

## FAVORITE VERSION OF YOUR LIFE

never sure of where you're headed not concerned with where you've been and little tragedies fall into place just like you planned them looking through these broken windows opportunities gone by and every wrong turn and every dead end just leaves you spinning but you can't come back if you've never been and you can't go down with the ship if it already came and went but it's alright and there's always time to turn the page and write your favorite version of your life there are days to come and ways to come undone but you can't slow it down and you can't have it all but you can always change what you want it makes no sense to plan things out because it all works out in the end it's funny how it all works out and you don't have to beat yourself up because we all screw up we're all screwed up my friend

## STOP WRITING SONGS

stop writing songs nobody cares everyone knows how it's going to end head in the clouds I need to come down but not right now stop writing songs bending the truth breaking it down but it's no use now that I've got nothing to prove and it's all over don't get hung up on a line just give it some time it never pays to try but you know it ain't easy stop writing songs put down the pen save yourself and save your breath you have to confess it was a beautiful mess I got us in I don't need to write a hit but I want someone to sing along with it if it feels alright now I'm perfectly harmless I ain't running for office I'm just hooking up words and phrases and clauses

## DESTINATION

I don't care for Arizona and no one's home in Oklahoma and I can't make north or south of both Dakotas and I can never get too far from California there's always something leading me right back where you are I've got scars on my face I get a new one everyday and I've got fifteen minutes to make it to the show New York looks pretty in the summer and it's a pretty long way home but I can never get too far from California there's always something leading me right back where you are it's not what makes the world go around but it's all I have now I've got a destination it's you I don't care about being lonely just as long as I'm keeping busy it feels like there's always someone out to get me maybe there should be

## NITE LITE

where are we going to live where are we going to go it's time we changed our minds again it's time these seeds begin to grow there's a screen on the front door and you're asleep on the kitchen floor in the last patch of daylight as it says goodnight until tomorrow tonight there's someone coming home so leave the light on tonight you're not the only one who needs someone to look out for and it all kind of makes sense from the other side of the picket fence and the grass is always greener with a little rain and it's coming down now there's a key to the back door but we don't need it anymore now that summer's come and gone

## NEVER BEEN HIGH

I've never been high I have trouble sitting still and staying in the lines I've never been high I've lied to myself and believed it for a while narrow down my friends I've never been high I was born yesterday but I stayed up all night I've never been high I've been sick on chocolate cake and a roller coaster ride narrow down my friends straighten out my life a meaning to an end I've never been high I've been drunk on my guitar and dizzy from the lights I've never been high I'm tired of breaking hearts and chasing dollar signs narrow down my friends straighten out my life a meaning to an end

## THEN THERE'S ME

there's a picture on the wall of some old painting there's a guitar in the hallway that could use a re-stringing then there's me there's an unfamiliar figure in the bedroom mirror there's an answer to your question but I'll get to that later there's a girl who knows the difference but won't make up her mind there's a smile she's been saving for something a little bit better then there's me then there's a chance they might throw up their hands and give it up for now and if there's a way we could live another day we'll figure it out somehow there's a person on the phone that needs to be forgiven there's a waver in your voice that shows a change of opinion then there's me

## CRAZY PEOPLE DO

once I knew a man who lived down south one day the flood came up and took his house to the gulf and half way round the globe he spent the nineties in the wide open sea fished off the back porch with the Caspian up to his knees there was a lovely ocean breeze and I said "hey man, that's hard to believe, it sounds crazy but I like the way you think and he said "sometimes I feel like diving in head first but I don't, 'cause that's what crazy people do" once I knew a girl lonelier than sad she talked to aliens on a radio inside her head at least that's what she said she tried to warn us of our impending doom just before she saddled up in her hot air balloon it's true and she headed towards the moon and I said "hey ma'am, that's hard to believe, it sounds crazy but I like the way you think and she said "I wish that I could stay and hang around with you but I won't, 'cause that's what crazy people do" and I said "hey man, that's hard to believe, it sounds crazy but I like the way you think and they said "sometimes I wish that I could live like you but I won't, 'cause that's what crazy people do" crazy people do and so do you

## CHANGE EVERYTHING

do you know how long we've waited to see you and how many times we sat and cried when this was an empty room you gave me a reason to believe and you restored my faith with your heartbeat it's a tiny sound but it's just enough to change everything sleep little angel may your dreams be candy sweet this life is beautiful hope you don't mind you look just like me don't grow up too soon you're only perfect for a while your bright eyes of blue and your smile is enough to change everything

## WORN OUT WELCOME

we showed up unpacked the truck and threw all our stuff on stage the owner smiled the crowd went wild they pulled the plug at 9:15 I remember you I remember well but every time we meet I have to introduce myself "you sounded great and you almost made enough to get paid tonight, you can stay as long as you like but your friends have to wait outside" and I remember you I remember well but every time we meet I have to show ID yeah I'm sure that's me it's always the same the band was cool but the club was lame "let's give a worn out welcome for what's-his-name, let's hear it for cheap entertainment raise your glass get off your ass please"

## GETAWAY CAR

the road maps in my eyes they're not much of a guide but they can tell you something about where I've been climb inside my getaway car far enough away for counting down days the pages of the calendar fly away fly on by and the roadblocks in my mind disappear in time where the highway and the radio collide climb inside my getaway car and it's going to take a long long time and it's going to be a big blue sky and it's going to go for miles and miles and miles I'm running down a dream I'm running on empty I'll find a place to make my stand and take it easy

## MY SIDE OF THE BRIDGE

it's time we got out of this bloodshot town push the TV out the window and follow the numbers all the way down I've got a long way to go so there's no sense in hanging around it's good to be out but I can't make it tonight I'm tired of singing about my life I'm going to flip it back to the A-side and burn my side of the bridge destined for chance committed to change I'd rather be lost in California than king of the parking lot states now I've got a long list of things gone wrong and no one to blame do I have to explain why I can't make it tonight I've used up my last goodbye and I'm going to disappear in the red tail lights and burn my side of the bridge how long have I been bleeding I can't wait until the good times roll and I've got enough tape to cover three time zones now I've got a lot to learn about keeping things under control and be on the down low so I can't make it tonight I've used up my last goodbye and I should get up and on with my life and burn my side of the bridge

## WHAT YOU DESERVE

I'm not the oldest one in the book but I'm older than I look and wiser than I should seems like the roles have been reversed in this verse chorus verse and no more time to rehearse and get ready you keep messing around well I hope I set you free and I hope I see your name up on the marquee and I hope that you get what you want and what you deserve who's to blame for all this mess I've got an educated guess and a feeling it might not rest feels like I wasted all last summer drained out all of the color into songs and open letters just trying to feel better but you keep messing around I'd like to wake up making sense of this in search of a catch phrase to explain the change the difference between just trying to keep up with what's going down

## I JUST DISAPPEAR

I don't know just how I'm going to make it through I don't understand all the things you ask me to I need you to tell me it's alright even if I don't believe you I need you to stay with me tonight because I think I'm going to need you every time you cry and every time you pass me by I just disappear you could've told me anything you could've told a lie you could've made a getaway but you settled for a long goodbye I'm going to be back in my bed tonight but I'm not so good at sleeping anymore I'll lay awake and grind my teeth tonight and think about not speaking anymore every time you cry and every time you pass me by every now and then it's harder to pretend I don't feel better once the drugs kick in what really wanted to say to you was I'm sorry what I really wanted to say to you was goodbye again

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