

my gift is my song
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2004 song chapbook

in love I abide

1986

well you started a commotion when you walked in the place
I was flooded with emotion when I first saw your face
So I had to find out if there was a chance we could be
But I couldn't understand how you could only want me

and as time went by my love grew stronger than before
but I never dreamt I'd get what I was wishing for

so don't be afraid
to let your feelings show
because our love has stayed
and I won't let you go

in love I abide
for to love I am bound
and I'll stay by your side
with this love that I've found

well you parted all the people when you walked in the room
when i saw your ice blue eyes i knew you would be mine soon
but i couldn't understand how i fell for you so fast
and i only hoped our feelings for each other would last

well do you believe that fate could make us feel this way
because i know that a love like this is gonna stay

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(instrumental)

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there is a fire in my heart

1987

there is a fire in my heart
you're my desire from the start
well you inspire the best in me
I'll never tire of you, you see

that I think about you all night long
it's your image that keeps me strong
and though we're separated by miles
I still think about you all the while

just holding hands down by the lake
I never planned the love we'd make
our love will stand the test of time
everything's grand I know you're mine

and I think about you all night long
it's your image that keeps me strong
and though we're separated by miles
I still think about you all the while

like the dreams in your heart

1987

like flowers
laced with thorns
I can cut your skin

like doves
that come in peace
I will fly away

like the dreams in your heart
I can take a hold of you
I can tear you into two
I can make you scream out
like the dreams in your heart

cigarettes
held for too long
like me, they will burn

and when
I do not call
for me you still yearn

like the dreams in your heart
I can put you in a trance
I can pull you to your feet
I can take away the pain
like the dreams in your heart

I can make you feel the pain
like the dreams in your heart

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why

1990

why... do you tear me all to pieces
why... are you so far away?
I... cannot stand to take the pain
I... will do it anyway

I have been trapped by the things that you do
I cannot see why I've fallen for you
I cannot live so I will give in
I cannot fight so I'll let you... win

say... we can be together
say... that you will be mine
stay... and make my dreams come true tonight
stay... until the end of time

I have been trapped by the things that you do
I cannot see why I've fallen for you
I cannot live so I will give in
I cannot fight so I'll let you... win

(instrumental)

hey... now I feel so lonely
hey... it's something I can't bear
yeah... I think I can take you on
yeah... I'll take you anywhere

I have been trapped by the things that you do
I cannot see why I've fallen for you
I cannot live so I will give in
I cannot fight so I'll let you... win

my love for you will stay the same

1994

everybody's dreaming
everybody's screaming

everybody's looking for some shelter from the storm
and everybody's looking for someone to keep them warm
but I don't wanna play if you're a temporary game
my love for you will stay the same
my love for you will stay the same
(my love for you)

now the tide is turning
the fire embers burning

everybody wants to find a way to shed the shame
everybody wants to find a way to share the blame
but you can put me through the heartache, I can take the pain
my love for you will stay the same
my love for you will stay the same
(my love for you)

the rhythm in your fingers
the memory still lingers

listen to your flowers now, the petals scream out loud
and all these seasons come and go without a single sound
i can hear the flower petals calling out your name
my love for you will stay the same
my love for you will stay the same
(my love for you)

what we need in life

1994

I don't know where this highway's taking me anymore and
I don't know the right lines to say
I don't feel the things that you're feeling
down deep inside of you but
I know this ain't the way

nothing ventured
nothing gained
nothing changes
nothing stays the same

but you go your way
I go mine
maybe one day
we will find

what we need in life
what we need in life

I watch the ashes from your cigarette
fall to the ground and
I think this fire will die down
I think I now see what is happening here
between us and
I have to say good bye

nothing ventured
nothing gained
nothing changes
nothing stays the same

so you go your way
I go mine
maybe one day
we will find

what we need in life
what we need in life

I can't stay bitter and lonely and restless anymore and
I can't be here with you
I see the red in your eyes and it scares me half to death and
I'll take this road alone

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tight rope affair

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i know all the moves
i play the game
and it gets to you

you can't say a word
you can't move an inch
cause you can't break the rules

i know what to say
i know what to wear
i know what to do
and it sets you on fire

i have to play
on what you like
to see what you can take

and i walk out on to that tight rope
to watch you move and shake

and now you're stuck there
and so am i
but here is where you quake

but you can't fall from this wire

we walk a thin line

in our tight rope affair
there's no net when you're high
so you better beware

do you know your way down
when you're in making your moves
and balanced in
our tight rope affair

when you're up on the wire
you feel the fire
and you feel the fear

but you're filled with desire
you want to go higher
whenever we're near

what will transpire
with our lives
now that we're here

what can we do to make us right

when we gracefully step
on the paper-thin wire
we're balancing high

we look to the ground
see a circus of clowns
as we're touching the sky

now we both tightrope walk
in a deadlock
and I wonder why

why we can't bring it all into the light

we're walking a fine line
in our tight rope affair
yeah, you try to act sly
when I know a part of you's scared

but you know you'll will try
only if you can bear

what might happen
in our tight rope affair

you balance on this twine
in our tight rope affair
cause I know you'll be mine
yeah, be with me if you'd dare

this love is divine
but it cannot compare
to this rush
from this tight rope affair

you know how it feels
in our tight rope affair
our time is surreal
and our bond is rare

we sense this appeal
and it makes us aware
of the risks
in our tight rope affair



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