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Try to Be Here

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Hey girl you got a good looking mama
So you don't just get it from me
We've been together a long time now you're a part
Of our history
And you're our favorite thing
And she's your dairy queen
Hey girl you got a lot to learn
So you might as well learn it from me
I've made my share of mistakes
But I always come through eventually
It's a funny thing
It's funny how you ended up with me
It's all happening
Baby, it's all happening
Listen to the music outside your door
Recognize what you got and it just might turn into more
Sticking with your people through the joy and the tears
There's a different song every year
So try to be here
Hold onto your melody
It all becomes a memory eventually
What goes around is coming back for me
It's all happening
Baby, it's all happening

REMEMBER THE TIME

Remember the time when we were young
Our eyes were brighter than the morning sun
And our only concerns were having fun
And searching for candy
My oh my see how we've grown
And we're resigned to just going it alone,
playing it safe, staying at home and acting lazy
Remember the time when we had all the time in the world
Remember when everything was right outside our door
Now we're taking names and we're keeping score
And we fight our endless war
Even if we don't remember what it was for
And I think that's crazy
Look at the old guys making the rules
Scattering lies and burying truth
And the way we blindly follow suit
Doesn't cease to amaze me
Remember the time when we had all the time in the world
Remember when everything was right outside our door
Remember the time when times were good
Before we grew up - before we understood
That this old world wouldn't change if it could
It keeps on deceiving
Remember the time when we had all the time in the world
Remember when everything was right outside our door

STAY HOME

You can see the fireworks here
The sun burns orange in the sky this time of year
You see the stars when it's clear
A quarter moon on a quiet street tonight
And I feel like I did something right
The smaller my world gets
The bigger my life is
And I can't imagine a world
Without this
It's three to a room
But nobody sleeps in the afternoon
A little girl without shoes
Dancing to Daddy's guitar on the living room floor
And I don't know what I did before her
The smaller my world gets
The bigger my life is
And I can't imagine a world
Without all of this
Now that you're here are you gonna stay
Stay home
A comfort that I've never known
The smaller my world gets
The bigger my life is
And I can't imagine a world without this
The smaller my world gets
The bigger my life is
And I can't imagine a world
Without all of this

SPEND

You know you spend a lot of money
On things that you don't need
Don't you want to spend some time with me
Don't you want to spend some of that money on me
You can spend your time thinking
Of the way it used to be
Don't you want to spend some time with me
Don't you want to spend your time thinking about me
You can spend your life looking
For things that you won't see
Don't you want to spend some time with me
Don't you want to spend your life looking after me

TRANSITION CITY

Drowning in exhaust
In a sea of bumper stickers
For candidates who lost
On cars just trying to get home
I'm looking through the smog
And burning through the morning
Is an outline of a skyline
That sometimes you can see
From the right place
I'm looking for the bright side
Caught between the stop signs
In Transition City
Dreaming of the stars
And careening underneath them
On a two-lane or an airplane
With a mix tape that you made me
We're going to get out one day
As soon as the bills get paid
We're going to rip this town to pieces
And fall into the creases of an outdated map
I'm looking for the bright side
Caught between the stop signs
Of Transition City
And I'm frozen in the headlights
Holding on for dear life
In transition
Coming down over swimming pools and baseball diamonds
It's not so bad when you're up this high
On the ground with the medicine and propaganda
Welcome home

REMINDER

You should be asleep this time of night
Because things look worse underneath this light
Reflections and shadows and disconnecting lines
I know your will is wearing thin
Forget to breathe every now and then
Not much going out too much holding in
You remind me of someone
I don't want to know
Take the blame and pay the price
Take the train back to better times
Drop me off I'll take it from here
People change it just takes a while
And you're going to learn to crack a smile
But for now it's the dentist's chair
You remind me of someone
I don't want to know
Anymore

SONG ABOUT A PISCES

She's got an old tattoo
Something her boyfriend drew
And she's done going to school
She's too smart for that stuff now
She took me by surprise
Made under northern skies
Long dark hair and big hazel eyes
The kind of beautiful that does not try
Carrying the world on her shoulders
Gracefully
She's on the outside looking the other way
Miles under her feet
Brittle leaves on her family tree
She had a long line of losers and the next was me
But eventually
I became the one she needed me to be

DREAMING IN REALTIME

Dreaming in real time
Etch-a-sketch a skyline
Dusty charcoal gray sky
Praying for the sunshine one time
To come and wash my restlessness away
Dreaming in real time
Transatlantic state of mind
I see you on the other side
I see you when I close my eyes I
See you in my eyes
I see you in my eyes

LET'S GET LOST

If it don't work out this time around
We're gonna pack our bags and leave
You're gonna take my hand
I'm gonna quit my band
You'll quit your job and get free
I'm sick of hearing all the questions
When the answers keep on coming up wrong
And I'm tired of taking all the suggestions
Now I'm taking one of my own
Let's get lost
I'm already there
This life is taking too long
And moving too fast
If it don't work out this time around
We're gonna find a new place to be
You say you want a revolution baby
I think it's ready for me
Now you'd think this kind of thing would be easy
With everybody banging around
I'd explain it but you'd never believe me
I believe our time is coming around
Let's get lost
I'm already there
This life is taking too long
And moving too fast
I don't want to relax
I just want to settle down
I want to get back to me and you
In pink and blue
Simple and true

ALL THINGS NEW

Nothing works right the first time
Nothing is perfect on the first try
Nothing stays around the way that you found it
There's no way around it
You'll want to hold on tight
It's gonna be a bumpy ride
But I'm not scared when I'm in your eyes
Will you be around in Transition Town
I apologize for the way I drive
But I don't want to miss a single thing tonight
My sweetest friend
Help me start all over again
All things new
Nothing works right the first time
Will we find our way around it

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