

# ***Paul's Song Lyrics***

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***Lyrics for "Emily and Me" and "Songs by William Blake" appended separately***

### ***A Day Too Late***

Oh, darling you never say "thank you"  
No matter what gift I bring.  
And darling you don't say "I love you, too"  
No matter what sweet song I sing.  
Darling you won't say "I'm sorry"  
No matter how long I might wait.  
But tonight you better say something,  
'Cause tomorrow be a day too late.  
Yeah, say it tonight, we'll be all right,  
Tomorrow be a day too late.

Oh, darling, I'm crazy about you;  
You gotta know that for sure.  
And darling I'm heartsick without you,  
Keep hoping you'll be my cure.  
And darling I don't want to doubt you,  
But we need to get something straight.

Say something tonight, we'll be all right.  
Tomorrow be a day too late.  
Yeah, say it tonight, we'll be all right,  
Tomorrow be a day too late.  
Say something tonight, we'll be all right.  
Tomorrow be a day too late.

## **A Fully Educated Man**

I won't be stopping by to see you  
Won't leave another message on your phone  
You've heard the last from me  
I promise cause you see  
You've finally taught me everything I need to know

I didn't know if I could live without you  
Spent days and nights with empty hopes and dreams  
Now pretending that you care  
Is more than I can bear  
You've finally taught me love is never what it seems.

Didn't know how to be the man you said you wanted  
I thought that's what would make you fall in love with me  
All I did was lose myself  
While you made time with someone else  
You've finally taught me how to set myself free.

I've got no one else to blame for all the time  
I wasted trying to bluff a losing hand  
Now I clearly see my dear  
it takes two to make a pair  
You've finally taught me something I can understand.

I know now I'm better off without you  
time to go back where I began  
So let's make today the date  
I finally graduate  
A fully educated man

***All That I Have***

I said what I meant  
when we walked side by side.  
You've got nothing to prove,  
I've got nothing to hide.

All that I have, it's all there for free.  
All that I am, well, it's just what you see.

There's nothing to promise,  
no need to explain.  
You've got nothing to lose,  
'cause I'm not looking to gain.

All that I have, it's all there for free.  
All that I am, well, it's just what you see.

I'm not asking for something  
you don't want to share.  
Just know, if you need me,  
I'll be there.

All that I have, it's all there for free.  
All that I am, well, it's just what you see.

All that I have, it's all there for free.  
All that I am, well, it's just what you see.

***All the Way to the Fool in Me***

This afternoon I walked you home.  
You showed me a few of your old poems.  
So I recited some of mine,  
my deepest voice, my finest lines.

So hard to know when love is true;  
I might be falling in love with you,  
because today I let you see  
all the way to the fool in me.

We told some stories  
about the thrills we once felt  
when we were young  
and first in love with someone else.

We told some stories  
about the sadnesses we felt  
when we were young  
and first in love with someone else.

So hard to know when love is true;  
I might be falling in love with you,  
because today I let you see  
all the way to the fool in me.

You made us both a cup of tea,  
green for you, caffeine for me.  
You told me sweet things about me you could see.  
I told you sweet things I hoped I still could be.

So hard to know when love is true;  
I might be falling in love with you,  
because today I let you see  
all the way to the fool in me.

because today I let you see  
all the way to the fool in me.

## **And I Had It All**

as a boy I had it all figured  
such a perfect plan  
everything I wanted  
when I'd become a man.

All the moves I'd use  
to win the game,  
who would fall in love with me  
and how I'd make my name.

Well, life has its own ideas,  
what you're supposed to be;  
doesn't seem to matter  
whether you agree.

You hear a soft voice calling  
from a path you didn't see,  
then someone else's life unwinds  
so unexpectedly.  
Hard to say if you got lost  
or were just set free.

I'm happy now  
I listened to that call;  
I got nothing I thought I wanted  
and I had it all.

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I listened to that call;  
I got nothing I thought I wanted  
and I had it all.

## Break of Day

I got lost in the dark halfway to you  
Had tried everything I could think of to do,  
Looking for a way to get you to see  
The things I saw in you, in me.

But nothing ever shows in the black of night  
And nothing comes of nothing, like they say  
Just have to wait for dawn's first light,  
Walk back home at the break of day.

I'm happy for you, happy for me,  
nothing more either one of us needs to be.  
Gonna find a way for me to see  
The things I saw in you, in me.

Because nothing ever shows in the black of night  
And nothing comes of nothing, like they say  
Just have to wait for dawn's first light,  
Walk back home at the break of day.

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Walk back home at the break of day.

## Breakup

Ice is melting  
water set free  
trickles mingle  
soon to be  
torrents pouring  
toward the sea

A hardened heart  
doesn't heal  
it softens  
steel annealed  
until it warms  
enough to feel

Goodbye, such  
a brutal word  
you didn't say it  
it's what I heard  
something frozen  
in me stirred

back to life  
all these years  
still alone  
still the fears  
still no answers  
still some tears

but happy, peaceful  
flowing free  
trickles mingling  
soon to be  
torrents pouring  
toward the sea

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water set free  
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toward the sea



Bye Bye John Prine I Loved You

Everybody loves you  
once you're dead  
but what about while you're here?

Well I've been around  
for a good long time  
and it seems pretty clear

no one's gonna tell you how great you are  
so let's have another beer.

That won't make this wacky world  
any easier to take

it won't clear up your pimples  
or ease your last heartbreak

but it might help you laugh a little  
if you can stay awake

while you're waiting here for the nothin good  
the world is gonna say

about you until you're driving down  
that last lost highway

if you want to hear the good stuff  
be the hero and not the jerk

then dying's your best bet my friend  
always seems to work

yeah, everybody loves you  
once you're dead  
they say just what you'd want to hear

only problem with that, my friend  
you're not still here

so my advice, get used to it  
let's have another beer.

and if you love somebody  
go tell them that right now

doesn't matter how you do it  
find a way somehow

cause one thing you're forgetting  
you might die before they do

and you'll never get to say it  
or hear them say it back to you.

bye bye John Prine I loved you  
I'm pretty sure you loved me, too

## *Can They Dance*

Oh, you just strolled in like you owned the place,  
Decided I'd take a chance.  
I like the cut of those cowboy boots;  
But tell me, can they dance?

We can head 'round the corner to two-step,  
Go down the block for a jitterbug,  
Drive crosstown for some Texas swing,  
Just as long as we're cuttin' the rug  
We'll dance all night, dance all day,  
Dance 'til we fall to the floor,  
Take a few minutes to catch our breath  
Just so we can dance some more.

I always only have one question;  
I hope tonight you're the right answer:  
I like the cut of those cowboy boots,  
But tell me, are you a dancer?

We can head 'round the corner to two-step,  
Go down the block for a jitterbug,  
Drive crosstown for some Texas swing,  
Just as long as we're cuttin' the rug  
We'll dance all night, dance all day,  
Dance 'til we fall to the floor,  
Take a few minutes to catch our breath  
Then we can dance some more.

Oh, you just strolled in like you owned the place,  
Decided I'd take a chance.  
I like the cut of those cowboy boots;  
But tell me, can they dance?

I like the cut of those cowboy boots;  
But tell me, can they dance?

## **Dark Before Dawn**

I'm lying in the quiet  
of the dark before dawn  
trying not to think of you.

It's the first of November  
winter coming on,  
trying to decide what to do.

I was yours, you were mine  
such a long time.  
Now you're gone, movin' on,  
such a fine line,  
here in the dark before dawn.

The past is a wound  
can't heal with thinking  
no matter how hard you try.

Time won't forgive  
what was done without thinking  
no matter how hard you cry.

I was yours, you were mine  
such a long time.  
Now you're gone, movin' on,  
such a fine line,  
here in the dark before dawn.

I was yours, you were mine  
such a long time.  
Now you're gone, movin' on,  
such a fine line,  
here in the dark before dawn.

## **Don't Diddle Daddle Dawdle**

If you want to make time with me  
You better get right to it  
I'm not the kind of guy  
Likes to think about why  
So don't diddle daddle dawdle just do it

If you want to take a ride with me  
Then hop right in  
I like to get there fast  
Then make it last  
So don't diddle daddle dawdle again

Come on over and play with me  
All that fun we can have for free  
Pretty soon I think you'll agree  
That you and I were meant to be

If you want to make love with me  
You better start right now  
I'm the kind of guy  
likes it on the fly  
So don't diddle daddle dawdle somehow

If you want to see stars with me  
You gotta open your eyes  
Once the sun goes down  
We can fool around  
Till the morning sunrise

So come on over and play with me  
All that fun we can have for free  
Pretty soon I think you'll agree  
That you and I were meant to be

## Everything Ends Up Swell

I like watchin' old movies;  
Everything ends up swell.  
The guy and girl get together.  
The villains go straight to hell.

Glenn Ford wins Rita Hayworth's heart;  
Humphrey Bogart wins Lauren Bacall.  
Cary Grant and anyone else:  
He always wins them all.

But life's not like old movies;  
Never know what the story's about.  
The guy and the girl can't seem to connect;  
If they do it doesn't work out.

Ford's always fighting with Bogart,  
Hayworth hates Bacall.  
Cary Grant is old and alone  
Smelling of alcohol.

That's why I watch old movies  
Here on the couch by myself.  
I just don't never seemed to have much luck  
Out there with everyone else,

The dialogue is never much more  
Than misspelled texts on a phone.  
And I pretty much know before I start  
I'll be back here on this couch alone.

So, I like watchin' old movies.  
The villains, they'll end up in hell.  
The guy and girl'll get together  
Everything ends up swell.

## Good Times

Good times and bum times,  
I've seen them all and, my dear,  
I'm still here.  
Plush velvet sometimes,  
Sometimes just pretzels and beer,  
But I'm here.  
I've stuffed the dailies  
In my shoes.  
Strummed ukuleles,  
Sung the blues,  
Seen all my dreams disappear,  
But I'm here.

Now this new virus  
is only desirous  
of keeping me  
home for a year  
says it so novel  
I need to grovel  
locked in my hovel  
in fear

stock market crashes  
money to ashes  
email and texts  
instead of handshakes and sex  
self-isolation  
for the duration  
without resistance  
I need social distance  
it's clear  
but I'm here.

Only a moron  
would still call it Wuhan  
now that it's everywhere  
why not Seattle  
Des Moines or Racine  
Mineloa or Abeline  
anyplace else  
I've never seen  
cause I'm here

I'm still here.

Remember when  
a case of corona  
was something  
to share with friends?  
Maybe by fall  
I'll invite you all  
to tip back  
a bottle again

I've run the gamut.  
A to Z.  
Three cheers and dammit,  
C'est la vie.  
La vie, this life, it's still lovely, my dear,  
Cause I'm here.  
I'm still here!



## How She Sings

I got the sweetest song I ever made  
But I got this voice like razor blades  
I need you darlin' to sing it right  
So why don't you help me do it tonight

I been hearing that same song play  
Inside my head all day  
Can't tell now if my ears are ringin'  
Or if it's a flock of bluebirds singin'

A man might like a woman  
For all sorts of things  
For me it comes down  
To how she sings

Just sittin' by myself pickin' my guitar  
Got no idea now where you are  
But if we could FaceTime on the phone  
I wouldn't have to sing alone.

Maybe you remember me  
I got a crooked face and knobby knees  
Way too much hair everywhere  
Not much to look at I agree

A man might like a woman  
For all sorts of things  
For me it comes down  
To how she sings

Haven't seen you for quite awhile  
I think of you I always smile  
I wrote a bunch of songs about you  
I'm pretty sure you never knew

I got the sweetest song I ever made  
But I got this voice like razor blades  
I need you darlin' to sing it right  
So why don't you help me do it tonight

A man might like a woman  
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### ***Hard to Say Exactly When***

Love comes on like the light of dawn,  
rosy fingers through the gray.  
Hard to say exactly when  
night turns into day.

Morning passes leisurely,  
bright light sets things free.  
Hard to say exactly when  
two I's turn to we.

Afternoon is long and sweet,  
like walking in a park.  
Hard to say exactly when  
there was ever dark.

At sundown there's an hour or more  
of fading rainbow light  
hard to say exactly when  
day turns into night

Then a dark blue curtain is drawn.  
The first stars flicker on.  
Today is yesterday.  
Love is gone.

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The first stars flicker on.  
Today is yesterday.  
Love is gone.

### ***How Time Will Fly***

Oh, how time will fly.  
How time will fly.  
One day you're laughing.  
Next day you cry.

Oh, how time will fly.  
How time will fly.  
One day you say hello.  
Next day you say goodbye.

How time will fly,  
How time will fly,  
One day you're planning when.  
Next day you're wondering why.

How time will fly.  
How time will fly.  
One day you're laughing  
Next day you cry.

***I Met Her in New Orleans***

I met her in New Orleans on a Saturday night;  
She sat down beside me: It was love at first sight.  
We talked until closing, walked 'til daybreak,  
Got married that weekend by Pontchartrain Lake.

I came here looking for everything but a wife.  
Now I'm gonna love her for the rest of my life.

I guess sometimes you gotta stop lookin'  
To find what you're not lookin' for.  
And sometimes you gotta get happy with less  
To learn how to be happy with more.

I used to wake up in the middle of the day  
Half drunk, head spinnin' every which way.  
Now sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night  
Just to see her beside me in the pale moonlight.

I guess sometimes you gotta stop lookin'  
To find what you're not looking for.  
And sometimes you gotta get happy with less  
To learn how to be happy with more.

I came here looking for everything but a wife.  
Now I'm gonna love her for the rest of my life.

I came here looking for everything but a wife.  
Now I'm gonna love her for the rest of my life.

## **If All We Do Is Dance**

They say we're way too different  
don't give us much of a chance.  
I say we can stay together forever  
if all we do was dance.

So let's waltz all night under moonlight  
balanced on the tips of our toes  
our spirits rising and settling  
our minds in perfect repose.

We'll spend mornings with nothing but two-steps  
not a worry in the world,  
so simple, knees just up and down  
every now and then a quick twirl.

We can jazz up it up in the afternoon  
a cha-cha or lindy hop,  
nothing but swiveling elbows and hips  
in rhythms that never stop.

Then how 'bout an evening of foxtrots  
making perfect squares on the floor.  
I'd be mesmerized by the starlight  
in the eyes of the one I adore.

So let's waltz tonight under moonlight  
balanced on the tips of our toes,  
our spirits rising and settling  
our minds in perfect repose.

Our differences won't even matter  
and there's not the slightest chance  
I'll ever fall out of love with you  
if all we do is dance.

no I'll never fall out of love with you  
if all we do was dance.

***If I Was You***

If I was you,  
had nothing else to do,  
I'd talk to me.

If you were me,  
only one you'd ever want to see  
is you.

I close my eyes,  
I think of you;  
I dream these dreams  
as if they're true.  
As time goes by  
that's all I'd do  
If you were me  
and I was you.

If you were me,  
only one you'd ever want to see  
is you.

If I was you,  
had nothing else to do,  
I'd talk to me.

I close my eyes,  
I think of you;  
As time goes by  
that's all I do.  
I'd dream these dreams  
until they're true.  
If you were me  
and I was you.

If you were me  
and I was you.

### ***If It's Enough for You***

If it's enough for you  
I'll give you love that's true.  
It's the one thing  
I have in full supply.  
So take my hand tonight;  
if you think it feels right,  
I'll walk forever by your side.  
I'll walk forever by you side,  
forever by your side,  
darling, if it's enough for you.

There's no part of your heart  
I'll ever break.  
I keep  
the promises I make.  
So take my hand tonight;  
if you think it feels right,  
I'll walk forever by your side.  
I'll walk forever by you side,  
forever by your side,  
darling, if it's enough for you.

They say there's a mystery out there,  
takes one and one, makes a perfect pair.  
So take my hand tonight;  
if you think it feels right,  
I'll walk forever by your side.  
I'll walk forever by you side,  
forever by your side,  
darling, if it's enough for you.

If it's enough for you  
I'll give you love that's true.  
It's the one thing  
I have in full supply.  
So take my hand tonight;  
if you think it feels right,  
I'll walk forever by your side.

So take my hand tonight;  
if you think it feels right,  
I'll walk forever by your side.



### ***I'm Gonna Ask You***

I'm gonna ask you once  
I'm gonna ask you twice  
I'll ask you easy  
I'll ask you nice  
I'll ask you early  
And I'll ask you late  
I'm gonna ask you for another date.

I had such a good time tonight;  
Everything felt just right.  
Maybe I could fall in love with you;  
Maybe you're thinking the same thing, too.  
Only one way to get that straight:  
I'm gonna ask you for another date.

I'm gonna ask you once  
I'm gonna ask you twice  
I'll ask you easy  
I'll ask you nice  
I'll ask you early  
And I'll ask you late  
I'm gonna ask you for another date.

I'm not the kind of guy that plays around;  
I'm the kind of guy that stays around.  
You're the sweetest woman I ever met,  
Just the kind of woman I can't forget.  
That's why I won't wait:  
I'm gonna ask you for another date.

I'm gonna ask you once  
I'm gonna ask you twice  
I'll ask you easy  
I'll ask you nice  
I'll ask you early  
And I'll ask you late  
I'm gonna ask you for another date.

## **I'm Still in Love with You Somehow**

I keep trying to find things that might excite you  
You must think me such a fool by now  
Wonder why I won't give up despite you  
Well I'm still in love with you somehow.

If it were easy to get over you  
I would have done it many months ago  
I'm pretty sure now my love for you is true  
Because I'm still in love with you somehow.

I know now I never had a prayer  
To share a life with you, a wedding vow  
But my heart doesn't seem to care  
I'm still in love with you somehow.

If it were easy to get over you  
I would have done it many months ago (by now)  
I'm pretty sure now my love for you is true  
Because I'm still in love with you somehow

I'm writing this song today for me  
To say everything I have left to say  
Maybe set my heart free  
If not now then someday

I'll sing it every morning when I wake  
I'll sing it to the stars that shine above  
I'll sing it till I make my poor heart break  
In tiny pieces that cannot stay in love

If it were easy to get over you  
I would have done it many months ago  
I'm pretty sure now my love for you is true  
Because I'm still in love with you somehow.

***Just for the Rest of the Day***

In the quiet here this morning  
I watch the last of my dreams slip away.  
I sit back sipping coffee  
imagining what I might say

I mean if you were sitting beside me  
maybe thinking about whether you'd stay,  
I mean just to see how it goes here,  
I mean just for the rest of the day.

You know you can't remember tomorrow;  
I'd rather forget yesterday.  
You're the last dream on my mind right now;  
I don't want it slipping away.

First I'd get you to laugh just a little,  
maybe tell you some strange thing I knew;  
but no matter how each sentence started,  
it would always come back to you.

Then I think I'd come right out and ask you,  
I mean if maybe you might want to stay,  
I mean just to see how it goes here,  
I mean just for the rest of the day.

You can't remember tomorrow;  
I'd rather forget yesterday;  
you're the last dream on my mind right now;  
I don't want you slipping away.

You're the last dream on my mind right now;  
I don't want you slipping away.

## **Just One More Day**

Sweet Angel, please be with me,  
Walk beside me on my way,  
All these fears, all this sorrow,  
Walk beside me just one more day.

I don't need to know the answers,  
No words of wisdom, you might say,  
Just a friend to stand beside me,  
Just a gentle hand to guide me  
On my way, just one more day.

They say that light will drive out darkness.  
They say that dawn will conquer night.  
They even say it's easy,  
See the difference, wrong from right.

They must not know this road I'm taking,  
Must not know the deepest shade.  
They must not know of death's great valley,  
Must not ever be this afraid.

I don't need to know the answers,  
No words of wisdom, you might say,  
Just a friend to stand beside me,  
Just a gentle hand to guide me  
On my way, just one more day.

There are places on this journey  
Never see the light of day,  
Where we walk in total silence,  
Forgetting even how to pray.

All we need then is a good friend,  
Stand beside us for a while.  
Sweet Angel, please be with me,  
Just one more day, just one more mile.

I don't need to know the answers,  
No words of wisdom, you might say,  
Just a friend to stand beside me  
Just a gentle hand to guide me  
On my way, just one more day. (3 times)

***Just Stopped by to Say Hi***

I just stopped by to say hi  
driving through  
on my way to see  
somebody else I once knew.  
Must be half a lifetime  
since I last saw you.

You made some coffee,  
we spent an hour or two  
just laughing out loud  
at the things we used to do.

Nothing that happens in the crazy world  
ever seems to happen on cue.  
We plan and schedule as if it makes sense,  
but we never really have a clue.  
I'm pretty sure I won't get to see  
that somebody else I once knew.  
It's only halfway through lunch  
at a diner down the street  
and I'm hoping you'll be free for dinner, too.

Nothing that happens in the crazy world  
ever seems to happen on cue.  
We plan and schedule as if it makes sense,  
but we never really have a clue.  
I just stopped by to say hi  
on a whim today,  
spent the whole day with you;  
now we're eating dessert  
at a nice place downtown  
and I'm hoping you'll be free tonight, too.

now we're eating dessert  
at a nice place downtown  
and I'm hoping you'll be free tonight, too.

## **Let's Say Goodbye to the Past**

Bum bum bum bum  
Bum bum bum bum  
Let's say goodbye to the past

Bum bum bum bum  
Bum bum bum bum  
Let's make a love that will last

Come walk with me  
Come talk with me  
I've waited a lifetime for you

Come dance with me  
Take a chance with me  
Our every dream can come true

Bum bum bum bum  
Bum bum bum bum  
Let's make a love that will last

Bum bum bum bum  
Bum bum bum bum  
Let's say goodbye to the past

***Let's Say . . . Maybe***

Let's say I say "I love you."  
Maybe you walk away.  
Let's say I stood here and waited  
for the rest of the day.  
Maybe you'd turn around,  
head back this way,  
just to say you're still thinking  
that maybe you'll stay.

I guess I don't need any promise  
about the rest of your life;  
don't need any vows  
about husband and wife.  
I just want to say  
"I love you" today  
maybe see if you'd smile,  
or at least not walk away.  
And if I got real lucky  
maybe you'd say  
you're starting to think  
that maybe you'll stay.

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or at least not walk away.  
And if I got real lucky  
maybe you'd say  
you're starting to think  
that maybe you'll stay.

## Like All Those Things You Just Can't Say

Can't say she don't love me no more  
Cause she never did love me before  
Whatever we had was all in my head  
Now whatever we didn't have is dead.

Fallin' in love is like going blind  
Fools with your eyes messes with your mind  
You think she can't not love you too  
Cause you can't imagine it can't be true  
It's like trying to make something not there stay  
It's like all those things you just can't say.

Then one day you wake up and see it clear  
There was never any more than nothing there  
Then one day you wake up all alone  
With even that nothing there all gone.

Fallin in love is like going blind  
Fools with your eyes messes with your mind  
You think she can't not love you too  
Cause you can't imagine it can't be true  
It's like trying to make something not there stay  
It's like all those things you just can't say.

Can't say it feels like getting free  
Cause there was never anyone there but me  
Can't say I'm gonna be happy again  
Cause you can't go back where you've never been

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Fools with your eyes messes with your mind  
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Cause you can't imagine it can't be true  
It's like trying to make something not there stay  
It's like all those things you just can't say.



### ***Miracles***

I don't believe in miracles,  
never saw one come true;  
I don't believe in answered prayers;  
never had one get through.  
I don't believe in hopes and dreams;  
nothing's ever what it seems;  
don't believe in crazy schemes;  
but I believe in you.

Seemed like every day  
I'd lose my way  
searching for someone new.  
No road I ever turned down  
ever took me through.  
Every game turned out the same  
no matter what I'd do.  
Seemed like I could only lose  
until the day that I found you.

Now I don't care  
how dark it gets,  
I know that I'll still see.  
And I don't care  
if things close in,  
I know I'll still feel free.  
I don't worry that I might stray,  
I don't need to hope or dream or pray.  
A miracle happens every day  
that you believe in me.

Now I don't worry that I might stray,  
I don't need to hope or dream or pray.  
A miracle happens every day  
that you believe in me.

**Next to You**

Well, today I'll wend my way  
through next to nothing,  
say please and thank you,  
pardon me, how do you do.  
But I won't feel the way  
I did yesterday  
'cause last night, had a dream  
I was lying next to you.

You smiled, turned your head my way,  
said any day now you'd be coming home to stay,  
reached out and touched my hand,  
said I'd always be your man.  
Now I can't remember yesterday.

I spent half my life pursuing women  
liked to keep you dangling on a string.  
Ever since you left I think I'm doing  
pretty much the same damn thing.

But last night, had a dream  
you were lying next to me,  
smiled when you turned your head my way,  
reached out and held my hand,  
said I'd always be your man.  
Now I can't remember yesterday

Yeah, today I'll wend my way  
through next to nothing  
say please and thank you,  
pardon me, how do you do.  
But I won't feel the way  
I did yesterday  
'cause tonight  
in my dreams  
I'll be lying next to you.

But I won't feel the way  
I did yesterday  
'cause tonight  
in my dreams  
I'll be lying next to you.

### ***One More Day***

One plate on the table,  
one pair of shoes by the door,  
one less everything,  
one night more.

Time goes by,  
heals wounds they say.  
Tick-tock, tick-tock,  
one more day.

Hang up the clothes,  
sweep up the floor,  
keep up a good front,  
one night more.

Time goes by,  
heals wounds they say.  
Tick-tock, tick-tock,  
one more day.

Turn down the covers,  
turn down the light,  
turn down a long, dark road  
one more night.

Time goes by,  
heals wounds they say.  
Tick-tock, tick-tock,  
one more day.

Tick-tock, tick-tock,  
one more day.

## **Pull Together**

Though we can't come together  
Let's not fall apart  
Stay strong in your spirit  
Keep peace in your heart  
Think first now of others  
Sisters and brothers  
If we all pull together  
We can make a new start

Love isn't something  
Just for family and friend  
It's not a resource  
Too precious to spend  
Share yours with others  
Sisters and brothers  
You'll always get to borrow  
More than you lend.

Stay strong in your spirit  
Keep peace in your heart  
We're all in this together  
So let's each do our part

Love's not a resource  
Too precious to spend  
Share yours with others  
Sisters and brothers  
And we'll all come together  
When this comes to end.

### ***Rockin' with You***

I wanna go rockin' with you tonight  
Out on the back porch, watch the light  
Fadin' shade after shade of red down the western sky.

Just you and me side by my side  
On this rope-swung double wide  
An old guitar and a bottle of "The Good Stuff" rye.

We'll sing some songs together,  
We'll compliment each another,  
Forget what we don't need to know about how and why.

Tell all our tallest stories  
The horrors and the glories  
cry until we laugh, laugh until we cry.

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Out on the back porch, watch the light  
Fadin' shade after shade of red down the western sky.

Just you and me side by my side  
On this rope-swung double wide  
An old guitar and a bottle of "The Good Stuff" rye.

Then maybe we can fool around,  
What's lost maybe gonna get found.  
Never know for sure unless we try.

They say there's no fool like an old fool.  
If you want to fool around with an old fool,  
I'm here to tell you, Darlin', I'm your guy.

I wanna go rockin' with you tonight  
Out on the back porch, watch the light  
Fadin' shade after shade of red down the western sky.

Just you and me side by my side  
On this rope-swung double wide  
An old guitar and a bottle of "The Good Stuff" rye.

(repeat last three lines)

### ***Sacred Ground***

When your burdens weigh you down,  
Troubles abound,  
Whirlwinds of strife swirl all around.  
Stand tall right there,  
Don't fall, 'cause right there,  
You're standing on sacred ground.

Sacred ground's not a mountain or a valley,  
It's not a river or a wide, sandy shore.  
It's wherever you decide to keep standing  
When you think you can't stand any more.

When there's no path in sight,  
No clear wrong or right,  
Not a friendly face to be found,  
Stand tall right there,  
Don't fall, 'cause right there,  
You're standing on sacred ground.

Sacred ground's not a mountain or a valley,  
It's not a river or a wide, sandy shore.  
It's wherever you decide to keep standing  
When you think you can't stand any more.

When there's no place to hide,  
Just fear by your side,  
The only direction down.  
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Don't fall, 'cause right there,  
You're standing on sacred ground.

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It's wherever you decide to keep standing  
When you think you can't stand any more.

### ***Skin and Bones***

You got pretty thick skin,  
But you're gonna need bones  
If you wanna get along with me.

You got some pretty good sticks,  
But you're gonna need stones,  
If you wanna get along with me.

There's some things that I've seen,  
You know what I mean  
Might make me seem hard to get.  
But all you gotta do  
if you're gonna see it through  
Is remember what I wanna forget.

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If you wanna get along with me.

There's some things that I've seen,  
You know what I mean  
Might make me seem hard to get.  
But all you gotta do  
if you're gonna see it through  
Is remember what I wanna forget.

Yes, all you gotta do  
if you're gonna see it through  
Is remember what I wanna forget.

### ***Some Nights***

That moon is grinning like Boris Karloff tonight;  
I can hear his sweet, creepy voice:  
“You had better rather forget her, Paul.  
You really don’t have any choice.”

Oh, some nights you get what you hope for,  
And some nights you get what you fear,  
And some nights it’s just Boris Karloff up there  
Grinning from ear to ear.

“Such a sweet love note you just wrote, Paul.  
Now you’re waiting for her to reply.  
Well, the only one you’ll be hearing from  
Is I, grinning down from the sky.”

Oh, some nights you get what you hope for,  
And some nights you get what you fear,  
And some nights it’s just Boris Karloff up there  
Grinning from ear to ear.

“It really doesn’t much matter, Paul,  
what more you might say or do.  
You will still right where you are tonight,  
She still won’t be here with you.”

Oh, some nights you get what you hope for,  
And some nights you get what you fear,  
And some nights it’s just Boris Karloff up there  
Grinning from ear to ear.

Yeah, some nights it’s just Boris Karloff up there  
Grinning from ear to ear.



## Sometimes, I Mean Just Sometimes

sometimes I see behind your eyes  
a room that's sad and gray  
a place you just end up in  
for an hour or a day  
sometimes I wish you'd let  
take that room away

or let me come in with you  
where I could sit a while  
still and silent, just like you  
another clock without a dial  
minutes, months no matter,  
just try to make you smile

I'm not saying I'm in love with you  
no need to be afraid  
or that you need somebody with you  
just to tolerate that shade  
it's just I have a room like that  
where I'm sometimes sent to stay

I think if you were with me there  
just sitting by my side  
it would feel more like a mother's womb  
before I learned to cry  
than like a stony, solemn tomb  
and I've already died.

Just sometimes, I mean,  
Just sometimes, for a little while  
If I sat in your room with you  
You'd feel more like a child  
trying to soothe her wrangled nerves  
than a prisoner on trial.

I guess there's lots of people now  
all forced to stay apart  
in sad, gray rooms just like ours  
waiting for time to restart  
and I think that we could help them  
to keep a peaceful heart

sometimes, I mean just sometimes  
we could calm their fear  
show them how to wait it out  
a week, a month, a year  
and how much brighter that gray room feels  
when you know a friend is near

***That's How I Feel***

Watch a sky going blue  
once the storm passes through;  
that's how I feel  
when I'm with you.

See the moon's bright eye  
in that big black sky;  
that's how I feel  
when you're nearby.

You're my sun  
you're my sky  
you're my moon  
you're me eye  
you're my reason why.

Sprigs of dune grass can stand  
against mountains of shifting sand;  
that's how I feel  
when I'm holding your hand.

A little seagull flies free  
above a raging sea;  
that's how I feel

when you're with me.

You're my mountain  
you're my sea  
you're my shore  
you're my free

You're my bird on the wing  
every song I sing.  
For me, you're everything.

You're my sun  
you're my sky  
you're my moon  
you're me eye

You're my mountain  
you're my sea  
you're my shore  
you're my free

You're my bird on the wing  
every song I sing.  
For me, you're everything.

## **The Cost of Loving You**

Can't sleep at night  
can't concentrate.  
I'm wound up tight  
I'm running late.

Black is white  
old is new  
wrong is right  
false is true

Just feel lost  
no matter what I do.  
That's the cost  
of loving you.

Love is not a carney game  
give the wheel a spin.  
You're not a little kewpie doll  
I'm showing off to win.

I'm telling you my love is true.  
I'm all in,  
yeah, I'm all in

so yes or no  
tell me please.  
Stay or go  
put my mind at ease.

I love you so  
but I can't wait  
got to know  
so tell me straight.

You want me, too  
or we're through.  
That's the cost  
of loving you.

I love you so  
but I can't wait

I got to know  
tell me straight

You want me, too  
or we're through  
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of loving you.

## The Echo of Your Name

I keep thinking I'll quit missing you,  
maybe find somebody new;  
doesn't matter what I do  
it's still the same.

People come and people go;  
I still smile, say hello,  
tell them all they need to know  
If someone asks, I say I'm doing great,  
wants me there I won't be late;  
when I have to I sit and wait.  
I play the game.

But I still miss when I walk,  
miss you when I need to talk,  
and when I dream that you're still here,  
the only sound I ever hear:  
the echo of your name.

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maybe find somebody new;  
doesn't matter what I do  
it's still the same.

But I still miss when I walk,  
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and when I dream that you're still here,  
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## **The Other Side of Goodbye**

Tonight came right out said I love you  
and you sat there still as a stone  
I wanted to cry  
but just said goodbye  
walked out the door alone.

When only one heart is breaking  
doesn't make any sound;  
no other heart can hear it  
cause there's no other heart around.

True love, so precious and rare  
more than one heart alone can bear;  
so it speaks up and then goes quiet  
maybe hear an echo out there.

Tonight all it heard was that single word  
always follows a quiet sigh;  
then all that silence forever  
on the other side of goodbye.

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on the other side of goodbye.

## Today I Woke Up Sane

Well, they say the definition of crazy:  
You do the same thing day after day  
And expect it to work out different  
Just because you want it that way.

So it didn't work out like I wanted.  
I guess I shouldn't complain.  
I was crazy about you yesterday.  
Today I woke up sane.

Can't seem to help who I fall in love with.  
My heart has a mind of its own.  
But I'm old enough to know now  
The difference between here and gone.

They say you can't get blood from a turnip,  
Can't get water from a stone,  
And you can't ever be together with someone  
Who'd rather be alone.

You have all the love they could ever want,  
Pours in free now from everywhere;  
So much you can't even see it.  
You have love like mine to spare.

But mine is all I have right now  
And all I have to share.  
I can't make you want it,  
I can't make you care.

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### ***Waiting in Line for Coffee***

I'm just waiting in line for coffee  
Watching pictures on the backlit screen.  
Seems like everybody's coming here from somewhere else  
Hoping they're gonna get seen.

This one's got a smile half a mile wide,  
That one musta just ate stones,  
This one's a Muppets Christmas Present,  
That one's just skin and bones.

The light screen flickers over and over,  
A face for every day of the week.  
By the time I get to the front of the line  
Don't want to hear any one of them speak.

'Cause this one's got a smile half a mile wide,  
That one musta just ate stones,  
This one's a Muppets Christmas Present,  
That one's just skin and bones.

Glad my face isn't up on that screen  
With a date underneath my name.  
Don't want to be coming here from somewhere else,  
Don't want to make a claim to fame.

Just want to get a cup of coffee,  
Go out and sip it under a tree,  
Let all those faces wait for somebody else  
While I sit here with me.

'Cause this one's got a smile half a mile wide,  
That one musta just ate stones,  
This one's a Muppets Christmas Present,  
That one's just skin and bones.

Just want to get a cup of coffee,  
Go out and sip it under a tree,  
Let all those faces wait for somebody else  
While I sit here with me.

### ***When All I See Is My Shadow***

I still walk in the same woods we walked in,  
pretty much every day.  
I walk the same paths we walked on,  
pretty much the same way.

Some days you're walking here with me,  
some days now it's somebody else.  
But when I look down at my shadow,  
I always see I'm here just by myself.

No, I never feel quite alone here.  
I never can figure out why.  
I guess some days it's the trees walking with me,  
some days it's the clouds in the sky.

And some days I'm falling in love with you.  
Some days now it's somebody else.  
And when all I see is my shadow,  
I guess I'm falling in love with myself.

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## Where Are You Tonight

Got a heart that burns for you,  
fillin' dark with all that light.  
My whole world turns for you,  
night and day, day and night  
Now that fire's running wild  
Way too hot to fight.  
So I just go round and round it wonderin'  
where are you tonight?

Sometimes love is something  
takes your breath away.  
Just won't give it back again  
no matter what you say.  
If the one you love don't love you  
nothing you can do.  
Sometimes I wonder  
if you even ever knew  
that all my awkward foolishness  
was just me in love with you.

Now I'm like a little bird  
caught in a big whirlpool,  
spinnin', sinkin', breathless  
feelin' like a fool  
for fallin' into torrents  
I knew I couldn't fight.  
I just go round and round now wonderin'  
where are you tonight?

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## Where Lovers Never Cry

If I had wings  
oh, I would fly  
to the other side  
of this dark sky  
a place I know of  
still see the glow of  
where lovers never cry.

I saw it in a dream once  
a strange and distant land  
everyone was happy  
walking hand in hand.

The sun was shining bright,  
the air was fresh and clean,  
soft clouds floated slowly,  
silver and serene.

No one seemed to hurry  
yet nothing was postponed,  
and when darkness finally fell  
no one walked alone.

Then everyone I ever loved  
entered a wide green field,  
all of them young again,  
all of them healed.

They shimmered in the moonlight  
then settled down to rest,  
so peacefully,  
as if they all were blessed.

A gentle hand took mine  
and led me toward the light;  
I rose up slowly off the ground  
and I took flight.

If I had those wings again,  
oh, I would fly  
to the other side  
of this dark sky,

find that place again  
by and by  
where lovers never cry

Oh, I would fly  
past this dark sky  
where lovers never cry.

## **Whoopsy Daisy I'm in Love Again**

Whoopsy daisy I'm in love again  
bout as crazy as I've ever been

I told myself the last time was the last time  
I'd ever fall for anyone this way  
Then you came along  
like an old forgotten song  
I heard somebody start to play  
and dammit right or wrong  
it didn't take me long  
I've been singing that song again all day

Whoopsy daisy I'm in love again  
bout as crazy as I've ever been

I know right from the start  
you're gonna break my heart  
but I don't care  
cause I'm in love again

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## Wishing Star

I'm out in the yard  
strumming my guitar  
to the only star  
I can see so far,

not quite day,  
not yet night,  
just a dark gray sky  
with that speck of light.

Maybe it's one of those wishing stars.  
How I wonder where you are.  
If I wish hard enough, well it's here you'll be,  
out in the yard sitting next to me.

Hear that music: it's not my guitar!  
The sky's full of stars now,  
the night is ours now.  
Let's dance on the lawn  
for the rest of the night,  
just you and me  
in starlight bright.

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## **Wondering, Just Wondering Why**

At least once every day I'm just laughing away  
At least twice every day I cry  
And the whole day through I think about you  
And wonder, just wonder why

I had everything I ever wanted  
When you were by my side  
Now that you're gone and I try to move on  
I wonder, just wonder why

I should have said I love you  
Every minute you were near  
I should have made you happy  
If I had maybe you'd still be here

Now when I remember you  
I think and I laugh and I cry  
Once, twice, the whole day through  
Wondering just wondering why.



## Lyrics for Emily and Me

My songs are paired with the original poems that inspired them. I took anywhere from very minor to quite considerable liberties with Emily's texts. When I did the latter, it was either to: (1) try to clarify for myself the emotional experience that might have instigated and animated the poem; or (2) to have a sort of friendly conversation with her about some things we share in common.

## **I'm Nobody**

I'm nobody. Who are you?  
Are you nobody, too?  
Then there's a pair of us.  
Now that we're aware of us  
Maybe I can be  
nobody for you  
and you nobody for me.

I won't tell if you won't  
then they'd advertise.  
How dreary to be one  
everyone else buys,

so public like a frog  
admired in the bog  
no way to hide  
all those prying eyes.

I'm nobody. Who are you?  
Are you nobody, too?  
then there's a pair of us.  
Now that we're aware of us  
Maybe I can be  
nobody for you  
and you nobody for me.

Maybe I can be  
nobody for you  
and you nobody for me.

## Original Poem

I'm Nobody! Who are you?

Are you – Nobody – too?

Then there's a pair of us!

Don't tell! they'd advertise – you know!

How dreary – to be – Somebody!

How public – like a Frog –

To tell one's name – the livelong June –

To an admiring Bog!

## Hope Is the Thing

“Hope”(you told me) is the thing with feathers -  
That perches in the soul -  
And sings the tune without the words -  
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -  
And sore must be the storm -  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chillest land -  
And on the strangest Sea -  
Yet - never - in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb - of me.

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## Wild Nights

Wild nights - Wild nights!  
Were I with thee  
Wild nights should be  
Our luxury!

Futile - the winds -  
To a Heart in port -  
Done with the Compass -  
Done with the Chart!

Rowing in Eden -  
Ah - the Sea!  
Might I but moor - tonight -  
In thee!

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**Rowing in Eden -**

**Ah - the Sea!**

**Might I but moor - tonight -**

**In thee!**

## A Thought Went Up

A thought went up my mind today  
Something I held dear  
But did not finish—it's some way back  
I could not fix the year.

Where it went, why it came  
This second time today  
Or what it was I surely  
have no art to say.

But somewhere in my soul I know  
I met that thought before  
This one just reminded me  
Then came my way no more.

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Something I once hold dear  
That did not finish way back then  
In some forgotten year.

Why it left and why it came  
This second time today  
Or what it was I surely  
have no art to say.

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This thought was here before  
and whatever made me half forget  
will come my way no more.

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**Original Poem:**

**A Thought went up my mind today —**

**That I have had before —**

**But did not finish — some way back —**

**I could not fix the Year —**

**Nor where it went — nor why it came**

**The second time to me —**

**Nor definitely, what it was —**

**Have I the Art to say —**

**But somewhere — in my Soul — I know —**

**I've met the Thing before —**

**It just reminded me — 'twas all —**

**And came my way no more —**

## Just Because

Just because he loves her  
We pry to see why she's fair.  
What's the difference on her face  
From features others bear?

It will not stall her stately pace  
That we halt behind  
About as far out of her sight  
As we are out of his mind.

Not hoping for his notice  
We know It's she he's yearning for.  
It's her glory's far sufficiency  
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**It will not harm her magic pace**

**That we so far behind—**

**Her Distances propitiate**

**As Forests touch the Wind**

**Not hoping for his notice vast**

**But nearer to adore**

**'Tis Glory's far sufficiency**

**That makes our trying poor.**

## There's a Certain Slant

There's a certain Slant of light,  
Winter Afternoons –  
That oppresses, like the Heft  
Of Cathedral Tunes –

Heavenly Hurt, it gives us –  
We can find no scar,  
But internal difference –  
Where the Meanings, are –

None may teach it – Any –  
'Tis the seal Despair –  
An imperial affliction  
Sent us of the Air –

When it comes, the Landscape listens –  
Shadows – hold their breath –  
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## I Taste a Liquor

I taste a liquor never brewed -  
From Tankards scooped in Pearl -  
Not all the Frankfort Berries  
Yield such an Alcohol!

Inebriate of air - am I -  
And Debauchee of Dew -  
Reeling - thro' endless summer days -  
From inns of molten Blue -

When "Landlords" turn the drunken Bee  
Out of the Foxglove's door -  
When Butterflies - renounce their "drams" -  
I shall but drink the more!

Till Seraphs swing their snowy Hats -  
And Saints - to windows run -  
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## **Tell All the Truth**

Tell all the truth but tell it slant —  
Success in Circuit lies  
Too bright for our infirm Delight  
The Truth's superb surprise  
As Lightning to the Children eased  
With explanation kind  
The Truth must dazzle gradually  
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## **“Songs by William Blake”**

**The original poem is in bolded text. Repeated sections are in normal text**

## **The Tyger**

**Tyger Tyger, burning bright,  
In the forests of the night;  
What immortal hand or eye,  
Could frame thy fearful symmetry?**

**In what distant deeps or skies.  
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?  
On what wings dare he aspire?  
What the hand, dare seize the fire?**

**And what shoulder, & what art,  
Could twist the sinews of thy heart?  
And when thy heart began to beat,  
What dread hand? & what dread feet?**

**What the hammer? what the chain,  
In what furnace was thy brain?  
What the anvil? what dread grasp,  
Dare its deadly terrors clasp!**

**When the stars threw down their spears  
And water'd heaven with their tears:  
Did he smile his work to see?  
Did he who made the Lamb make thee?**

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## The Garden of Love

I went to the Garden of Love,  
And saw what I never had seen:  
A Chapel was built in the midst,  
Where I used to play on the green.

And the gates of this Chapel were shut,  
And Thou shalt not. writ over the door;  
So I turn'd to the Garden of Love,  
That so many sweet flowers bore.

And I saw it was filled with graves,  
And tomb-stones where flowers should be:  
And Priests in black gowns, were walking their rounds,  
And binding with briars, my joys & desires.

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## A Poison Tree

I was angry with my friend;  
I told my wrath, my wrath did end.  
I was angry with my foe:  
I told it not, my wrath did grow.

And I waterd it in fears,  
Night & morning with my tears:  
And I sunned it with smiles,  
And with soft deceitful wiles.

And it grew both day and night.  
Till it bore an apple bright.  
And my foe beheld it shine,  
And he knew that it was mine.

And into my garden stole,  
When the night had veild the pole;  
In the morning glad I see;

## The Clod and the Pebble

**"Love seeketh not itself to please,  
Nor for itself hath any care,  
But for another gives its ease,  
And builds a Heaven in Hell's despair."**

**So sung a little Clod of Clay  
Trodden with the cattle's feet,  
But a Pebble of the brook  
Warbled out these metres meet:**

**"Love seeketh only self to please,  
To bind another to its delight,  
Joys in another's loss of ease,  
And builds a Hell in Heaven's despite."**

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## **Holy Thursday**

**Is this a holy thing to see,  
In a rich and fruitful land,  
Babes reduced to misery,  
Fed with cold and usurious hand?**

**Is that trembling cry a song?  
Can it be a song of joy?  
And so many children poor?  
It is a land of poverty!**

**And their sun does never shine.  
And their fields are bleak & bare.  
And their ways are filled with thorns.  
It is eternal winter there.**

**For where-e'er the sun does shine,  
And where-e'er the rain does fall:  
Babe can never hunger there,  
Nor poverty the mind appall.**

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## **Never Seek to Tell They Love**

**Never seek to tell thy love  
Love that never told can be  
For the gentle wind does move  
Silently invisibly**

**I told my love I told my love  
I told her all my heart  
Trembling cold in ghastly fears  
Ah she doth depart**

**Soon as she was gone from me  
A traveller came by  
Silently invisibly  
O was no deny**

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## **The Little Boy Lost/The Little Boy Found**

**Father, father, where are you going  
O do not walk so fast.  
Speak father, speak to your little boy  
Or else I shall be lost,**

**The night was dark no father was there  
The child was wet with dew.  
The mire was deep, & the child did weep  
And away the vapour flew.**

**. . .**

**The little boy lost in the lonely fen,  
Led by the wand'ring light,  
Began to cry, but God ever nigh,  
Appeared like his father in white.**

**He kissed the child and by the hand led  
And to his mother brought,  
Who in sorrow pale, thro' the lonely dale  
Her little weeping boy sought.**

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## The Fly

Little Fly  
Thy summer's play,  
My thoughtless hand  
Has brush'd away.

Am not I  
A fly like thee?  
Or art not thou  
A man like me?

For I dance  
And drink & sing;  
Till some blind hand  
Shall brush my wing.

If thought is life  
And strength & breath;  
And the want  
Of thought is death;

Then am I  
A happy fly,  
If I live,  
Or if I die.

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