



ACCIDENTAL AUGUST

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Lyrics

Accidental August

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Tell me a tale, make my heart believe
Paint your April green, May will set the scene
Where heroes win and villains learn
And no one ever dies
A land of no goodbyes
May wanders off, June is almost gone
July is pushing through, falling into blue
Days of sun and nights too warm
Time raps on the door
A cold wind 'cross the floor
Accidental August nods and moves another pawn
Just as day is breaking, night descends at dawn
Weeks and months of moments lived, lost in fogs of gray
Freezing rain on summer streets
Takes your breath away
Didn't I once know you, back before the mask
Covered up your countenance, sad I have to ask
My brother's smile, my mother's voice
A story long ago
Before December brought the snow

Acquainted with the Night

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I am acquainted with the night, familiar with the darkness
A Luna moth floating on the wind
A nightingale at midnight, a kiss beneath the moon
Here and gone, too soon
I am acquainted with the night, memories in shadows
A star that signals stories from the past
A foghorn in the harbor, the depth of sorrow's tune
Here and gone, too soon
Acquainted with the night, its seduction and delight
How it can lead the poet to the page
Acquainted with the night, that moves the pen to write
The silence brings the sight of a snowy owl in flight
I am acquainted with the night, reminded of the music
How many songs I wonder have been sung
The beauty of those voices, the echo of the loon
Here and gone, too soon

Golden Arms

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Take him in your golden arms and hold him
Hold him like the sunset on the lake
In the whisper of the woods enfold him
Beauty for each precious breath we take
Let the sweep of bluebirds' wings before him
Lift him from this heavy earthly bed
May the many memories of his kindness
Make our burden lighter now, instead
Born into this turning world, unknowing
Spinning from this turning world, unknown
Like a blade of grass among so many
Standing side by side and yet alone
Take him in your golden arms and hold him
Let his heart and your heart beat as one
Violet sky and sparking stars around him
Beauty as his final days are done

Elusive Chemistry

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I've never known a love that was so warm
A love so steady through the wildest storm
Remembered kisses that were bittersweet
Dark chocolate on the lips or whiskey, neat
A mystery
Elusive chemistry, love
You and me
I swore I'd never let a chance go by
But we get older and forget to try
We lose the moments love's the casualty
Lock the door and throw away the key
To mystery
Elusive chemistry, love
You and me
I dream about it when I go to sleep
The clocks run backwards and I count my sheep
I close my eyes and then it's one, two, three
It's time and space or it's telepathy
A mystery
Elusive chemistry, love
You and me

You Can Tell that She's in Love

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You can tell that she's in love by the way she lifts her chin
Laughs at any little thing letting light and love come in
Not a moment that goes by without a sparkle in her eye
Every sun that's out in space shares the light that's in her face
You can tell that she's in love, so miraculous and free
Like a roller coaster ride or a rolling wave at sea
It's so hard to let her go in this crazy world we know
But there isn't any choice because love's the strongest voice
Oh look at her, look at her, look at her
How could you not feel this?
You can tell that she's in love
Those are lips that beg a kiss
Love came walking through the door and delivered us this girl
She was ours for just a while, now she's off to change the world
And when we hear her laughter ring

You know we wouldn't miss a thing
Tell the one she's thinking of,
You can tell that she's in love

Where Were You?

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Where were you
When we were wearing light
And days swept into mist
Warm as a summer kiss
With me but then
Never again
That love, this heart
That boy, this girl
Where are you
Now we are dressed by time
And days slip through our hands
Like grains of summer sands
Write me but then
Never again
This love, that heart
That boy, this girl
Where were you
When we were wearing light
And where are you tonight?

Love Is the Boat

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Love is the boat that holds us
Love is where we are made
Love finds a way through any wall
Shines through the deepest shade
Love is a boundless prairie
Hides in the wildest seed
Waters the fields and in times of loss
Love is the balm we need
Soft as a downy feather
Stronger than tempered steel
Sit in the seat of the homeless man
Love cooks and serves his meal
Infinite, wise, eternal
Striving to hold us near
Never defined by you or me
We think it's gone, love is always here

Hello, My Love, Goodbye

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Hello, my love, goodbye
The thorn exceeds the bloom
An echo fills the room
The tearing of the sky
Hello, my love, goodbye
Hello, my love, goodbye
Blow kiss, then disappear
The space we held you near
Subtract and multiply
Hello, my love, goodbye
Time tilts the milky way
Spilling the last of day
The universe turns to say

The journey once so long
Too short now, looking back
A train run out of track
A bird without a song
The constellations sigh
Hello, my love, goodbye
Hello, my love, goodbye
We drift within a dream
A wild and shifting stream
The perfect sky above
Goodbye, hello my love

In the Gloaming

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I'll remember you in the gloaming
In the shimmering edge of the day
Out where the tall grass touches the sand
And the sand reaches out to the bay
Or in the cathedral of cedar
Stars tangled into your hair
You and the stars were the world to me then
So I will remember you there
We would stand at the top of the earth
With the future stretched out beneath
The fields and the brambles looked tiny and harmless
We knew no deceit
Before we tumbled and bruised our way back
Tearing the wings off our feet
I'll remember you by the water
Sun setting deep in your eyes
Your brown hands full of the gifts of the sea
Reflecting the fathomless skies
Or heavy your head on my shoulder
Sorrow and laughter entwined
Outlined by shadow in memories so bright
And there in the last light defined
I'll remember you in the gloaming

Be This

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Speak honestly, that's what it teaches
Slow down, listen, open your mind from the start
Then speak with kindness, speak first from the heart
Speak honestly, that's how it reaches
Time passes, this is revealing
Be here, seeing, open your eyes to it all
When you watch it unfold, hear every bird call
Time passes, this can be healing
The other is you reflecting your fear
Your anger, your sorrow, your joy, your desire
You frighten yourself and get burned by the fire
You weep for your losses, and lose what is here
Live gratefully, change how you see this
Be still, quiet, open yourself to what's there
Every breath you are breathing, just notice the air
Live gratefully try this, then be this