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1. Underwater Waltz

I have heard before of a place beneath the shore
where you can go and live with happy little fish
And if you find this place far beneath the waves
you won't ever miss the world that still exists
above this rocky land where towers still do stand
and you don't have to go to the 32nd floor
to get the things you need
A job that makes you breathe
A box you've come to know with tiny little things you own
Until your dying day
that emptiness will stay
cause you could never fill the hole left by the life you killed

I've been told before that its deep beneath the shore
but you can spend your days
with crustaceans who live to play
And in this ivory tower a year goes by an hour
and you won't want to leave you'd rather be here and free
of cages built from thought until your brain will rot
And desperation's for the 32nd floor
to get the things you need
A job that makes you breathe
A box you've come to know with tiny little things you own
Until your dying day
that emptiness must stay
cause we can never fill the hole left by the life you killed

And when you are born again
and you still feel the same
you feel that
you feel that
pull from the waves

2. Black Sheep

And if the things you choose come with some delay
and there isn't any use in trying to find the words to say
well it's all it's all the same

And if you build something only to break it down
well you might as well not build it least not on solid ground
It's all it's all the same

If we're sheep then the shepard's not doing his job
he tells you what to think but you think its all wrong
and the dog's in the shed the leader's gone and dead
If the world starts to spin no one's gonna win

And if the waves you drift along begin to change
and the current that's beneath it starts to rearrange
It's all, it's all the same

And how come five minutes can turn into a year
but the silence that contains it never disappears
It's all, it's all the same

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3. Forget it

Do you have to pretend I don't exist?
does it make you happy when I'm not around
am I at the very end of your list
why do you make me feel so put down
maybe now, I'll disappear

Doesn't make sense I know
but you make me feel better when I'm feeling low
silence isn't as sweet
but I love every moment whenever we meet

There is nothing I want more than to see you smile
have you ever considered - the fault is all mine
never anything to you and all the while
I know, I'll just disappear

Doesn't make sense I know
but you make me feel better when I'm feeling low
silence isn't as sweet
but I love every moment whenever we meet

4. A Reason Why

Well it's alright I don't mean it
And I guess I'm blind cause I don't see it
and I just can't find any reason why

And I'm not used to believing
and there's no truth in deceiving
someone if you never tell a lie

Guess it might
be kind of nice to do something right
So Oh Oh

Say the things you think you know lo and behold
it's the things you buy that can't be sold
it's the words you say and I'm not told
that your nights aren't long and your days aren't cold at all

I'll be quiet and I'll let it
or I'll confuse and regret it
There's no excuse or a reason why

Lose
Even if you do
Even if the things you say I never knew

And I
Guess it might
be kind of nice to do something right
So Uh Oh
Say the things you think you know lo and behold
it's the things you buy that can't be sold
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5. Nostalgia, in Retrospect

If you're lying, lying down
down beneath the angels with their golden crowns
sunny days, rays of sun
the night is only one
lonely one and only some agree

A river bent into the sky
reflected on those who'll die
An ancient war between heart and soul
and those who've grown have grown too old

Bloody hands you're overworked
disliked and you hurt
If you could find a way home
if you could have been alone
If you could have been unknown would you
if you would see yourself

If you're lying, lying down
dark beneath the devil with her golden hounds
dark nights and moon rises
Don't like it, don't let them
don't make them to fight then

Broken bones and tired eyes
painful looks and mournful cries
If you could find a way home
if you could be an unknown
If you could have been alone would you
or you would sell yourself

Bloody hands you're overworked
disliked and you hurt
If you could find a way home
if you could have been alone
If you could be an unknown would you
if you were to see yourself



6. Down is Through

So tell me now, tell me how not to think
that learning to swim is just knowing not to sink
I don't want to know your name
I don't want to know mine too
I don't want to understand how going down is through
Have you ever been so tired that you started looking down
Then you notice there's something buried deep
beneath the ground
you dig you did until you find
that time that time has passed you by

So tell me now, tell me how learning to fly
is different than never knowing not to get high
Well you might be on my side well you might be on mine too
but I'd never let you down cause going down is through

7. My Self-centered World

I am certain now that being down is far more rewarding
than ever being up
no, I haven't been alone for much longer than a week
but I don't believe in love
And the only thing that holds us down is this giant ball of dirt
and the only reason we can see is to count our worth

My self-centered world has walls and they won't break
for anyone or anything at all
my soul I can not control its filled with tiny holes
and these holes will never fill
Cause worthlessness stays worthless and that is all I am
worthlessness is worthlessness and that is all I am

I do not understand why light should be so grand
I'd rather be in the dark
yes, I have been awake for longer than I'd like to take
And the only the bothers me I cannot say
And the only thing thats kept me here is bound to go away

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8. Sleeping While Driving

Time was wasting while my heart was racing
like a car with the brake lines cut
and you're at the wheel, how does it feel to be in control
Tires are slipping, and I'm tired of listening
to things that I know are wrong
how much can we take, before we will break, I'd like to know

And if we crash whos going back there again
and don't pretend to be my friend
I guess I'll see you later then

And if only it weren't so lonely
driving your car into the sea
let the currents take you down
I'd help you now but I don't know how

It was snowing, I was barely going,
watching little flakes fall by
asleep at the wheel how does it feel to be
And all that I meant to try and forget I remember clearly now
mistakes that I've made, prices I've paid along the way

And if we crash whos going back there again
and don't pretend to be my friend
guess I'll see you later then
And if only it weren't so lonely
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9. Life In A Cave

What if I'm undecided
I hear your voice and then I try it
I find a place, run away, spend my days in isolation
undisturbed, unexcited
no one mentions I'm too quiet
but I know, I hear the echo

In these caves, I'll stay, until I find a better way
in these caves, I'll wait, until there is a better way

I'm lost but I don't mind
cause I can stay here on these islands
now I'm free, as I see, of any responsibility
And somewhere down the line I'm thinking
I could've kept that ship from sinking
thats alright, I can sleep at night

In these caves I stay, until I find a better way
In these caves I'll wait until there is a better way

I, enjoying the sunshine
its been such a long time since civilization
She
way across the shoreline acting like a lifeline
till I said I was fine now she has gone
she has gone away
I never get too lonely
the inhabitants always show me
what to do, what to say, in fact they never go away
And when thoughts of her run to my brain
I will think of returning there again
and I just lost my place

In these caves I stay, until there is a better way
in these caves I wait, until there is a better way

She has gone
She has gone away

10. Saline S. Sonata

[Instrumental]

11. Chloroform For Your Ears

What if for one day
take everything you hate
throw it all away keep what you love
And if in that day
all the things that stay
work together in perfect harmony
And if you want sleep
nothing haunts your dreams
no one makes you no one makes you sad

But if for one day
all the things you hate
do not go away please don't be mad
And if in that day
all the things that stay
do not work together at all
try to get some sleep
cause nothing haunts your dreams
and no one makes you no one makes you sad

Why can't we be anything we want to be
Why can't we see anything we want to see
Why can't we be everything we want to be
Why can't we see everything we want to see

And if you want to
travel back in time
and change the things that changed you before
try to get some sleep
cause nothing haunts your dreams
and no one makes you
no one makes you sad

12. The Last Living Man

I would never leave another word for you to read
unless I thought you would know

I could never write another note for you to find
unless I thought it meant the most
unless I thought it meant the most

Long long gaps in time
the snow is cold so why aren't I
And far far beyond
where you could belong
and seasons will change
but it's always the same
And late late at night
I will confide
in the last man left alive

I would never breathe another breath unless you need
something warm to fill your lungs

I could never bleed another false-dreamed memory
unless I thought it meant the most
unless I thought it meant the most

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