

# Lyrics

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# 1 Airtight

**Music:** *A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *A. Brown*

Catatonic  
In denial  
Cannot even crack a smile  
"I'll do it like this," you say  
But it's easier my way  
Got your veins in a bloody twist,  
This is really no easy fix  
Got your veins in a bloody twist,  
This is really no easy fix

*Chorus:*

To a problem you have made  
For yourself that cuts your days  
Days go by and your role reversal  
Is complete and you do just what you will  
Alone in your room  
You just might  
Alone in your room  
God I hope it's airtight

Prostitute in a million ways  
For any life that pays  
"Not for any price," you say  
But it never goes that way  
You say it's better than it seems  
Well maybe in your dreams  
Take a good look at what you've made  
A shadow of your former days

*Chorus*

1997

## 2 Almost Died

**Music:** *A. Brown, J. Wood*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon*

I've never seen you sleep,  
Seen you sleep so well before,  
So cold and still, my dear,  
Tell me how you can ignore  
My presence here with you,  
My need to see you wake,  
But you'll dream a while longer,  
While I hide this ache

*Chorus:*

I wish the morning never came  
'Cause we don't sleep at night,  
I want so much to see you stir,  
But it's almost like you've died

And so I am alone  
I'll stay here for the while,  
In case you turn to me,  
Aware of my denial  
In silence, hear my pain,  
You blur and lose all shape  
The day arrives, the sunlight warms  
The place where you once lay

*Chorus*

*Solo*

*Chorus*

*Extended coda*

1998

### 3 Beautiful Here

**Music:** *A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *A. Brown*

A billion stars above my head  
A million points of light below  
Around my sleep I dream, I float  
On my own but not alone  
With my thoughts I'm quite at home  
I can see eternity

*Chorus:*

Don't want to leave here  
Everything seems so clear  
I believe it's under my control  
Not even under gravity's pull

Fingers reach to touch, to feel  
But I can only see and hear  
No communication with the ground  
Passing wave of future times  
Washes over in my mind  
It looks great from where I stand

*Chorus*

It is beautiful out here  
This is where I long to stay  
The starlight fades to day

1997

## 4 Black Rose

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon*

Black rose and blacker hearts,  
Betray me, betray me and tear us apart,  
Passionate fashions don't wear well,  
Always chasing that painted belle

*Chorus:*

Black the colour and grey my face,  
Cold the gun and the bloody lace,  
Lost the cause and the reason why,  
Mine the knife and I'll kill your sighs

Write your name in the cocaine trails,  
One more jab and off the rails,  
One more night and then you're through,  
Pick up your clothes and face the truth

*Chorus*

*Instrumental break*

Take your dress and leave the scene,  
Your murdered virtue and shattered dream,  
I the priest and you the offer,  
Your honour died between my covers

*Chorus*

1994

## 5 Blue Artwork

**Music:** *A. Brown, D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Brown, D. Smith*

Blue artwork is her body  
And the world upon her paints  
She waits to hate  
The opening stroke  
The brush against her face  
The first blemish hurts the most  
Taints the perfect purity  
Precise and blue  
It tells the tale  
Of her new found insecurity  
Pictured body twists and turns  
Embraced in throwaway love  
Picture painted  
For all to see  
Abstract, painful and devoid of love

*Chorus:*

Old, new, borrowed and blue,  
Sell yourself  
Old, new, borrowed and blue,  
Sell yourself  
Sell yourself

And one night they'll find her there  
Lying still in the street  
Sodium glow on her body below  
A naked picture at someone's feet

*Chorus*

## 6 Blue Plastic Rabbits

**Music:** *A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon, A. Brown, J. Wood (based on an original dream by J. Wood)*

*Chorus:*

Plastic,  
Plastic rabbits  
I am blue, plastic rabbits,  
I am blue, chocolate bunny

I can eat for six,  
Eat rabbits 'til I'm sick

*Chorus:*

Of plastic,  
Plastic rabbits,  
We are blue, plastic rabbits  
We are blue chocolate bunny

Buy me toys to play,  
Pet me all day,  
Feed me rabbits,  
Blue, chocolate rabbits

*Chorus:*

In plastic,  
Plastic rabbits,  
I like blue, plastic rabbits,  
I like blue, chocolate bunny

Rabbits in their box,  
Rabbits for the dog,  
Who likes plastic,  
Blue, plastic rabbits

*Chorus*

1998

## 7 Cry At The August Moon

**Music:** *A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *D. Smith*

In your despair,  
Open mind and open book  
Never care  
Or you'll be too wound up to help yourself

*Chorus:*

So don't cry at the August moon,  
No, don't cry at the August moon

Look at yourself  
Not the picture book you once were  
Take care of yourself,  
Just keep the way you once were

*Chorus*

*Middle eight:*

Looking out from inside,  
You see there's a way out of your despair,  
But you keep me out,  
There's no problem shared  
Looking in from outside,  
You see me as a drift on the sea,  
But it shouldn't be like that,  
What about the troubles you've caused me?

*Break:*

Show me home, take me home  
Show me home, take me home  
But I don't really want to go  
No, I don't really want to go

In the end  
It's up to you, my love  
What you want  
Is what I'm going to get

*Chorus*

*Middle Eight*

*Repeat break*

*Repeat 3rd verse*

*Chorus*

1990

## 8 Cutting Up Susie

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon, J. Wood, A. Brown*

In his flesh, I carved my name  
In his navety, I played my games  
He was stupid, he missed the signs  
In her hunger, he swallowed my lies

*Chorus:*

So I'm cutting up Susie  
I never liked her anyway  
So I'm slashing her memories  
And I'm cursing that awful day

In the heat, she stroked his neck  
In the malls she wrote his cheques  
In a world of thieves, she was the best  
They stole nothing, she had the rest

*Chorus*

*Break*

In the final blow, I saw her stars  
In the streetlamp glow, I saw his car  
By the time he left and came back home  
Her bags were out, we were alone

*Chorus*

In the dead of night, we are secure  
In my hands, the memories tore  
In all the screams of wounded pride  
Her image and the knife collide

*Chorus*

*Break*

*Chorus x2*

1997

## 9 Drag Me Down

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon*

It's a self-destructive relationship,  
Both fighting for the chance to crack the whip,  
Play it to the hilt and wear us out,  
Romeo and Juliet plagued with doubt

*Chorus:*

So drag me down,  
Just a little bit further down  
I'll kick you once so you kick back hard  
Drag me down  
Though you play it rough, well I'm just as tough,  
I'll kick you into the ground

The novelty lasted just six weeks  
Then the devil arose and turned on the heat  
Whatever I did was never enough,  
I'm running out of charm

*Chorus*

I'm reasonable if you'll sit down,  
I'm sure we can work this through  
Stop hurting me with your urgency  
And I'll stop hurting you

*Chorus*

I still love you in your quieter moods,  
I'm not giving up  
Put the gloves away for another day,  
I won't make the final cut

*Chorus*

1990

## 10 East West

**Music:** *A. Brown, D. Smith, A. Rixon*

**Lyrics:** *A. Brown*

We should fly from the pity,  
Run from these streets,  
To where no one knows us  
And we can get some relief  
From the values of others  
Like chains around our lives  
To a place where we can rise and fall  
Under foreign skies

*Chorus:*

In an eastern city,  
In a western way,  
We will lose ourselves today

Who are they to tell us?  
Who are we to tell them?  
Until we have been there  
And found the reasons,  
Experienced life's raptures,  
Been wrapped in death's veil,  
Discovered what we feel  
And seen where lives fail

*Chorus*

*Middle eight:*

Do you know how I feel?  
Do you know what I see?  
Do you know how I feel with  
Your blinding certainty

*Chorus x3*

1998

# 11 Fire And Ice

**Music:** *A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *A. Brown*

Outside a frosty light  
The cold it leads to an empty night  
Claws of winter penetrate inside  
Fire and ice meet  
In the room of warmth and peace  
But the warmth doesn't come from the dancing flame

*Chorus:*

A different fire brings warmth to me  
As it glows  
Fire shakes the cold from me  
And the water from the ice flows  
Water flows to the flame  
But the water takes danger to the flame

I lie back and I call your name  
Fire and ice know it will be the same  
Me and you  
Now our lonely summer's through  
Winter's here for me and you  
But the warmth doesn't come from the dancing flame

*Chorus*

Like ice, I cry when the flame is near  
I will let only you catch the falling tear  
Water flows to the flame  
But the water takes danger to the flame

## 12 Four Two

**Music:** *D. Smith, A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *D. Smith*

You slapped my face, now I know where I'm going  
Do you feel alright?

Four-two, look at you,  
this isn't a patch on what I thought I'd brought you to.

Four-two, get out of my face, you  
don't understand what I thought I'd brought you to.

1999

## 13 Four Walls

**Music:** *A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *D. Smith*

Stuck in these four walls, I'll say something to you,  
About the feelings of my heart and my head,  
And the days when I could think better than this,  
Yes I know that I can think better than this

*Chorus:*

I won't fall down on my knees, (I won't fall down)  
I won't even say please, (I won't fall down)  
I'm sick of begging, begging after you  
You can't disguise what you've done,  
What have you done?

Out in the open I'm quiet as I like,  
But back inside I'll speak my mind  
About all the things that I care about,  
You always laughed at the things that I cared about

*Chorus*

*Middle eight:*

But everytime I see you, I think of all the things I did,  
But I shouldn't blame you, I'm the reason for the things I did,  
But everytime I see you, I think of it like it was before,  
There's lots of things in my life I've got to learn to ignore

*Chorus*

*Solo*

Tired of falling down, I've got to pick myself up,  
Sit around and wait for some better luck  
'Cause I know that I can think better than I was,  
Yes I know that I'm thinking better than I was

*Chorus*

*Solo*

1990

## 14 Future In There

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *D. Smith*

The future's so uncertain, he looks around,  
A mirror of imperfection, he makes  
A roundabout way gesture which indicates  
His solitary pleasure not to

*Bridge:*

Worship, be gone and be free,  
Open to waifs and strays and

*Chorus:*

If anything's certain,  
There's no future in there,  
Future in there

Pull back the iron curtain and still have blinds,  
This sort of devil worship is not my kind,  
So I'll rely on skill and take my time,  
Stay self-contented not to

*Bridge*

*Chorus*

*Break/solo*

Look at the life you're leading and be surprised,  
The evil that you're building is over-sized,  
There's no talent in being fashion-victimised,  
Stay self-contented not to

*Bridge*

*Chorus*

1989

## 15 Hello, Mr President

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon, D. Smith*

The sources say we're doing fine,  
The party toes the party line,  
Elsewhere in the news today,  
Insiders come out to play

*Chorus:*

And hello, hello, hello,  
What's going on here?  
Hello, hello, hello,  
What's going wrong here?

Ask not why the sirens blare,  
Just be sure we really care,  
The People speak for us all,  
(If not, give the Sun a call)

*Chorus*

Lend an ear, buy your time,  
Queue up to pay and we will sign  
Any deal you care to make  
And by the way, oh what's my take?

*Chorus*

Land of hope and glory,  
Same old soap and same old story,  
Never saw the way we went,  
Well hello, Mr President

*Chorus x2*

1998

## 16 I Couldn't Stoop That Low

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *D. Smith*

I just went calling at your door,  
And now I've never felt so small

*Chorus:*

Don't give me what you said yesterday,  
I couldn't stoop that low

How can you always think you're right?  
You really [?]

*Chorus*

*Middle eight:*

Don't leave me standing here,  
There's nothing I want to hear  
That would give me what you said yesterday,  
What I said yesterday

'Til then I'll be taken by surprise  
By any genuine look in your eyes

*Chorus*

*Solo*

*Middle eight*

*Repeat 3rd verse*

*Chorus*

Don't make me believe in what it was you said yesterday,  
I couldn't stoop that low

Don't take me right back to what it was you said yesterday,  
I couldn't stoop that low

1997

## 17 Mighty Mouse

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon*

Mighty Mouse,  
You've got a tidy house,  
Your wife won't let you  
Have a life,  
Your smirk is worse  
Than your spite,  
Even a mouse  
Gets out at night.

Mighty Mouse,  
We're mighty proud,  
You're just like us,  
Beset by doubts.  
Might be time  
To seize control,  
Before your shoe  
Is your only soul.

Might have been  
Somebody else,  
Somebody real  
Instead of false,  
But Mighty Mouse  
Is feeling tired,  
Mighty Mouse,  
Just got fired.

1999

## 18 Misdirected Looks (swing your pants)

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon, D. Smith*

Unreciprocated love  
Goes hand in glove  
With the emotions of the world  
Sad and dejected,  
The ones you love reject you  
Whilst your enemies will never leave you alone

*Chorus:*  
And hand in hand,  
Our feelings grounded,  
Our misdirected looks  
Power life's wicked merry-go-round  
You always hurt the one you love,  
(You're misdirected)  
But most of all you only hurt yourself

Save your love  
For someone who really needs it  
And don't try to predict what's coming next  
Something you don't expect  
Is coming round the corner  
And there you'll find respect for your love

*Chorus*

1990

## 19 My Life Underground

**Music:** *A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *A. Brown, A. Rixon*

System Data Word Agenda Time,  
This is the language of your world  
Communication Calculation On-line,  
This is the babble I have heard

Neon news Rush hour Paper Power,  
This is the debris of your world  
Occupation but no conversation,  
There is no beauty in your word

*Bridge:*

Who are you, where are you going  
Into your cloud of unknowing

*Chorus:*

Until I know exactly what I've found,  
I'll choose to live my life underground  
(repeat)

Inter- Intra- Extra- net,  
All the contact that I need  
All the data I can get,  
Emotions that I almost feel

Pager network profit image gun,  
This is your fate that I have heard  
Deadline headline pressure world undone,  
This is the fate that you deserve

*Bridge:*

Where do you want to go today?  
Where do you want to go that pays?

*Chorus*

*Break*

*Chorus x2*

1998

## 20 New Song

**Music:** *A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *A. Brown*

Come feel my loving,  
Come by my side,  
Come see what I have for you,  
I'll be your angel tonight

I see you're coming,  
I know you're there,  
Stop your hiding, lover,  
Come meet me here

*Chorus:*

Nothing's wrong,  
Nothing's wrong,  
This is my new song  
Nothing's wrong,  
Nothing's wrong,  
This is my new song

*Repeat verses*

*Chorus*

*Repeat 2nd verse*

*Chorus*

1998

## 21 Princess

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon*

Princess Grace is showing me favour,  
Prince of the paupers needs a saviour,  
Flatters, deceives and all the right tricks,  
She knows what she wants, am I really it?

*Chorus:*

Princess,  
Please, I'm just a serf,  
Princess,  
Say, what am I worth?  
Princess,  
Hey, what's up with you?  
Princess Flake,  
Now we're through.

Met you in May, it happened too soon,  
Treated like dirt, it was over by June,  
Your mother was right, I'm not good enough,  
I'm like cheap perfume, you don't wear that stuff.

*Chorus*

Daddy bought you a horse, he gave you a car,  
But your real need, he can't go that far,  
Come off that cloud, see what you did,  
You walked away, but you should have slid.

*Chorus*

*Middle eight:*

What are you looking for here?  
Do you want to fit in so much?  
A gem in the dirt, I wonder,  
Do you like the common touch?

*Coda:*

I can forget, don't need to forgive,  
I can pretend I don't care who you're with,  
I can relax with the aid of a drink,

I can go where I don't have to think.

*Chorus*

1999

## 22 Real Star

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon*

You're a high speed chase through the streets of 'Cisco  
You're a sharp white suit in a fevered disco  
You're the runaway train on Breakheart Pass  
If I caught your cab, you'd probably floor the gas

*Chorus:*

I'll never see you any other way  
Even when we step into the day  
I'll never meet a real star  
I wouldn't need to go that far

You're the dust that swirls round the nameless stranger  
You're the quick-drawn gun of the avenging angel  
You're the secret agent's caviar  
You're the kind of girl they need on Mars

*Chorus*

*Middle eight:*

Tell me I've seen too many films  
Does it always end that way?  
My casting couch is worn right through  
The credits roll, they never stay  
(go away)

You're the innocent girl asleep on her pillow  
I'm Christopher Lee, the curtains billow  
In a kung-fu fight, you're the snapping sound  
Or a wonderful life in a lonely midwest town

*Chorus*

*Middle Eight*

In a silent movie, you're the jazz singer  
The wildest scene, the biggest swinger  
You're all these things and I have to say  
Go ahead punk, make my day

*Chorus*



## 23 Satellite

**Music:** *A. Brown*

**Lyrics:** *A. Brown*

Satellite above my head  
Come crashing down  
And spread your information  
All around

*Bridge:*  
Tell me what you see  
That keeps you buzzing endlessly

*Chorus:*  
Would it blow our minds  
If we tried to find  
All that you know  
All that you know  
Would it blow our minds  
If we tried to find  
Satellite  
Satellite

Government jibes from ivory towers  
Travelling at ten million miles an hour  
CNN and each mistake  
In each and every state

*Bridge:*  
Data equals power  
Can I help wanting more?

*Chorus*

Oracle eye in the black sky  
Come circling round  
Metallic angel on the wing  
We pray and hang on everything you say

*Bridge:*  
Tell me what you hear  
Receiving loud and clear



## 24 Swing

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon*

Fevered ego, radio show,  
Media runaround, showbiz slut,  
What's left to say in two year's time,  
When we decide we've had enough?

*Bridge:*

It don't mean a thing  
If you can't make it . . .

*Chorus:*

Swing,  
Hung out to dry,  
Swing,  
Turning 'gainst the sky.

Gossip column, little white lies,  
No. 1 for a week in June,  
Talk show tantrum, baby chatter,  
Here today and over soon.

*Bridge:*

Wave your arms and we'll all sing,  
This party is about to . . .

*Chorus*

*Middle eight:*

Who are you when the laughter stops?  
Who are you when the lights go out?  
A funny guy when the camera calls,  
A whisper hidden by a shout.

Carry on cruising in the stalls,  
Accused of being a publicity whore,  
What's the fuss 'cause we all knew,  
It's nothing you didn't do before.

*Bridge:*  
Come on, big boy, do your thing,  
Open up and let it ...

*Chorus*

You end up drowning in the deep end,  
When you're pissing in the shallows,  
As the press breaks down your door,  
And drags you to the gallows.

*Bridge:*  
Once the superficial king,  
Now it's time for you to ...

*Chorus*

1998

## 25 That Bloody Woman (*Blues in E*)

**Music:** *Martyrs*

**Lyrics:** *D. Smith*

I ain't gonna let that woman kick me no more,  
I ain't gonna let that woman kick me no more,  
She told me she'd show me everything,  
All she showed me was the door.

I ain't gonna spend no more money on her,  
I ain't gonna spend no more money on her,  
She just kept complaining,  
Said the clothes I bought never fit her.

*Solos*

It's about time I paid her my last goodbye,  
It's about time I paid her my last goodbye,  
She told me she wanted me,  
Now I know that was only wicked, loving lies.

*Gratuitous solos to end ...*

1990

## 26 Towers

**Music:** *D. Smith*

**Lyrics:** *A. Rixon, D. Smith*

There's cold steel towers inside my mind,  
They're building more all the time  
Cold steel towers stacked in my veins,  
Streaked with blood in rusty stains

*Chorus:*

I still get cold, I need your heat,  
Your choking hold on all my dreams  
Do you know who you remind me of  
No one I really know  
No ...

Cold steel bars across my heart,  
Those girders hold the cracks apart  
Cold grey panes on cold grey skies  
That wheel across my cold dead eyes

*Chorus*

Those dark peaks shut out your pain,  
For all I know it may be feigned  
Cold steel towers built on your fields,  
Not much else left to feel

*Chorus*

Your cold hard words will meet those spires  
Time to go, I'm feeling tired  
Cold steel towers forever tall,  
Their cold grey sides will break my fall

*Chorus*

1997

## 27 Tractor Killer

**Music:** *Martyrs*

**Lyrics:** *D. Smith et al*

Tractor killer (repeat)  
I love my sheep

1997

## 28 You Say

**Music:** *A. Brown, J. Wood*

**Lyrics:** *A. Brown*

You say  
You are strong,  
Believe nothing can go wrong,  
Believe nothing can go wrong

You feel  
You're in control,  
But do you know?  
But do you know?

*Chorus:*  
What will you say,  
And what will you do,  
When you're next to them,  
And you're the fool  
What will you say,  
And what will you do,  
When you're next to them,  
And you're being used?  
Yeah...

You hear a sound  
Of morning call,  
But take a chance, a fall,  
Take a chance, a fall

You touch  
The hearts of men,  
They touch and bruise again,  
They touch and bruise again

*Chorus*

*Break*

*Chorus*

1998

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