

1) A BRAND NEW LIFE

I PICKED YOU UP LATE
AT THE HOSPITAL GATE
I WILL NEVER FORGET

YOU STILL REMEMBERED OUR PLACE
BUT BY THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES
I DIDN'T KNOW 'BOUT THE REST

I JUST NEED THE CERTAINTY
THAT I KNEW YOU WILL NEVER HAVE
I KNOW IT IS NOT 'BOUT ME
BUT SOMEHOW IT IS

THERE'S A BIG GAPING HOLE
AND I THINK I FELL THROUGH
GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF ANSWERS
THAT JUST WON'T QUITE DO
I WILL GO EASY ON YOU
IF YOU GO EASY ON ME
I KNOW IT IS WORTH IT,
WE'LL JUST WAIT AND SEE

LET'S NOT OVERSTATE
WHAT THIS REALLY IS
JUST A MINOR SETBACK

IN WHATEVER WE HAD
THAT UP TO THIS DAY
I STILL CAN'T REALLY GRASP

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THAT I KNEW YOU WILL NEVER HAVE
I KNOW IT IS NOT 'BOUT ME
BUT SOMEHOW IT IS

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I WILL GO EASY ON YOU
IF YOU GO EASY ON ME
I KNOW IT IS WORTH IT,
WE'LL JUST WAIT AND SEE

YOU'RE STILL THE SAME
IN A WHOLE DIFFERENT WAY
YEAH, YOU KNOW A BIT LESS

ILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES
BUT MAYBE THAT'S NOT ENOUGH
AND ILL JUST FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS

THIS IS A BRAND NEW LIFE
THERE'RE DECADES STILL TO COME
JUST TAKE ONE STEP AT A TIME
MAYBE ONE DAY YOU'LL RUN

THERE'S A BIG GAPING HOLE
AND I THINK I FELL THROUGH
GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF ANSWERS
THAT JUST WON'T QUITE DO

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4) AMERICA, THE GREAT

I ONCE KNEW A MAN
AND BOY, WHAT A FOOL
HE WENT OUT TO SEARCH
FOR MEANING
THE DAY THAT HE FOUND IT
ALL DUSTY AND BRUISED
HE MET THE WRONG PEOPLE
THEY BEAT HIM.

ONCE IN THE HOSPITAL
UNABLE TO SPEAK
HIS EYES, THEY WENT RED
THEY WENT EVIL
THE COST OF THE TREATMENT
WAS WAY OUT HIS REACH
SO THE DOCTOR WENT HOME
HE DID LEAVE HIM

THE CITY DREAMS IN POVERTY
OF PROGRESS AND ESTATE
LAUGHTER ECHOES
THROUGH THE STREETS
IN AMERICA, THE GREAT

I ONCE KNEW A GIRL
WHO CAME FROM THE EAST
HER MOTHER CHINESE
OR INDONESIAN
SHE LIVED WITH 5 SISTERS
ON 60 SQ FEET
OH SHE DID NOT LOOK FOR NO
MEANING

THE CITY DREAMS IN POVERTY
OF PROGRESS AND ESTATE
PEOPLE SLEEP
OUT IN THE STREETS
IN AMERICA, THE GREAT

A BOY I ONCE KNEW
OH, HE MARRIED YOUNG
HIS WIFE'S STILL GETTING USED
TO THE FEELING
THEIR FIRST CHILD, IT DIED
HAD WATER IN ITS LUNGS
IT DROWNED IN THEIR ARMS,
THEY'RE STILL GRIEVING

WHILE THE CITY DREAMS IN POVERTY
OF PROGRESS AND ESTATE
LAUGHTER ECHOES
THROUGH THE STREETS
IN AMERICA, THE GREAT

WHILE THE CITY DREAMS IN POVERTY
OF PROGRESS AND ESTATE
PEOPLE SLEEP
OUT IN THE STREETS
IN AMERICA, THE GREAT

WHILE THE CITY DREAMS IN POVERTY
OF PROGRESS AND CHANGE
THE WOUNDS WON'T HEAL
NO IM AFRAID
IN AMERICA, THE GREAT

3) FIELD NOTES

ILL TELL YOU A SECRET, BETWEEN YOU AND ME
NOWADAYS EVERY LAST PERSON I MEET
IS AN EXPERT ON SOMETHING
MY DAD'S NOW A PRIEST
MY FRIEND'S FIGURED OUT
HOW TO SOLVE THE MIDDLE EAST
AND I KEEP A NOTEBOOK WITH ALL THAT THEY
SAY
SOMETHING MIGHT COME IN HANDY ONE DAY
I GOT PAGES AND PAGES
AND SOME OF ITS TRUE
FIELD NOTES, MY FRIEND
BETWEEN ME AND YOU

I CAME INTO THIS WORLD
BUTT NAKED, NOW IVE LEARNT
TO DRESS UP AND PRETEND
LIKE I KNOW
I WAS JUST SKIN AND BONES
'TIL YOU FILLED ME UP WITH LESSONS
I MUST OUTGROW

NOW I AM THE EXPERT ON LIFE AS IT IS
STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THEY PUT UP WITH MY SHIT
GOT THIS NOTEBOOK, IT MADE ME,
BUT ALL THAT IT HOLDS
IS HEARSAY AND LIES THAT SOMEONE ONCE TOLD
I GOT TO LOSE IT, ILL BURN IT, I SWEAR
ILL NO LONGER BE PART OF THIS GLARE
I GOT GAS, I GOT FIRE, ILL JUST WATCH IT
BURN
AND FORGET EVERYTHING THAT I EVER HEARD

I CAME INTO THIS WORLD
BUTT NAKED, NOW IVE LEARNT
TO DRESS UP AND PRETEND
LIKE I KNOW
I WAS JUST SKIN AND BONES
'TIL YOU FILLED ME UP WITH
LESSONS
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I MUST OUTGROW
ALL THAT I KNOW
I MUST FORGET
ALL THAT I LEARNT

4) COWBOYS & OUTLAWS

WHEN THE LAST OF THE PIECES
FIT IN TOO EASY
I NEVER FELT SAFE

HOMECOMING EVENING
WAS NEVER AS GOOD
AS JUST GOING AWAY

COWBOYS + OUTLAWS
THE BRAVERY WE HEARD OF
WAS ALL JUST CLICHES

NOW IM LEAVING

THE OLDER I GROW,
THE LESS I DO KNOW
IM LOSING THE THINGS
THAT I ONCE LOVED
MEMORIES AND PEOPLE
I USED TO BELIEVE IN
THEY NEVER QUITE SEEM
TO HOLD UP TO THE PAST

WHEN THE STRINGS HAVE BEEN
BROKEN
AND THE DOORS BEEN PUSHED OPEN
IT CAN'T BE UNDONE

THESE ARE DESPERATE TIMES
IT'S THE OPENING SCENE
THE WHOLE WORLD'S A STAGE
WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT ME
GUESS IT'S HARD TO LET GO OF
THE ACTING AND MAYBE JUST BE

I KNOW THAT MY HEART IS ALL
RUSTY AND WEAK
THEY DID ALL THE TESTS, THERE
WAS NOTHING TO SEE
BUT I KNOW IT IS IN ME
AND ONE DAY IT WILL BE
UNLEASHED

COME ON OVER, GET CLOSER
AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN
ILL SHOW YOU THE PARTS OF ME
I ALSO AM
COME ON OVER, GET CLOSER
I NEED YOU AROUND
IT'S TWO AGAINST THE WORLD
AS LONG AS THERE'S SOMEONE WHO
CARES

MAY I ASK FOR THIS DANCE
ON THE OLD PARQUET FLOOR
THERE'S AN ABYSS, MY DEAR
WHERE THERE SHOULD BE THE
WALLS
BUT I WANT IT SO BAD, GUESS
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO RISK THE
FALL

2) AGAINST THE WORLD

MY HEAD IS VIBRATING
MY WHOLE BODY SHAKES
MY LUNGS MUST BE FAILING
BY THE WAY MY CHEST ACHES
BUT UPON CLOSER LOOK IT TURNS
OUT IT WAS JUST AN EARTHQUAKE

COME ON OVER, GET CLOSER
AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN
ILL SHOW YOU THE PARTS OF ME
I ALSO AM
COME ON OVER, GET CLOSER
I NEED YOU AROUND
TO HELP ME THROUGH THE PAIN,
TO TELL ME IT'S ALL FAKE

COME ON OVER, GET CLOSER
AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN
ILL SHOW YOU THE PARTS OF ME
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COME ON OVER, GET CLOSER
I NEED YOU AROUND
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AS LONG AS THERE'S SOMEONE WHO
CARES

1) CALL IT COURAGE

COURAGE IS HARD TO FIND
ONE DAY YOU'RE BRAVE
THE OTHER IMPRUDENT
AND POTENTIALLY BLIND

WORDS ARE EASILY SAID
SO IT'S ACTIONS THAT MATTER
TO MAKE THE WORLD SEE
WHAT GOES ON IN YOUR HEAD

SO WHEN I STAND BEFORE YOU RIGHT
NOW
WITH NOTHING TO SAY
JUST REMEMBER ME BEING THERE
SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBT

BUT AM I BRAVE ENOUGH
TO DO THE THINGS
THAT I HAVE COME HERE TO DO?

MAYBE IM NOT
I COULD BE JUST BLIND
BUT WHAT DOES IT MATTER
AT THIS POINT IN TIME
IM IN TOO DEEP
YOU MIGHT AS WELL
CALL IT COURAGE

WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH
TO SPEAK
ILL COVER IT QUICKLY
JUST IN CASE THAT YOUR EYES
ARE NOT ABLE TO SEE

I KNOW IM A COWARD AT LAST
STILL I BET YOU COULD SAY
THAT THERE'S BRAVERY
IN MY COWARDLINESS

STILL, AM I BRAVE ENOUGH
TO HEAR THE THINGS
THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO SAY?

MAYBE IM NOT
I COULD BE JUST BLIND
BUT WHAT DOES IT MATTER
AT THIS POINT IN TIME
IM IN TOO DEEP
YOU MIGHT AS WELL
CALL IT COURAGE



3) NO WAY TO TALK

I BOUGHT THE HOUSE, LOST THE WIFE
SEE THE KIDS FROM TIME TO TIME
IM SITTING IN THE BATHTUB AND IM
TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL ALRIGHT

9 TO 5, 8 OUTTA 10, 4 STARS,
I MEAN NO OFFENSE
IM NOT SAYING I AM DISCONTENT,
JUST MAYBE IM NOT FULLY HAPPY

I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BECOME
A COGWHEEL, YEAH, A BROKEN MAN
IVE ALWAYS BEEN SO REASONABLE
BUT IS THERE
STILL A WAY TO CHANGE THIS?

I CRASHED THE CAR 20 MILES
INTO THE TRIP, BUT, MAN, IM FINE
OH, I MADE IT OUT ALIVE
AND AN'T THAT SOMETHING,
AIN'T THAT SOMETHING?

HOLD MY GLASS, ILL POUR THE WINE
WE'RE DOING THIS VAN-WINKLE-STYLE
IN 20 YEARS ILL RECONCILE
WITH EVERYONE THAT HASN'T DIED THEN

WHAT A WASTE OF ENERGY,
CAN'T I SKIP THIS CENTURY?
JUST PUT ME INTO INDUCED SLEEP
CAUSE THIS ALREADY FEELS LIKE COMA

AND WHO'S GONNA SAY IM WRONG?
WHO WOULDN'T WANT HIS LIFE
TO BE PROLONGED?
WHOS GONNA STAND UP AND SAY,
'THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK!'

ILL HOLD ON
TO ME
IF THERE'S NO ONE ELSE



2) OVER MY HEAD

THE WALLPAPER'S GONE BUT MY BAGS ARE UNPACKED
THERE IS NO REASON TO GET THIS ATTACHED
YET I CAN'T IMAGINE JUST NOT COMING BACK
TO THIS POORLY LIT PLACE

'YOU GOTTA MOVE ON', AIN'T THAT WHAT THEY SAY?
'JUST GIVE IT SOME TIME, IT WILL ALL BE OK'
SURE, THEY DO KNOW THESE ARE ALL JUST CLICHES
AND MOST LIKELY IT WON'T

WORLDS ARE OPENING UP BUT INSTEAD
I FEEL THERE'S A SWORD HANGING OVER MY HEAD
AND WHO KNOWS, I COULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN
STABBED
THERE'S A SWORD HANGING OVER MY HEAD

SELF-CONTROL
YOU DON'T WANT THEM LOOKING HERE
JUST STAY AFLOAT
I MEAN, HOW HARD CAN IT BE?
HOW HARD CAN IT BE?

WORLDS ARE OPENING UP BUT INSTEAD
I FEEL THERE'S A SWORD HANGING OVER MY HEAD
AND WHO KNOWS, I COULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN
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5) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

SUN IS BURNING
FACE IS WHITE
HE'S TURNING GREEN AT TIMES
(RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT)

HAS A DAUGHTER
AND A WIFE
SO HE'S JUST TRYING TO STAY ALIVE
(RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT)

THE LOAD IS HEAVY
THE TENSION'S HIGH
HE'S GOING IN TO VERIFY
(RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT)

AND WHILE HIS EYES ADJUST TO THE DARKNESS
THEY ALL KNOW WHERE HIS HEART IS
HOME

MISSED CALL FROM HOME
BITTERNESS
DID SHE FORGET ABOUT THE TIME DIFFERENCE?
(RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT)

AND JUST HOW LONG
CAN ONE SUSTAIN
ON THE SONG PLAYING ON THEIR FIST DATE?
(RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT)

HE HEARD THE RUMORS
COUPLE TIMES
BUT WOULD SHE EVER REALLY CROSS THAT
LINE?
(RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT)

AND WHILE THEIR LIVES ADJUST TO THE
DARKNESS
IT ONCE SOUNDED SO HARMLESS

ROE - FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF YOUR LEADER
ROE - YOU GOT A RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE
ROE - WILL SHE BE THERE IF YOU NEED HER?
ROE - I SENSE SOME HOSTILE INTENT

ROE - FOLLOW THE ORDERS OF YOUR LEADER
ROE - MIND THE DANGER IN DISSENT
ROE - THERE IS NO STANDARD PROCEDURE
ROE - I WONDER IF TWO PEOPLE CAN EVER
FALL IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN

(RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.)