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Never Knew You Were Gone

Terrell

Careful, don't let the screen door slam
The carnival's open, but that spring in the middle might bite the hand
The moon's full, it's light from the hiding sun
There's flowers in the carpet but dad's staring bullets
At some cowboys and indians

Gone in a silvery fire
Gone right over to the other side for a little while
Barking at the TV screen
Gawking at the beauty queens
They never knew you were gone

You're faithful to the call of the borderline
You noticed a hog nosed snake and that takes a willing vision to bring to life
The skyfull is burning with angel eyes
The stars up in the heavens shine like the horns of a celestial front line

Gone in a silvery fire
Gone right over to the other side for a little while
A different world through an open door
Cicada on a sycamore
They never knew you were gone

January sunrise over the pines
A tall one's broken under snow that fell for days of hours
And it's peaceful, but there's no one to listen now

There's silence in the city
The keys to the kingdom have been buried deep underground

Hey, Coyote

Terrell

Where you from? she said
staring a hole right through my traveler's halo
A worker bee on the threshold, in the throes of it
I ducked in from a dark cloud

Before I could think a return to order
I glanced a messenger on her shoulder
A sort of dog in ink
And it held my attention for just a second too long

I said, hey, coyote
How long can you stand in the doorway?
Hey, coyote
Paint me another way home

You remind me of a dream that I forgot as I awoke
Yeah you struck me like a thought I thought I had until I spoke
She asked my name
She said, what's your name?
She wrote it on my cup

There's a separate metric here that comes with the territory
There's a sort of beacon where there used to be a dull roar
If it beats it bleeds, and if it bleeds it leads, so I'll follow you

If it's blood that lights the mind when there's sugar in it,
Maybe appetite's the father
If a child is born with wings and a raven's beak,
You can lead a horse to water

Hourglass

Sharp/Rodenbough/Terrell

Does it make your heart beat fast
Turning over hourglass after hourglass til they're gone?
Staring at a faded map
Never stopped to clear a path, now you're walking alone

I meant to make it before, but the making's no good anymore
I meant to make it by now, but the making's no good anyhow

Are you staying up all night
Staring at a candlelight that flickers 'til the dawn?
Can you hear it coming down?
Is it just a passing sound or the calling of the fall?

You've been putting on a mask
Did you take the time to find if the mirror knows when to lie?
I've been moving real fast
Turning over hourglass after hourglass til they're gone

Your Body

Rodenbough

Try to do right by your body
But your body says it can't make up its mind
Singing the song of your body
But the melody is changing all the time

So you stand at the window
Put the bar across the door and
Fold up your arms
They are waiting but
I cannot go
I do not know how to walk

And when the blood runs
And you wonder if you're ringing like a bell
You can have your fun
But you'll never know if you danced for yourself

Try to do right by your body
But it's always taking bidders on the side
There at the end with it
But your body falls to pieces and you look to the sky

Caroline

Terrell

Oh, my Caroline,
I just heard the news
I'm sorry

Oh, my Caroline,
I just heard the news
I'm sorry, dear
Another day is almost here

When it's raining in the morning
Hold out for a sunny afternoon
Another day is coming soon

Just Want To Be Loved

Sharp

Sunday morning I recall
Swearing off of alcohol again
Lately I've been waking up
Shaking off a dream before it ends
I can't stop the feeling now, all I'm thinking of

I just want to be loved

I just want to be loved

Tuesday night, it's getting late
Check the rain, it won't break 'til ten
Lately it's been hanging round
Getting out is looking pretty slim
I can hear it coming down, all I'm thinking of

There's a heart attack coming
A cheap motel
I thought I knew it all too well

Help

Terrell

Take it to your doctor, and he says you're fine
Stare into the clouds to find a dotted line
Line up with the others, we all look the same
Finger to your chest, there's no name

Help, I'm feeling low down
There's one thing left to try now
Help, I'm shaking with a lonesome sound
I'm wrung out like a towel turned dry
Help, I'm feeling low down
There's one thing left to try now
I'm out in it shouting help

Wade into the water for a kiss and tell
Spilling out your secrets into the wishing well
If it's bad enough to change, just say it
If it's raining more and you've had enough rain

Big Star

Rodenbough

We went down to the water
With a blanket in the back
Had some candy from Colorado
Let the sunlight lay us flat

I awoke from the strangest vision
You and me at the end of time
Would you believe that big star was missing
But I found it in your eye

We went down to the water
When the red was in the clouds
Cracked the windows like kid summer
Like we were breaking out

We went down to the water
Never mind the rising tide
After all we are the daughters
Of unbelievers running wild

Let A Little Light In

Terrell

Home movies end to end in the wee hours of the night
You finish one, you start again, but something isn't right
Where's the cereal-filled devil grin and the bannister slide?
Who could've taught him how to hide?

Open the curtains and let a little light in
Let a little light in

So many wheels to ride in our cul-de-sac sea
We were alive outside

We were students of movement, weren't we?
Another house, another car
It's an endless imitation
Of course we had to learn to race them

Thirteen candles make a ring
For a name to flicker out
The man beside you to the right,
What's he got to smile about?
Overeager reds and greens
I remember bright blends
How and when did the sepia seep in?

Like You Never

Rodenbough

Like you never read a lover with a narrow eye
You never swallowed heavy on the sly
You never cast yourself in a movie
All the faces shaded smooth

Like you never needed little arrows driving home and you
Never thought of the seeds you'd sown
You never wondered how the playboys do it
Tried to run, fell into it

I know this road up and down

Like you never faked the fever of a disco queen
You never shook yourself by a string
You never pushed it when the engine rattled
Fought the heaving on the eve of battle

I know this road up and down

Shelter

Robinson/Terrell

If the sky starts to fall
When you're up against the wall
And the doors fill with sand and mortar
Do you leave? Can you stay?
It's all you've got left anyway
You just need shelter

Running wild through the woods
You'd be flying if you could
There's a stone in the path before you
Whether gravity or ground
There's blame to go around
You cried out for shelter

Talking soft, walking slow
Where the silver river flows
And the wolves howl across the border
Stars and lines light the way
Your mother showed you yesterday
Hoping for shelter

Charcoal gray, navy blue
And a belt to match your shoes
From the street to the highest tower
First a drop, then it pours
And you're looking for a door
You just need shelter

Wallpaper Baby

Rodenbough

You know that I love every hair on your head
And you love mine but it's a test
Every time that you find them on the pillow
You meant to keep unadorned

You think it's a crime to be so loud
I think that you're stingy with your mouth
You're crying for somebody's wasted time
There are sadder stories I have heard

Get over the wallpaper, baby
This house is coming down

I've been to the east and I've been to the west
I have seen the heaving of 10,000 chests
And I don't think them foolish when they fall
Like sparrows out of the sky

And if we are graceless coming down
And you find us heavy and cold on the ground
While the prize shooters head off for a beer
Will you tell us to work on our style

And I know that you see every crack in the floor but honey
You know it still does what it's for
And we are for something you'll never find
In the darkness you wear like a crown