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PANTALA NAGA PAMPA

RAPUNZEL

THE LAST STOP

DON'T DRINK



THE WATER STAY (WASTING TIME) HALLOWEEN THE STONE CRUSH THE DREAMING TREE PIG SPOON



RAPUNZEL

Open wide
Oh so good I'll eat you
Take me for a ride
In your sweet delicious
Perfect little mouth
Thereupon I linger
You will have no doubt
I'll do my best for you, I do
Love
Let's stop to get it going
Lost myself just thinking
About the two of us
From each other drinking
Begin with the lips
Fingertips and kissing
Turn me inside out

I do my best for you
Up and down we go
From the top you push me
This is such a thrill
Lost in love and dancing
Shake your tambourine
You blow my head open
Of this there's no doubt
I do my best for you I do
For you I would crawl
Through the darkest dungeon
Climb the castle wall
If you are my Rapunzel
You let your hair down
Right in through your window
Good they locked the door

I do my best for you
I think the world of you
All of my heart I do
Blood through my veins for you
You alone have all of me
I give my world to you
To you I will be true
Too good to be real
Smell of something cooking
My soul you're to steal
Food of love we're filling
What you've given me
For it there is no measure
Of one thing I am sure
I'll give my best for you
I think the world of you

All of my heart I do
Blood through my veins for you
You alone have all of me
From you my strength is full
To carry your burdens too
I give my world to you
Hip lock up so tight
You drive me crazy
Crazy is all right
With you looking at me
You make me feel high
Every single thing you do to me
is like I'm drunk
I do my best for you, I do

THE LAST STOP

Fire
The sun is well asleep
Moon is high above
Fire grows from the east
How is this
Hate so deep
Lead us all so blindly killing killing
Fools we are
If hate's the gate to peace
This is the last stop
For raining tears
War
The only way to Peace
I don't fall for that
Raining tears

You're righteous, so righteous
You're always so right
Go ahead and dream
Go ahead believe that you are the
chosen one
Raining tears
Oh no
Gracious even God
Blooded the cross
Your sins are washed enough
Mother's cry
"Is hate so deep
Must a baby's bones
This hungry fire feed?"
As smoke clouds roll in

The symphony of death
This is the last stop
Scream
Right is wrong now
Shut up you big lie
This black and white lie
You comb your hair to hide
Your lying eyes
You're righteous, so righteous
You're always so right
But why your lie
Go ahead and dream
Go ahead believe that you are the
chosen one
This is the last stop

Here there's more than is showing up
Hope that we can break it down
It's not so black and white
You're righteous
You're righteous
You're righteous
You're always so right
There you are nailing a good tree
Then say forgive me, forgive me
Why
Raining tears
This is the last stop
Here there is more than is showing up
Hope that we can break it down
It's not so black and white

DON'T DRINK THE WATER

Come out come out
No use in hiding
Come now come now
Can you not see?
There's no place here
What were you expecting
Not room for both
Just room for me
So you will lay your arms down
Yes I will call this home

Away away
You have been banished
Your land is gone

And given me
And here I will spread my wings
Yes I will call this home
What's this you say
You feel a right to remain
Then stay and I will bury you
What's that you say
Your father's spirit still lives in this place
I will silence you

Here's the hitch
Your horse is leaping
Don't miss your bout
It's leaving now

And as you go I will spread my wings
Yes I will call this home
I have no time to justify to you
Fool you're blind, move aside for me
All I can say to you my new neighbor
Is you must move on or I will bury you

Now as I rest my feet by this fire
Those hands once sarned here
I have retired them
I can breathe my own air
I can sleep more soundly
Upon these poor souls
I'll build heaven and call it home

'Cause you're all dead now
I live with my justice
I live with my greedy need
I live with no mercy
I live with my frenzied feeding
I live with my hatred
I live with my jealousy
I live with the notion
That I don't need anyone but me
Don't drink the water
There's blood in the water

STAY (WASTING TIME)

We were walking
Just the other day
It was so hot outside
You could fry an egg
Remember you were talking
I watched as sweat ran down your face
Reached up and caught it at your chin
Licked my fingertip
Wasting time
Let the hours roll by
Doing nothing for the fun

Little taste of the good life
Whether right or wrong
Makes us want to stay, stay, stay
for awhile
Later on the sun began to fade
Then the clouds rolled over our heads
And it began to rain
Oh we were dancing mouths open
Splashing tongues taste
For a moment this good time would
never end

You and me
You and me
Just wasting time
I was kissing you
You were kissing me
From good day into a moonlight
Now a right so fine
Makes us wanna stay, stay, stay, stay
for awhile
Wasting time
I shall miss these things

When it all rolls by
What a day
Wanna stay, stay, stay, stay for awhile
Hey love
Oh just groping you
Rolling in the mud
Stay a while
Come on love
Wanna stay, stay, stay, stay for awhile





THE STONE

I've this creeping
Suspicion that things are not
as they seem
Reassure me
Why do I feel as if I'm in too deep
I've been praying
For some way to show them
I'm not what they see
Yes I have done wrong
But what I did I thought
needed be done
I swear

Unholy day
If I leave now I might get away
This weighs on me
As heavy as stone and as blue as I go
I was just wondering if
you'd come along
To hold up my head when my head
won't hold on
I'll do the same if the same's
what you want
If not I'll go
I will go alone

I'm a long way
From that fool's mistake and
now forever pay
No, run
I will run and I'll be ok
I was just wondering if
you'd come along
To hold up my head when my head
won't hold on
I'll do the same if the same's
what you want
If not I'll go

I will go alone
I need so
To stay in your arms, see you smile,
hold you close
And it weighs on me
As heavy as stone and
a bone chilling cold
I was just wondering if
you'd come along
Tell me you will

CRUSH

Crazy how it feels tonight
Crazy how you make it all alright love
You crush me with the things you do
I do for you anything too
Sitting, smoking, feeling high
In this moment it feels so right
Lovely lady
I am at your feet
God I want you so badly
I wonder this
Could tomorrow be
So wondrous as you there sleeping
Let's go drive 'til morning comes
Watch the sunrise
To fill our souls up
Drink some wine 'til we get drunk
It's crazy I'm thinking

Just knowing that the world is round
Here I'm dancing on the ground
Am I right side up or upside down
Is this real or am I dreaming
Lovely lady
Let me drink you please
I won't spill a drop, I promise you
Lying under this spell you cast on me
Each moment
The more I love you
Crush me
Come on
It's crazy I'm thinking
Just knowing that the world is round
Here I'm dancing on the ground
Am I right side up or upside down
Is it real or am I dreaming

Lovely lady I will treat you sweetly
Adore you
I mean
You crush me
It's times like these
When my faith I feel
And I know
How I love you
Come on
Lady
It's crazy I'm thinking
Just as long as you're around
And here I'll be dancing on the ground
Am I right side up or upside down
To each other we'll be facing
By love we'll beat back the pain
we've found

You know
I mean to tell you all the things I've
been thinking deep inside
My friend
With each moment the more I love you
Crush me
Come on
Lady
So much you have given love
That I would give you back
Again and again
Meaning I'll hold you
And please
Let me always

THE DREAMING TREE

Standing here
The old man said to me
"Long before these crowded streets
Here stood my dreaming tree"
Below it he would sit
For hours at a time
Now progress takes away
What forever took to find
Now he's falling hard
He feels the falling dark
How he longs to be
Beneath his dreaming tree
Conquered fear to climb
A moment froze in time
When the girl who first he kissed
Promised him she'd be his
Remembered mother's words
There beneath the tree

"No matter what the world
You'll always be my baby"
Mommy come quick
The dreaming tree has died
The air is growing thick
A fear he cannot hide
The dreaming tree has died
Oh have you no pity
This thing I do
I do not deny it
All through this smile
As crooked as dagger
I do not deny
I know in my mind
I would leave you now
If I had the strength to
I would leave you up
To your own devices

Will you not talk
Can you take pity
I don't ask much
But won't you speak
Please
From the start
She knew she had it made
Easy up 'til then
For sure she'd make the grade
Adorers came in hordes
To lay down in her wake
She gave it all she had
But treasures slowly fade
Now she's falling hard
She feels the fall of dark
How did this fall apart
She drinks to fill it up
A smile of sweetest flossers

Whed so and soured
Black tears stain the cheeks
That once were so admired
She thinks when she was small
There on her father's knee
How he had promised her
"You'll always be my baby"
"Daddy come quick
The dreaming tree has died
I can't find my way home
There is no place to hide
The dreaming tree has died"
Oh if I had the strength...
Take me back
Save me please

PIG

Isn't it strange
How we move our lives for another day
Like skipping a boat
What if a great wave should
wash us all away
Just thinking out loud
Don't mean to dwell on this dying thing
But looking at blood
It's alive right now
Deep and sweet within
Pouring through our veins
Intoxicate moving wine to tears
Drinking it deep
Then an evening spent dancing
It's you and me
This love will open our world
From the dark side we can see a glow
of something bright
There's much more than we see here
Don't burn the day away

Is it not enough
Staring down at the ground
Oh then complain and pray
more from above
Greedy little pig
Stop just watch your world trickle away
Oh it's your problem now
It'll all be dead and gone in
a few short years
Just love will open our eyes
Just love will put the hope in our minds
Much more than we could ever know
Don't burn the day away

Come sister
my brother
Shake up your bones shake up your feet
I'm saying open up
And let the rain come pouring in
Wash out this tired notion
That the best is yet to come
But while you're dancing on the ground
Don't think of when you're gone

Love! love!—what more is there?
We need the light of love in here
Don't beat your head
Dry your eyes
Let the love in there
There are bad times
But that's ok
Just look for love in it
Don't burn the day away

Look
Here are we
On this starry night staring into space
And I must say
I feel as small as dust
Lying down here
What point could these be troubling
Head down wondering what all
become of me
Why concern we cannot see
But no reason to abandon it
Time is short but that's all right
Maybe I'll go in the middle of the night

Take your hands from your eyes, my love
Everything must end some time
Don't burn the day away

Come sister
My brother
Shake up your bones shake up your feet
I'm saying open up
And let the rain come flooding in
Wash out this tired notion
That the best is yet to come
But while you're dancing on the ground
Don't think of when you're gone
Love! love!—what more is there?
We need the light of love in here
Don't beat your head
Dry your eyes
Let the love in there
There are bad times
But that's ok
Just look for love in it

Is this not enough
This blessed sip of life





SPOON

Spoon in spoon
Stirring my coffee
I thought of you
And turned to the gate
On my way came up with the answers
I scratched my head
And the answers were gone
From hand to hand
Wrist to the elbow
Red blood sand
could Dad be God
Crosses cross hung out like a wet rag
Forgive you? Why?
You hung me out to dry

Maybe I'm crazy
But laughing out loud
Makes the pain pass by
And maybe you're a little crazy
But laughing out loud makes
it all subside
Holding, I'm holding
I'm still falling
Spoon in spoon
Stirring my coffee
I thought of this
And turned to the gate
But on my way
Crack

Lightning and thunder
I hid my head
And the storm slipped away
Well maybe I'm crazy
And laughing out loud
Makes it all pass by
And maybe you're a little crazy
And laughing out loud
Makes it all alright
Laughing out loud
From time to time
Minutes and hours
Some move ahead while
Some lag behind

It's like the balloon that
Rise and then vanish
This drop of hope
That falls from his eyes
Spoon in spoon
Stirring my coffee
I think of this
And hum to go away
But as I walk
There're voices behind me saying
Sinners sin
Come now and play

CARTER BEAUFORD drums, percussion, and background vocals **STEFAN LESSARD** bass **DAVE MATTHEWS** acoustic guitar and vocals **LEROI MOORE** alto, soprano, tenor, and baritone saxophones, pennywhistle, bass clarinet **BOVD TINSLEY** acoustic violin

Special Guest **TIM REYNOLDS** electric guitar and mandolin

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Tawatha Agee, Cindy Myzell, and Brenda White King: background vocals on "Stay (Wasting Time)"
John D'earth: orchestral arrangements on "Halloween" and "The Stone," trumpet on "Halloween"
Bela Fleck: banjo on "Don't Drink The Water," "The Last Stop," and "Spoon." Bela Fleck appears courtesy of Reprise Records
Greg Howard/Chapman Stick on "The Dreading Tree"
Kronos Quartet: violins, viola, and cello on "Halloween" and "The Stone." The Kronos Quartet [David Harrington/violin, John Sherba/violin, Hank Dutt/viola, Joan Jeanrenaud/cello] appears courtesy of Nonesuch Records

Alanis Morissette: guest vocals on "Don't Drink The Water" and "Spoon." Alanis Morissette appears courtesy of Maverick Recording Company
Butch Taylor: piano and organ on "Crush" and "Rapunzel"

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