we ride the Tiger
tonight we turn the tide
tonight the light gets brighter
tonight through demon eyes

The sacrifice is on the altar
sacred dagger in my hand
this is no time to falter
on the way to shadow land... the promised land

THE COLD

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Dm Am
The trees are getting shaded from the quarry to the cliffs
G Am
The birds are flying earlier than ever since you left
Dm Am
I can't recall another time the water was so clear
E Am

The cold is comin' earlier this year

Verse 2 Dm Am
The wind blows a melody accompanied by rain
G Am
Snow falls in harmony to amplify the pain
Dm Am
Together it's a symphony don't no one want to hear
E Am

The cold is comin' earlier this year

Chorus: G Am
And with the tears I cried alone that night still frozen to my face
FM7 E E7
I curse the day I ever got to this God forsaken place
Am Dm
I stuck around, I kept it down, but now the story's told,
E Am
'bout how you left me lonely in the cold

Instrumental:

Verse 3 Dm Am
I pull my coat around my neck and stagger through the dark
G Am
Fight to pry these icy fingers loose from around my heart
Dm Am
Shake and shiver endlessly frozen by the fear
E Am
The cold is comin' earlier this year
G Am

Chorus: And with the tears I cried alone that night still frozen to my face
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