

The Age of Possibility

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2000 Lyrics

When It's Gone it's Gone

The New York Central Railroad was something in her day
A million tons of coal and steel must have passed this way
The Ghost of some old engineer
Walks this earth and you might hear
While looking down on all those lights
"Could I see your ticket please."

Chorus: When It's gone it's gone
But the echoes just go on and on and on and on
We send it out like our breath
And somebody takes it in, Somebody takes it in
Someone

In the age of possibility cheap gas, John Glenn and tube TV
When Martin walked many miles to stand beside Gandhi
But faith was stoned with cans and rocks
And the neighbor kid came home in a box
Now we don't believe so much of everything we hear

Chorus: When It's gone it's gone
But the echoes just go on and on and on and on
We send it out like our breath
And somebody takes it in, Somebody takes it in
Someone

Bridge: Tomorrow's just too far to see
Too far to know to love or grieve
Every action is received
Like a legacy
It is our legacy

Route 26 was open fields and I remember when
Now every town I pass on through
Has the same outer skin
How could he sell his father's bones
All the others did but he just won't
He says "When I'm dead you can take it all
But for now just let them graze."
Ah

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Tornado Alley

You and I are two of a kind
Two restless spirits of the same mind
We know about the risks and yet we stay
We're brave or crazy or stubborn that way

Chorus: When you live your life
In the shadow of a whirlwind
It might just come back again
I'll hold on to you
You hold on to me
And we'll stand our ground on Tornado Alley

Old ones talk about the one is 43
It blew through town unexpectedly
A little girl found cryin' down by the mill run
and to this day nobody knows where she came from

Chorus: When you live your life
In the shadow of a whirlwind
It might just come back again
I'll hold on to you
You hold on to me
And we'll stand our ground on Tornado Alley

Bridge: Now Everyone got some story of narrow escape
Won by luck, fate or grace
You can run for cover, but you cannot hide
The only safe place is one that you hold inside

It's a misfit a wild card it's living in your backyard
It hears no voice but it's own
There's just some things that you just can't tame

Some mysteries you'll never call by name

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Threads

I have hands like my grandma
Rough and wide
A smile like my father
Kinda crooked at one side
And the thread of our union
Pulls through the years
Through burdens and rejoicing
Through the courage and fear

Chorus: Let the wind blow like horses
Running wild across the sky
Let the doors close and open
Pull us in or pass us by
We have followed the fabric
Where ever it led
Joined to one an other by
Invisible thread

We were mean mama lions
With babies on our hips
Two were workin' at the grocery,
One was livin' on tips
Two fell sick and one recovered,
Three divorced and one went clean
One lost a child last April
One's still chasin' a dream

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Running wild across the sky
Let the doors close and open
Pull us in or pass us by
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If I live to be 100
I won't forget your eyes
Or the feel of your body
Lying next to mine
No one loves you like I do
No one knows you so well
All the ghost that still haunt you
Or the secrets you won't tell

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Love is Wide

I love you for all the worn places
What's smooth, ragged or raw
For what you've been and what you are
I love it all
I know it hard I know it's scary
I'm not saying you don't have the right

Chorus: Come on baby it's not what you're thinking
You've got nothing you need the hide
I'm still here and I'm not leaving
Life is deep and Love is Wide

For every lie somebody told you
for every dream you've drug this far
For every time someone else held you
I love you as you are
I know it hard I know it's scary
I'm not saying you don't have the right

Chorus: Come on baby it's not what you're thinking
You've got nothing you need the hide
I'm still here and I'm not leaving
Life is deep and Love is Wide

Bridge: I know there are some
And there's some that you've got to be careful
But I'll never leave you or ever forsake you
Where ever this takes you and I

For every loss you counted like sparrows
And badge you've had to earn
For every time you lay down with sorrow
I love you for what you've learned
I know it hard I know it's scary
I'm not saying you don't have the right

Chorus: Come on baby it's not what you're thinking
You've got nothing you need the hide
I'm still here and I'm not leaving
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All I Know

Its never been a matter of sureness
It's always been a matter of heart
Truth is not like a bird that sings
Its more like a rifle shot
Put on any pretense
But you can't be what your not

All I know
All I see
Is all pretty simple really

Take a deep breath in the morning
And know it won't come again
Let go of your regrets
This is now and that was then
All things change in the long run
Most come around in the end

All I know
All I see
Is all pretty simple really

Bridge: What's the deal?
Whats the difference?
What's matter now?
It's not the fact you walk this life,
but that you can, You do
and How

Love as much as you can love
Even if you won't get it back
There's this longing inside you
And there's nothing that you lack
Be kind as you can be
Come on and cut yourself some slack

All I know
All I see
Is all pretty simple really

Bare to the Bone

Here I am without a message
Here I stand with empty hands
Just a spirit tired of wandering like a stranger in this land
Walking wide eyed through this world is the only way I've known
Wrapped in hope and good intentions and
Bare to the Bone

There is nothing I won't show you
There is nothing I can hide
I've risked it all and dreamt it all
And seldom questioned why.
You took me in when I was hungry
When my spirit ached and groaned
Laid wide open and defenseless
And Bear to the Bone

Chorus: When I rise I rise in Glory
If I do I do by grace
Time will wash away our footprints
And we'll leave without a trace
Between here and now and forever
is such precious little time
What we do in love and kindness
is all we ever leave behind

When my eyes are slowly fading
When the light is softly waning
When the evening sun is setting
and the world is barely breathing
Then your voice will gently call me
and your hand will lead me home
like a newborn awed and naked
And Bare to the Bone

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Anything with Wings

It wasn't what I planned
It's just how it's comin' down
I didn't understand
Just doing what I could

Chorus: I was out of my mind
Thinking it couldn't break me
Driving blind
Anywhere this thing would take me

I've held it in my hand
Pressed my cheek against it
But it slipped through like water or sand
or some well intentioned words

Chorus: I will never believe
This is time wasted
I will not grieve
Anything with wings

Bridge: Now that's the point of waking dreams
The unexpected living brings
I won't regret or stop hoping
In anyone or anything with wings

I've known it all along
That's the way the world runs
It's not right or wrong
Just to ask for what is fair

Goodnight sounds like goodbye
But that's just how it's comin' down
I never got it right
That don't mean it isn't true

Chorus: I was out of my mind,
Thinking it couldn't break me
Driving blind
Anywhere this thing would take me
I will never believe
This is time wasted
I will not grieve
Anything with wings

One Just Like Downtown

I grew up on a island
Somewhere near Chicago
Learned how to talk tough
Just like downtown
You could drive to the lake
And it sure seemed to me
It smelled like fresh water
But felt like the sea

Chorus: That's right it's so long now
You cannot fight this thing any old how
You can run fast, you can try so hard
But you can't shake the ache or the lake of
Who you are

There was nothing to do
But to shut up and drive
To the water
Down the backroads
To the south and east sides
Some girls got through high school
And some never will
And some walked with a hunger
They never would fill

Chorus: That's right it's so long now
You cannot fight this thing any old how
You can run fast, you can try so hard
But you can't shake the ache or the lake of
Who you are

You can cough out the city
You can change your old clothes
You can soften your accent
So nobody knows
But when ever I'm honest
Something in me
Still looks for fresh water
That feels like the sea

Chorus: That's right it's so long now
You cannot fight this thing any old how
You can run fast, you can try so hard
But you can't shake the ache or the lake of
Who you are

Bridge: I close, my, eyes and I can still see
That no one forgets
What it's like to be
Who it is to be

If you see me inclining when no one is speaking
If you sense I'm wandering somewhere in my mind
If you listen real close you might hear the whisper
Or see how the sunsets on the lake could shine and shine

Chorus: That's right it's so long now
You cannot fight this thing any old how

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But you can't shake the ache or the lake of
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I grew up on an island somewhere near Chicago
Learned how to talk tough just like downtown.

Sparrow

When the evening like a sparrow
Folds down it's small wings
All the light bones and the feathers of the day
It is then in that moment
Stop the rushing and just hold me
Lay your hands where it hurts
And we'll leave it that way

I have often dreamt of angels
But I very rarely see them
But I know that they've been here
Because something smells like sky
In the rustle of their presence
It sounds a lot like your breathing
Sounds a lot like a promise
But I can't say why

Bridge: I have searched all the wise and the unwise places
I have known the price of passion
And what solitude can buy
But it was you I was looking for in all those faces
Always you I was hoping for
When I closed my eyes

I will gather all the feathers
That collect up in the corners
All the rising and the fallings
In the quiet of the day
When you speak there's a flutter
Of some winged thing stirring
Lay your head on my heart
And we'll leave it that way

Seven Dreams

Walking like a ghost in my own movie
Touching you then letting you go
Hand in hand we walk these halls together
Then Letting you go

I dreamt I told you a dream I'd had
That once I had dreamt of you
You touched my face an you told me "hush"
And that you already knew

There's room enough here for women and men
Silence an letting it go
Strangers here walk hand in hand
Silence and letting it go

I heard the voices of women singing
Coming on up from the lowest floors
I stodd amazed for I knew the songs
And who they were written for

I stand in a circle of light
You stand in a circle

I dreamt I brought a book for you to see
True and forever more
On the first page rode a queen
Singing "True and forevermore."
Page after page were familiar faces
Walking behind in a joyous line
Heroe, saints, and some so old
Their names had been lost in the fog of time
Hand in hand, we stepped on in

True and forevermore

It's Not OK

It's not ok and I won't say so
Til I'm good and ready to let this one go
This onstopping me cold Pute me on my knees
Say "god if your're listening take this cup from me."
It's not ok, and it can't be right
Any kind of good sense has taken flight
All I can do now is hold on tight
Saying "god if you're listening, stay close tonight."

There is no reason, there is no fault or blame
There is no justice or jury
No judge
There is no mercy
There are no names

It's not ok and it feels like hell
And how long this thing will ache, no one can tell
No one promised life was going to be fair
God are you listening, are you even there?

It's not ok, so lay me down
Beside the still waters before I drown
From this dark valley is where I'm bound
Gonna leave what I've lost and keep what I've found
Gonna leave what I've lost

One Great Cry

A thousand cry out in wonder
A million pray "God could you give us a sign?"
"It's a heavy burden we're under
If you carry your, I'll carry mine"

Chorus
How fine, how sweet the sound
When I lay these sorrows and this poor heart down
It was love that always saved me
Hope that always found me
I was blind but now I see

We are no more than a moment
We're forever and ever and that's a fact
In joy and hope and hunger
In words and deeds we can't take back

Where do we go from here
And what does it mean
Is there some perfect madness of faith
That believes in what can't be seen

So hold out your hands like altars
We are meant to be here
And we are meant to ask why
If only to rise and falter
If only to give out one great cry

This Too Will Pass

Hold tight hold hands with me
All is trouble just as far as you can see
So here we are and here we stand
So we'll stare it down just to prove we can
and ride it out to the last
It's true, This too will pass

Small comfort when it goes that deep
and you roll at night in fitful sleep
But I'll tell you what I know
As sure as trouble comes Yeh, Trouble will go
I'll say it though you didn't ask
It's true, This too will pass

Bridge
Lay it down lay it down right here
All your sorrows, all your troubles and your fears

Can't tell you how it went this far
Or explain why it gets so damn hard
But there are times that shine like jewels
And will be all the brighter for what you've been through
Hold those times tightly clasp
It's true, This too will pass

So out of the darkest place
and the hardest times you've had to face
Were more tender than others believe
and still find it hard to ask for what we need
But don't give it up to fast
It's true, This too will pass

So out of the darkest place
and the hardest tiems that you've ever had to face
We're more tender than others believe
and still find it hard to ask for what we need
But don't give it up to fast
It's true this too will pass