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Can I get out of my head
I don't know
Somebody let me go if I'm falling now
Every time I knew and ran
Set me on my feet as someone else

These negative thoughts feel crazy
Well why should I even care
I want to be different now
I'm a square peg feeling round

Turn me around and then
Send me home
Baby I don't even know
I don't and it's fucking hell
And the old me is saying
Another round to kill
Never time to heal
That's how your story goes

I want it my way
Closing my eyes baby
I'll find a way out
The reckoning is wrecking me
And nothing I've found
Can keep me from spinning out

It tells me I'm on a run
Then I'm back in the shadows, Hon
The sun can't shine for me every day
I'm out on the road again and all of the older heads keep calling me
They say try to be gracious

SOUTH OF HERE

HEARTLESS

How was I to ever know
It could get so bad
Run around heartless
Run around heartless

Tried to make it to the coast
When I moved out west
I ran around angry
I ran around angry

I remember the flames in the grass
How they danced in a line
As the fire swept across the prairie
It was on to burn our eyes
It was so cold leaving the comfort
Of my Missouri home
And my childhood left me so broken
That I didn't know
We were coming out even
We're coming out even

I don't recall all things
In the throes of the night
It never occurred to me
It always just heard me
Don't be appalled with the fall
It didn't hurt that bad
I've hit the ground harder
I've hit the ground harder

And I want to feel something honey
Hey, I want to feel something good
If everything's leaving me wanting
Ah then damn baby then it should
Run around tender
Run around tender

SOUTH OF HERE

REMEMBER I WAS A DANCER

The simple ways I never see
It always seems to drift from me
All the things that I'm... trying... to be
I just want to see some movement...
To take me a little out of here
Some kindness or maybe, maybe I just don't care

I say umm umm,
Wouldn't it be nice to see me getting somewhere
And Mmm mmm, I ain't growing at all
Mmm mmm, take me out
And put me down in the moonlight and tell me

Say Baby...
Could you pick me up and spin me around
Say Baby..
Maybe I'll remember how to smile
Say Baby...
We can make it up as we go

Sometimes I start to feel like I'm breaking through
A new breath, a way to see
Is it humanly possible or even true
I'm just up against a wall and I want to be free
Well, with untied hands well what could one be

I say mmm mmm,
It's a rhythm that can lift you somewhere new
Mmm mmm, I want to feel the wave of change
Mmm Mmm, yeah let's go out and find it tonight

Say Baby...
Could you pick me up and spin me around
Say Baby...
Maybe I'll remember how to smile
Say Baby...
We can make it up as we go

Remember I was dancer
In a life that's so long ago
I could try to put out the fire
Once it's gone man there's only smoke

Remember I was dancer
Remember I was dancer
Remember I was dancer

SOUTH OF HERE

GET USED TO THE NIGHT

I used to get around
You found one way
One to get around and one to get through
I'll feel tonight like so many lost days
I used to stay at home and writhe in my bed
Wish I could retire
Are you still hard with
I used to do cartwheels to land on my head

I used to know it all
Now I can't remember much, man
Used to be a proud fucking fool
You run ahead and I'll catch up, man
Still so much left for me to do
Get used to the night

This ain't your town
Going wrong down a one way
Ya I gotta hide myself from the storm
Don't know how long I will
But you found someway
One to get around and one to get through

Used to do it all but I ain't got the mind now
Just feel tied up and used
It could be said that I used to have something
I used to be you

Get used to the night
Get used to the night
Get used to the night
Get used to the night

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In the corner is where I've been
As I wander up the road
See I'm lost but not abandoned
But it's hard for one to know
I just find the wind and float

But if I can't take it no more

Then I would have to move away
Maybe south of here they'd let us be
And I would have to just move on
And maybe go back home
Remember who I was

In the corners that I've been in
Seems I've found no other way
Be the only one left standing
When everyone else is home

Say you can't hate
The work that you love
And if it breaks
How do you know
And do I hang in the balance

And I would have to move away
Maybe south of here they'd let us be
And I would have to just move on
And maybe go back home
Remember who I was
I wake and rub my head

Where Have I been.....
Where Have I been....
Where Have I been.....
Where Have I been....
Maybe south of here they'll let us be

SOUTH OF HERE

EVERYBODY WANTS SOMETHING

Breaking into the night
We were coming of age
We were just running around trying to be kids
Never want or need to be saved
We were waiting to fall and just drift away
I was looking for an answer
I was trying to find my way

Was getting nowhere, life was taking its time
I was staring out the window just wasting mine
And all I wanted was peace and calm
And somewhere to land that I could call my own
I was looking for something
I just don't know how to see it

Wait is there ever time to figure it out
Wait is there ever time to figure it out
Everybody wants something
They just don't know how to say it

All alone even in a crowd
And time wasn't missed as it slipped away
Every night I was scared and proud
Sitting in a hotel trying to write a dream
I was trying to see the world
For everything that it could be

Wait is there ever time to figure it out
Wait is there ever time to figure it out
Everybody wants something
They just don't know how to say it

Yeah there's nothing but highways
And nothing but planes
I found myself sideways
Searching for answers and trying to make a change

Everybody wants
Everybody wants
Everybody wants something
Everybody wants something

SOUTH OF HERE

CENTER OF ME

It's the center of me but still don't see
Feel it moving around
Can I admit defeat or disbelief
Does it have to be now

Hey wait, why do I wait until this shit gets harder
Hey wait, my words are arriving now
So I wait, I wait until the shit gets harder
Alone in my head

Is it all I had is it all that's left
I'm starting out empty again
I cradled my arms, rock myself to sleep
It'll be ten more years till I say what I need
Stuck in my mouth when I try to speak
And nothing comes out

Hey wait, why do I wait until this shit gets harder
Hey wait, my words are arriving now
So I wait, I wait until the shit gets harder
Alone in my head

Said maybe, I don't want to sleep too long
Someone wake me, I don't want to sleep too long
I'm just gonna close my eyes and try to play it cool

I'm tired of waiting
I'm tired of waiting on myself

I'm tired of waiting
I'm tired of waiting on myself
Why do I wait until the shit gets harder

I'm tired of waiting
I'm tired of waiting on myself
Why do I wait until the shit gets harder

I'm tired of waiting
I'm tired of waiting on myself
It's the center of me but I still don't see
But it's moving around

SOUTH OF HERE

CARS IN THE DESERT

Remember we were driving through the night
Pretending we were lovers lost in sleep
I think you said that "most of the time I'm right"
Let go the wheel and maybe we'll switch sides

Well, you were crawling out to raise the dead
And the ghost of you never left

Tell me I'm a good man
Tell me I'm a good man
Tell me I'm a good man
Tell me I'm a good good man

I couldn't find the light myself
It led to falling down the stairs
And the stitches in my head
And not a lesson learned back then

Well, you were crawling into your own way
All the wounded you left downtown
I can taste your lips and not your name
It stains the corner of every page

Tell me I'm a good man
Tell me I'm a good man
Tell me I'm a good man
Tell me I'm a good good man

They said they hid you somewhere I didn't know
I dug everywhere through the dust and the mud
I turned it all over until my spade
And hands were broken

Remember we were lying in your bed
I could feel your feet against my feet
And the sweat that fled our skin
Ice you rubbed into my chest

And like a fire upon your sleeve
You're gonna burn to put it out
And maybe someday when I can't sing
I'll go back to turning over ground

Tell me I'm a good man
Tell me I'm a good man
Tell me I'm a good man
Tell me I'm a good good man

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I WOULD LIKE TO HEAL

I can taste the moonlight and I can taste the sun
And when my day is done it's still there on my tongue
I would like to heal that even if the time is slow
And in my letting go
I'll find some space to grow
And if I can't let go
Well, would you let me know
I would like to stay forever in this pace and rhyme
You feel you're wasting time
I've wasted shares of mine

In the round you only sing the line that comes after
Bend around you're only in you're only
In your own way

Are you troubled by the weight you have
Is that the only way you learn
Every consequence is such a drag
This much is all that I've discerned

I can taste the morning sun and I can taste the moon
It's waning as it looms above us all
I would like to heal it even if it takes too long
And finding that I'm wrong is hard to see
And if it takes too long remind me to hold on
Every sense and feeling seems to loose
in the light of day
The sun is on its way for me

In the round you only sing the line that comes after
Bend around you're only in you're only
In your own way

And are you troubled by the weight you have
Is that the only way you learn
Every consequence is such a drag
This much is all that I've discerned

Can it be your only way around it
Is it me distracted laying down
Hey well look what you've found
You're coming around

SOUTH OF HERE

CALL ME (WHATEVER YOU LIKE)

Well, they told me they told me that you ain't got friends
And I'm staring around the room
But I'm the only one that's left
It's a wonder... It's a wonder you come out ahead
In a moment thought for sure I'd wind up dead

Well, I've already... I've already been through this
It's a cold way to look at yourself
And then just laugh
Well, it's high time, it's time that you get bent
And I point in the direction
Where I think it will come to a head

Well, you just call me whatever you like
And you can fold me until it's right
I was gonna walk
But I probably wouldn't get there fast
'Cause the wind could pick up
And knock me on my ass

And they told me you know this too shall pass
So collect yourself and play your dying number, man
Well, you held it you held it in your hands
But you let it slip and watch it all collapse

Well, you just call me whatever you like
And if they stone me remember I tried...
When you run there's no point no point in looking back
You don't fall into the future and wind up in your past

You just call me whatever you like
You just call me whatever you like
'Cause I'm gonna keep pulling from the corners of my heart
And leave this cynical shit so far behind me...

SOUTH OF HERE

TIME MAKES FOOLS OF US ALL

In the storm we waited it out
To see if it would clear
But the weather was so hard back then
It stuck with us for years

And when the path seemed sure
With the windows rolled all the way down
You thought the world was yours
Time makes fools of us all
And I'm feeling it now

Then the snow shut the highway down
But we kept moving forward
And in the hours as it all played out
The sky would lift and clear

And all the weight that you shouldered
And if the grass looks greener now
It's just that winter is over
Time makes fools of us all
And I'm feeling it now
Time makes fools of us all
And I'm feeling it now

My heart was broken for years
I was left with no way to thrive
The rooms were small and we all shared beds
But it kept us alive

And when disease came to steel you
I shaved my head and mourned
And out of grief, tragedy and hardship
A baby child was born
But time will make fools of us all
And I'm feeling it now
Ya, time makes fools of us all
And I'm feeling it now

I cried and prayed
I thought that love would save me
And in my darkest hour
There was no way out from myself

But time makes fools of us all
And I'm feeling it now
Time will make fools of us all
And I'm feeling it now
Ya, time makes fools of us all
And I'm feeling it now

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