

Maritimer's Lament

My father and his before him
Were ruled by the tides.
Each took the wheel of the Anne Louise
But now that girl is mine.
I was twelve years old
When my father told me “it’s time you come with me”.
My God it was cold but my heart was bold
I learned to love and fear the sea.

Chorus:

We were heroes then, when the boats came in.
When the lobster filled the hold.
Now the winds feel strange and the ocean’s changed.
And the future’s dark and cold.

Growin’ up in a harbour town,
The choice was made for me.
All I knew or ever dreamed I’d do
Was given by the sea.
For thirty-five years I’ve worked these waters,
They’ve given me a life.
I’ve a decent home, raised a son and daughter
I’ve a strong and patient wife.

Chorus:

We were heroes then, when the boats came in.
When the lobster filled the hold.
Now the winds feel strange and the ocean’s changed.
Our legacy’s been sold.

Bridge:

I’m a lucky man ‘cause I fish for lobster
And snow crab on the side.
But the cod are gone, they say it won’t be long.
We’re all on borrowed time.

I catch myself looking at my boy like my father looked at me.
I say, “You need to find a life on the land
‘cause there’s no life left in the sea.

there's no life left in the sea.

But we were heroes then, when the boats came in.
When the lobster filled the hold.
Now the winds feel strange and the ocean's changed.
I'm tired and I'm old.

Chorus:

But we were heroes then, when the boats came in.
When the lobster filled the hold.
Now the winds feel strange and the ocean's changed.
I'm tired and I'm old.

I was twelve years old
When my father told me "it's time you come with me".

The Wine's All Gone

It was just a dinner to sort things out
Enough time had passed, we could talk and not shout.
To end on good terms and empty our hearts,
To understand why we tore it apart.

Chorus:

Well there's no good reason I should be here with you,
We said our good-byes and decided we're through
We both know where this is going to,
You came for dinner now it's quarter to two
The wine's all gone, we're dancing naked in the dining room.

I don't know why we had to make it so hard,
We let tiny things just tear us apart.
Never had a problem when the lights were low, (oh no)
Feeling our way to love's afterglow.

Chorus:

Well there's no good reason I should be here with you,
We said our good-byes and decided we're through
We both know where this is going to,
You came for dinner now it's quarter to two

The wine's all gone, we're dancing naked in the dining room.

Bridge:

It's easy for you, it's easy for me
We got an effortless sexual ESP
But what do we do when the lights come on?
Can we forgive and forget? Can we fix what went wrong?

So what do we do now, where do we go?
Forget it ever happened or take it quiet and slow?
Are we together or is this the end?
One night of passion and we walk away friends?
Is this forever or only one night?
Can we make it last for the rest of our lives?

Chorus:

Still there's no good reason I should be here with you,
We said our good-byes and decided we're through
We both know where this is going to,
You came for dinner now it's quarter to two
But the wine's all gone, we're dancing naked in the dining room.
Yeah the wine's all gone, we're dancing naked in the dining room.
Now the wine's all gone, there's only one thing left for us to do....
Yeah, close those curtains and let the sparks fly!

My Heart is Yours

I saw you at the party, I hoped you'd be there.
I really want to talk to you but my feet won't take me there.
It was so darn easy, before my heart chose you
Now I'm left a stumbling fool with no idea what to do.

There's always been something, a seed inside of me
That the sunlight of your smile has awakened and set free.
But since my heart has changed, my confidence is gone
It's so hard to talk to you, so I'm writing you this song.

Chorus:

I'm in love with you, my heart is yours
I'm in love with you, no way to change my course.
I'm hopeless yet I'm hopeful that you will finally see.

I'm in love with you and you could be with me.

I'm fascinated by everything you do
When you walk into the room, my eyes are drawn to you.
Something in your voice touches my heart
Singing this song to you is my way to make a start.

Chorus:

I'm in love with you, my heart is yours
I'm in love with you, no way to change my course.
I'm hopeless yet I'm hopeful that you will finally see.
I'm in love with you and you should be with me

Bridge:

Can you hear me? Can you see
Can you love me? Can you believe in you and me.

It was you that brought me here with all the things you do
Whatever time life's given me, I want to spend that time with you.
There's many years behind us and fewer yet to come
Take my hand, take my heart and let our lives be one.

Chorus:

I'm in love with you, my heart is yours
I'm in love with you, no way to change my course.
I'm hopeless yet I'm hopeful that you will finally see.
I'm in love with you

No Room For A Ghost

It was just another afternoon,
Walkin' home in the rain.
When you called out, he turned
And I could see his body change.
You used to work together,
So much history in your eyes.
Tell me do you dream about him?
Your voice says "no" but your body lies.

I never thought before

of who he was before we met.
I never felt before
a memory could be a threat.
You smiled and said “goodbye”,
You couldn’t help one last embrace.
Pretending it was friendship
but the longing still was on your face.

Chorus:

Cry for your chances gone
Weep for the things that you didn’t do.
Can’t you see that he’s moved on?
There’s no room left for you.

Don’t think for a second
I’m gonna go all Jolene on you.
I won’t beg, I’m tellin’.
There’s no hope now, your time is through.
Your page has turned,
That chapter ended years ago.
The story that we’re writing
Has no room for a ghost. No room for a ghost.

Chorus:

Cry for the chances gone
Weep for the things that you didn’t do.
Can’t you see that he’s moved on?
There’s no room left for you.

No room for a ghost, no room for a ghost, no room for a ghost
I can see right through you.....

The Kazoo Song

There’s something I need to confess to you,
A secret I’ve told to very few
But now we’re together, it’s time you knew
I really love to play with my kazoo!

Complete disclosure and truth be told,

The first time I played it, I was twelve years old
With the door closed, alone in my room
Hours on end perfecting a tune.

Chorus: You don't need to be a musician or poet,
Just put your lips on it and blow it.
Now that I know ya, I really wanna show ya,
What years of practicing can do....

Now that you've shown me what you like to do,
I have to admit that I enjoy it too.
It's such a relief to share this with you,
Shall we try to hum through a few?

Chorus: You don't need to be a musician or poet,
Just put your lips on it and blow it.
Now that I know ya, I really wanna show ya,
What years of practicing can do....

I never knew that it could be more fun
To play with two instead of only one
A solo can't compete, with what a duet can do
The song is sweet, when we both play kazoo.

When You're Lonely

When you're lonely, the whole world seems to be in love
When it's just you only, it is the only thing you're thinking of.
Everywhere that I go, I see people walking hand in hand,
Do they know what they have? Do they understand?

Chorus:
It's just a hurt you can't name, tired of feeling the pain as it comes back again.
Numb and cold to the bone, all I feel is alone.
All I want is a change, tired of playing the game 'cause I've lost again.
But I have to believe that there's someone for me so I wait patiently.

I remember, the feeling with a smile,
Holding hands in the dark and getting lost in each other for a while.
When the hours flew by, we were so surprised, we were out of time.

Then I threw it away, I keep reliving that day.

Chorus:

It's a hurt you can't name, tired of feeling the pain as it comes back again.
Numb and cold to the bone, all I feel is alone.
All I want is a change, tired of playing the game 'cause I've lost again.
But I have to believe that there's someone for me if I can I wait patiently.

Bridge:

Holiday in the sun, it's a table for one.
Second guessing and wondering why?
I wasted the years now I'm alone here.
Medicating the lies.

It's a game I play too often in my mind.
Reinventing the day when I hurt you and was so unkind.
I see your face everywhere, in the coffee shops, on the avenue.
Wondering where you are? And who's loving you.

Chorus:

It's just a hurt you can't name, tired of feeling the pain as it comes back again.
Numb and cold to the bone, all I feel is alone.
All I want is a change, tired of playing the game 'cause I've lost again.
It's getting hard to believe that one day I will see, someone was waiting for me.

The Flusher

I like to drive fast, I love to push this car of mine.
But blue and red lights shining in my mirror just ruin my good time.
I gotta find a flusher, a beamer or a Benz
Who will play my game of chance and blame I know we'll be fast friends.
Gotta find me a flusher, any make will do
But it's a trick to make them want to play the game along with you.

Chorus:

Gonna find me a bird dog, who'll speed right in front of me.
To flush out all the radar and take the heat off of me.

I know it when I see it, a sporty foreign car.
They paid a fortune for it to travel like a star.

They don't wanna mingle with all of us "have nots".
They wanna be in charge, lead the way, they wanna call the shots.
But their egos are so fragile, they can hardly take a joke
I've found they'll speed ahead of me with one strategic poke.

Chorus:

Gonna find me a bird dog, to speed right in front of me.
To flush out all the radar and take the heat off of me.

Bridge:

That's me in your mirror, I'm suddenly your biggest fan
I'll follow from a distance a little closer than you can stand.
And when you get fed up and push your pedal to the floor,
I'll give you space but follow so the speeding ticket's yours.

I might get sentimental, I might just shed a tear
When I pass your car pulled over, as you receive your souvenir.
I still got miles ahead, got a long, long way to go
I gotta find another mark to take on your flusher role.
Our drive together fleeting, oh the good times that we had.
So treasure your memento, is it wrong I don't feel bad?

Chorus:

Gonna find me a bird dog, to speed along in front of me.
To flush out all the radar and take the heat off of me

Cut Flowers

My heart was like a wasteland, where nothing grew no more.
My withered soul was as dry as the sand that blew outside my door.
I put love's tools away and locked them tightly in.
They're old and they're no damn good, won't ever need them again!
Never need them again, Never need them again. Never need them again

Chorus:

Cut flowers there on the table, there in the hall,
Fragile and perfect, then they wither and fall.

She came on to me like a mist on the plain,
Her smile warmed my heart those withered, they roots grew again.

We played in the sunshine, sang into the wind
Had our own private Eden, without any sin.
I believed again I believed again I was believin' again

Chorus:

Cut flowers there on the table, there in the hall,
Fragile and perfect, then they wither and fall.
Cut flowers there on the table, perfect and new.
Here for a moment, gone too soon.

spoken: God you were lovely

I still hear your voice in my mind. I remember that time when you were in the garden singing and it started to rain, you were soaked to the bone but you didn't care. You were laughing and dancing and so God damned beautiful.

What choice did I have? I let you in, I fell in love with you.

I gave you everything

They say good things must end, and I guess that's probably so,
Like that cold September morning when I sat and watched her go.
I went into our garden with tears in my eyes.
Cut everything down to the ground – a tribute to her lies.
Threw those tools away
On the ground in the rain
Never gonna need them again.

Cut flowers there on the table, there in the hall,
Fragile and perfect, then they wither and fall.
Dead flowers there on the table, they remind me of you.
I keep them there to remember all you put me through
Never again (*spoken x 3*) never again, never again
Never AGAIN!

Everybody's Normal

I worked with a girl, as quiet as can be,
Until that night at the staff party.
In all the years we knew her, hardly spoke to anyone.
We thought it would be good if she came out and had some fun.
Now she's twerking on a table with her shirt in her hand.
First party she came to and she got herself banned.

Chorus:

A little bit of distance can take you pretty far
'Cause when you get too close, you see the mess we all are.
Closer you get, there's a lot of things you'll show 'em 'cause
Everybody's normal 'til you get to know 'em.

I got a friend seemed a pretty straight up guy
Until we worked our way through half a bottle of rye.
He said the world is run by reptilian shapeshifters,
If you look on-line, you can see all the pictures.
I said "brother, you must be shittin' me",
He E looked me in the eye and said, "You just wait and see".

Chorus:

A little bit of distance can take you pretty far
'Cause when you get too close, you see the mess we all are.
Closer you get, there's a lot of things you'll show 'em 'cause
Everybody's normal 'til you get to know 'em.

Bridge:

Phobias and fixations, delusions and fears
Often exposed with 3 or more beers
Inside someone's head, there's a lot of crossed wires
We pretend they don't exist, like pathological liars

You know that secret thing that you'll never tell?
Or the one your folks said would send you straight to Hell.
Sometimes I'm thankful we all have doors
It's like our elevators all miss a few floors.
So next time you look at someone and wonder what to say
They might be lookin' back at you the very same way.

Chorus:

A little bit of distance can take you pretty far
'Cause when you get too close, you see the mess we all are.
Closer you get, there's a lot of things you'll show 'em 'cause
Everybody's normal 'til you get to know 'em.

You're My Valentine Every Day of the Year

Chorus:

What did I do right
To bring you to my life?
I bless the rocky road that brought us here.
It was right right from the start,
Your love has healed my heart,
You're my Valentine...
Every day of the year.

I looked for a card today,
read every one in the store.
But none of them came close to what my heart was looking for.
I don't need to apologise,
or say things left unsaid,
Our love just seemed so minimized by the hokey cards I read.
A cartoon heart could never say
Or touch what's come to be
The love that I feel every day
When you look at me.

Chorus:

What did I do right
To bring you to my life?
I bless the rocky road that brought us here.
It was right right from the start,
Your love has healed my heart,
You're my Valentine...
Every day of the year.

I stood there remembering
how far we both have come.
We were two broken hearts that healed together as one.
Building a life together,
one day at a time,
We're finally free of the past we left behind.
How could I find that on a card?
A poem just won't do
To thank you for the life we have,
For all that we've been through.

Chorus:

What did I do right
To bring you to my life?
I bless the rocky road that brought us here.
It was right right from the start,
Your love has healed my heart,
You're my Valentine...
Every day of the year.

In The Dark

I keep on sayin' "sorry" but I don't know what I've done,
Keep looking back to find what went wrong
But there's no smoking gun.
In all our years together, we've always talked things through,
But now it's like you slammed the door
And won't let me talk to you.

Chorus:

Left in the dark, I don't believe it,
Just the bottle here to keep me company,
It's dark alone, I can't conceive it,
I can't believe you'd just walk away from me.

The time we spent together was like walking in the sun,
We had our troubled times but no more than anyone,
The life we built, the things we shared have now been torn apart
When you blindsided me with a knife right through my heart.

Chorus:

Left in the dark, I don't believe it,
Just the bottle here to keep me company,
It's dark alone, I can't conceive it,
I can't believe you'd just walk away from me.

Bridge:

I keep on sayin sorry, I keep on sayin sorry, I keep on sayin sorry
But I don't know what I've done.

So now I just sit here and dream it's all a big mistake

Pray to God the nightmare's over and I'll finally awake,
Tomorrow I'll be hurting but it's all that I can do,
Seems all that's left and all I am is me missing you.

Chorus:

Left in the dark, I don't believe it,
Just the bottle here to keep me company,
It's dark alone, I can't conceive it,
I can't believe you'd just walk away from me.

I've Got Nomophobia

Chorus:

I've got nomophobia, it's getting out of hand.
Can't live without my phone, I'm sure you understand.
I'm just another victim of an evil corporate plan.
I've got nomophobia, It's getting out of hand.

At first it was a phone, as simple as can be.
To get hold of other people and they'd get hold of me.
And then I started texting just in case they missed my call.
My God I was so witty then, each ended with a "LOL".

Before long I could email, got music on phone.
Checking news and traffic to find the best way home.
And then came social media, it seemed like harmless fun,
Endless hours of scrolling, my obsession had begun.

Chorus:

I've got nomophobia, it's getting out of hand.
Can't live without my phone, I'm sure you understand.
I'm just another victim of an evil corporate plan.
I've got nomophobia, It's getting out of hand.

Many times I've lost it and that's been quite a scare,
Searching every pocket and finding nothing there.
Racing back to where I was to find my precious toy.
To hold it in my hands again, unmitigated joy!

Bridge:

Calls and texts and emails Maps and banking too,
Wikipedia settles arguments for you.
News and information, politics and porn.
It's the last thing that I touch at night and first thing every morn.

Chorus:

I've got nomophobia, it's getting out of hand.
Can't live without my phone, I'm sure you understand.
I'm just another victim of an evil corporate plan.
I've got nomophobia, It's getting out of hand.

So I bought the latest model with a bigger, better screen.
Higher resolution and the camera is a Dream.
Gigabytes of memory, it's one Damn sexy phone!
I couldn't live without it now 'cause then I'd be alone.

Chorus:

I've got nomophobia, it's getting out of hand.
Can't live without my phone, I'm sure you understand.
I'm just another victim of an evil corporate plan.
I've got nomophobia, It's getting out of hand.

it's a flashlight,	it's a compass,
it's an alarm clock,	it's my calendar,
It's a timer,	holds my photos,
it's for when I feel socially awkward	It's for dating
when you're waiting,	it's for banking,
it's my personal assistant,	navigations,
negotiations,	book vacations,
master bat.... (woah!)	

Chorus

Finally

You looked so perfect standing next to me,
Promising your vows for friends and family.
I know it's late and we're tired after our big day but
Come and lie beside me now and put those clothes away.

Chorus:

Finally, it's our turn,
Finally, I get you all to myself
Let's close the door and put our hearts together
It's our time to make time, finally.

The day's been long, we hardly slept last night.
The baby's teething and our toddler's started to bite.
I know it's late and there's laundry to be put away but
Come and lie beside me now, those other things can wait, 'cause

Chorus:

Finally, it's our turn,
Finally, I get you all to myself
Let's close the door and put our hearts together
It's our time to make time, finally.

Bridge:

It's time for us, for you and me
'cause we are the foundation of our family.
Just close your eyes
And listen to the beat of our hearts as we take time just to be.

Our youngest left for college just the other day,
We helped her load the car and watched her drive away.
The years flew by and now it's back to you and I so
Come and lie beside me now and hold me as I cry.

Chorus:

Finally, it's our turn,
Finally, I get you all to myself
Let's close the door and put our hearts together
It's our time to make time, finally.

Finally, it's our turn,
Finally, I get you all to myself
Let's close the door and put our hearts together
It's our time to make time, finally.
It's our time to make the time for just you and me.

Far Away The Hell From You

Chorus:

I don't know where I'm going or what I'm gonna do
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.
I'm done with all the Bullshit and the grief you put me through,
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.

Red flag number one was that time in the canoe,
But that was just a warm-up for red flag number two.
Red flag number three made me look towards the door,
'Cause I'm not sticking 'round for red flag number four.

Chorus:

I don't know where I'm going or what I'm gonna do
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.
I'm done with all the Bullshit and the grief you put me through,
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.

Too many second changes and lame apologies,
Blaming circumstances for your bent emotionality.
Promises of all the things you swore that you would do
Would disappear the next day 'cause you never followed through.

Chorus:

I don't know where I'm going or what I'm gonna do
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.
I'm done with all the Bullshit and the grief you put me through,
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.

Bridge:

Why did I wait so long to see the light of day?
What was wrong within me that made me choose to stay?
If I knew then what I know now, I would have turned and ran
Better late than never though, I've had as much as I can stand.

Conversation's over, there's nothing left to say,
We crossed that line a while ago, I'm going on my way.
You'll find another sucker, of that I have no doubt
But this one here is moving on, this one's getting out!

Chorus:

I don't know where I'm going or what I'm gonna do
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.
I'm done with all the Bullshit and the grief you put me through,
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.

I don't know where I'm going or what I'm gonna do
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.
I'm done with all the Bullshit and the grief you put me through,
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell from you.
All I know is I'm going far away the Hell, away the Hell, away the Hell
From You!

Here's To You, Here's To Me

Chorus:

Here's to you and here's to me.
Here's to our lives and to those we leave.
Here's to the past and to what may be.
Here's to you and here's to me.

On days like this when the world's closing in,
And there's so much to do, don't know where to begin.
I just walk down to the stream where we laid you to rest
And have a drink with you Dad to get the weight off my chest.

The path is worn, I know it well.
Through the orchard past where the maple fell.
On that stump by the stream where you'd sit down to think.
Where you hid that bottle of whiskey and you'd sneak a drink.
And you'd say:

Chorus:

Here's to you and here's to me.
Here's to our lives and to those we leave.
Here's to the past and to what may be.
Here's to you and here's to me.

I still remember the day you died,
It took a whole year before I could cry

Kept all that sadness bottled inside
Said I was fine every time but I lied.

I was back at the farm working late one night
Trying to fix that door that would never close right.
Without even thinking, I called out to you.
Finally realized you're gone and my heart broke in two.

I knelt on that floor bowed by the weight
Of a years worth of tears bottled by fate
Never again would I hear you say,
"You got this son" in your fatherly way.

I don't know how long I spent on that floor
But when the tears stopped, I fixed that damn door.
I kissed Mom goodnight and as I drove home.
With your voice in my heart I knew I wasn't alone.

Don't worry Dad, there's still whiskey to share
But now I'm the one who hides it down there
I'm watching the farm I take good care of Mom.
I hope when I'm gone, I'll share a drink with my son And He'll say

Chorus:

Here's to you and here's to me.
Here's to our lives and to those we leave.
Here's to the past and to what may be.
Here's to you and here's to me.

Don't Do What Your Daddy Did

You look so handsome in your rented suit staring deep into her eyes
Saying words your father once said to me, it was all so sweet and nice
It's hard to imagine those sleepless nights
and the time's you're bound to fight
So hear some words I'd like to share,
let me give you some advice.

Chorus:

Don't take her love for granted
Don't let her sleep alone,

Don't keep your feelings to yourself
Don't accuse when things go wrong
Don't reach for a drink instead of a kiss
Don't take it out on the kids
Don't make her wish she'd never met you
Don't do what your daddy did.

I know you can't imagine now you'll ever feel alone,
In bed beside a stranger whose touch is cold as stone
Reach out across the sea of sheets
and pull her close to you,
The life raft's been there all along
and love will see you through.

Chorus:

Don't take her love for granted
Don't let her sleep alone,
Don't keep your feelings to yourself
Don't accuse when things go wrong
Don't reach for a drink instead of a kiss
Don't take it out on the kids
Don't make her wish she'd never met you
Don't do what your daddy did.

Bridge:

There's just no map to navigate the waters you'll go through
The storms and tides that are bound to rise that'll rock the life outta you
But every wave gives you the chance to take a breath and soften your voice
To cling together through those tides, spoken (to make a better choice).

Don't take her love for granted
Don't let her sleep alone,
Don't keep your feelings to yourself
Don't accuse when things go wrong
Don't reach for a drink instead of a kiss
Don't take it out on the kids
Don't make her wish she'd never met you
Don't do what your daddy did.

I Just Can't Do As I'm Told

Momma did the best that she could do.
Had a way of putting the fear of God in you.
She could have saved some time and saved her breath.
I know I worried her half to death.
But the older I got, I just got more bold,
I just can't do as I'm told.

Chorus:

I don't know my limit, I won't play within it.
Won't follow speed limits. And don't pay my tickets.
I cheat on my taxes and all of my exes.
I just can't do as I'm told!

I grew up in a town that was so damn small,
Everything I did got back to my ma.
I'd see her there waiting at the door,
With a belt in her hand to give me "what for".
The cops knew my name at 12-years old.
I just can't do as I'm told.

Chorus:

I don't know my limit, I won't play within it.
Won't follow speed limits. And don't pay my tickets.
I cheat on my taxes and all of my exes.
I just can't do as I'm told!

Bridge:

I don't take direction well
So save your breath and go to Hell.
This is my life and I'll do as I please.
No excuses – no apologies.

I know I should take things more seriously
But it's the way that I'm wired and it works for me.
Sometimes shit goes sideways, that's just how it goes.
This is my path and the story I chose.
All the pit falls and close calls are better than gold.
I just can't do as I'm, I just can't do as I'm told.

Chorus:

I don't know my limit, I won't play within it.

Won't follow speed limits. And don't pay my tickets.
I cheat on my taxes and all of my exes.
There's a method to all that I do.
Cause when my time here is through
I've lived every minute and second within it.
I just can't do as , I just won't do as I'm , I just can't do as I'm told