

Road to Parnassus

It may seem like a waste of time losing sleep over a simple rhyme
But if you dream then you're gonna rise...
Where waking dreams will fill your eyes

But if you must go
somewhere on that road you are alone
On the road to Parnassus you will find a home.

Like a buzz bomb floating in '42
You never know when it's gonna fall on you
But if it falls then you're gonna rise...
Where waking dreams will fill your eyes

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somewhere on that road you are alone
On the road to Parnassus you will find a home.
You will find a home...

-Alex Mandel

Hummingbird

Why does this tiny heart beat so fast?
I'm afraid to hear the last
The ground can meet you in a flash
And hey hummingbird you're gonna crash

Hey hummingbird have you heard the word from home
Though I know you'll laugh you don't have to be alone

Why does this tiny heart beat so fast?
I'm afraid to hear the last
You fly so high and go so low
Hey hummingbird - which way to go?

Hey hummingbird have you heard the word from home
Though I know you'll laugh you don't have to be alone
Hey hummingbird have you heard the word from home
Time is out of joint but there's no point to being alone
To being alone....

Hey hummingbird you go too fast
Hey hummingbird you go too fast
Hey hummingbird you go too fast
Hey hummingbird you're gonna crash
You're gonna crash
You're gonna crash
You're gonna crash

Watchtower

Out in the distance I can barely make out
the sound of three riders chickening out
The white flag is raised
Noone blames them backing in that way
When the watchtower looks like Goldwyn Library
Or a modern art museum in L.A.

The wind doesn't howl
Goodnight to Ginsberg
The screech of the fax machine
the whine of alarms on the cars that go far on unleaded gasoline
I had a dream
I had a nightmare
You were in both of them

It's getting higher and I'm getting tired
It's getting higher and I'm getting tired
It's getting higher and I'm getting tired
I'm tired I'm tired

I still want you
I will haunt you

Everybody's a bodybuilder in Marin County
No one's a plurality
From the temp office into the dole line
in the glow of greed's decline
Brushed aside
Watching the watchtower
The fortress, the fortress
it looms so incredibly high

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- Alex Mandel

Fire Down Below

Meteor what's in store
Coming long or coming soon
Crash against the planet's face
make another moon

volcanoes surge oceans purge
continents may drift
plates will clash and continents
mountain tops will shift

Passage carved from glacial swarms
Rock laid bare by snow
Explosions melt the face of the plains
A fire down below

Space is bent the fabric's rent
A tear still unrepaired
A silent garment tapestry
As if someone nearly cared

I don't feel like a dinosaur
Cause I'm moving way too fast
At a pace that cannot be sustained
It isn't gonna last

Welcome son let's have our fun
And live life day to day
Beauty's purse can turn to curse
And it isn't ours to say
it isn't ours to say....

-Alex Mandel

Love Over Time

I want to thank you for all that you've done
It hasn't always been easy but it's been fun
When I'm cold and exhausted don't want to engage
Angry at your rejection paralyzed by rage

Which part is yours which part is mine?
This love must grow if it's to survive
this fatal race this grace
This love over time

Do I need a landlord just to live in my own mind
To distinguish what is yours from what is mine?
Do I need a doctor cuz I get numb and I can't feel
To tell me what is fake and what is real?

Which part is yours which part is mine
This love must grow if it's to survive
this fatal race this grace
This love over time

Just because my parents split doesn't mean that we will
Just because I've got the blues doesn't mean I need a pill
I want to swallow my inhibitions and all of my grief
And drown all my illusions in a sea of belief
That's love over time

I want to thank you for all that you've done
It hasn't always been easy but it's been fun
My arms become expansive and fill up the skies
I see continents unfolding in the black of your eyes

Which part is yours which part is mine?
This love must grow if it's to survive this fatal race this grace
This love over time

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Every Second Thought

Subtle young bodies brown and exposed
Lying in the sand with your eyes half closed
Did you avert your eyes or did you take a peak
The mind is unwilling but the flesh is weak

Every second thought and I think of you

Her eyes whisper secrets only you can hear
Reservations flicker then disappear
Well it's so hard to argue with chemistry
You're looking for a taste here's the recipe

Every second thought and I think of you
Every second thought and I think of you
Every second thought and I think of you and I keep wondering what I'm going to do
Every second thought and I think of you

I recall a story shared by you and me
Still incomplete but filled with possibility
So I think I'll save this up for a rainy day
When I am all alone I'll let my mind astray

Every second thought and I think of you
Every second thought and I think of you
Every second thought and I think of you and I keep wondering what I'm going to do
Every second thought and I think of you

-Alex Mandel

There is Time Enough

When you wake up and the sun is shining
And another season cycle is complete
Pay no mind if leaves are falling
Stand on your feet

In an unmarked ruin strewn with rubble
There's an unmarked path that leads you on
There'll be friends to hold and guide you
To help you along

Sunday lazy only maybe
there is time enough for anything you want to do
Sands are shifting sun keeps drifting
there is time enough for anything you want to do
And each day is new for you

When the future perfect seems uncertain
Then you take it one day at a time
But if they say your past's behind you
It's a lielielielie

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Sands are shifting sun keeps drifting
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You Still Have it All

Did you wake up with a start?
Did you wonder why it fell apart?
Did it take you by surprise, did you see it through another's eyes?

What'd you ever do to them
Did they stab the core with the stem
People you don't want to know, the places you don't want to go

You
You have
You have it all
You still have it all you still have it all

You're the pretty face on the screen
You're the bullet in the magazine
The money that they never spent
The one that they resent

You're the nightmare and the dream
You're the climax and the scream
The power and the saint the fantasy complaint

You
You have
You have it all
You still have it all you still have it all

Did they resent you or admire
Invite you in or fire?
And did they envy or reject
Begrudgingly respect you...

What are you supposed to do?
If it's a lost cause should you continue
to do just what you do
Without knowing who is who

-Alex Mandel

Little One

Little one
Can you hear me singing to you
I think you do
But I guess we'll have to wait and see

Got no ear to hear
Baby got no eyes to see
Can you hear me
When I sing into your mother's belly?

Little one
I can't remember what it was like inside the womb
But when I'm lying in your mother's arms
I'll be looking forward to asking you

Little one can you remember the place we all come from?
Don't matter if you remember cuz baby we'll have us some fun

Hello out there
Don't you worry cause I'm doing fine
I've got all I need and you know
I'm wasting no time
What's the rush?
Don't you know that we'll have the time
To get to know each other for the rest of our lives?

I'm comfortable and I'm nourished
I've got everything that I need
You know that it makes me feel better
Just knowing that you are out there to receive me
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How Are You

Friends

It's been many years
And we don't live far away
But to routine we've proved a rigid slave
And time is on its own side the only side it's ever on

Well it takes no time to write a message
Takes no time to make a call
It takes no time to do any of those things for you
Or to say hey
how are you

You're living in a foreign country
Then you're bound to drift away
You speak a foreign language and your son will do the same
But we live in the same country
Practically across the Bay
But we don't see each other anyhow or anyway

Well it takes no time to write a message
Takes no time to make a call
It takes no time to do any of those things for you
Or to say hey how are you

Friends

If we wanted to do we would
So I don't know if we should
But until the next time we do
I will send this
How are you?

-Alex Mandel

Fall Asleep in the Sand

Don't you fear your second mistake
It may be the best one that you never make
It may be the one that brings you home
It may be the one that makes you whole

Fall asleep in the sand

Stay away from Marina
Cause she's changed since you've last seen her
And she will suck you down
Without a clue
Despite all the the comfort
That's she's offered you

Fall asleep in the sand
Fall asleep in the sand
But don't lose hold of dry land
Fall asleep in the sand

This river
So silent
These swells are
Not violent
And it seems so quiet....

-Alex Mandel

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