

Thoughts + Jots

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Rainkeeper

→ it's a puzzle to me too (HR)

Ooh rainlover
You're the one
You're the one I'm dreaming of
Be my love

Ooh rainkeeper
Your heart does your heart (HR)
Does it overflow with fear
You're like a quiet sea you and I could cry a sea (HR)

'Cause I'm the other side
No [matter] where you hide, I'm there
So be wary of me rainlover in my dreams
you're lying by me and we're free

← eyes Know where you hide,

← yes You are lying by me

? I'm "on the..."
I agree with mjm

I agree with mjm

Ooh rainmaker
do you know
do you know where my love goes
only mother knows

↓ yes

"no" ↓
"a mother mjm (as in "I agree with")
job right

That I am the other half,
~~of~~ the psychopath
I'm here
Better fear me, your other side
no matter where you hide
I'm there
so be wary of me rainkeeper
time to die
And she's want your body
her sigh forces to collide.

That I'm the other half

← no Lying here

← yes Know where you hide

mjm

yes { And she wants you by her side forces to collide

mjm

Oh the Drears

→ in the beginning of this song, I called out my engineer's name and we never erased it.
— This beginning is so wonderful!!!! See if you can hear it (HR)

Oh the drears
Oh the drears

Oh the drears
oh the drears
are here so strong of being (HR)

? are "being" so strong

Oh the drears
I'll never be alone. of never being wrong (HR) I'll never be wrong

job

It's such a strain to find the strength we need
and such a drain to find and always ... yes { to find the strength within mjm and such a drain to fight and always win

? always "will" (no ↓)

oh the drears
are the cold, cold night of (HR)

oh the drears
seeing death in sight of (HR)

? in "our" sight

And knowing every moment that what I feel is true of (HR) of knowing that I'll make it through (HR)
The drears know I'll make through ... Don't know that I'll make it through mjm

mjm

This song's a puzzle to me. What's it based on? It's cool & creepy & beautiful at the same time

One of my all-time favorites. The pace, the lyrics, the instruments, your voices. It's so great!! I've played this song on SIG more than any other.

I love how you refer to this song on "Phobos"

Oh the drears
the drears
Oh!

I LOVE this part with the echo
? haven't a clue

Oh the drears
... of the night are creeping (HP)
Oh the drears
are never sleeping

... creeping

it's such a strain
to find the strength we need
it's such a drain to find and always ... and to find the strength within
and such a drain to find ... and it's such a drain to fight and always win
and such a drain to fight and always win

mjm

? will?
? will?

Oh the drears

Given In → This is a favorite (HP)

I have my pain, I have my love, and my hate.
And I won't live without one of them.
I do all I can to keep on top of every one of them.

I'll not live
I'll do what I can...

I've got to live by the rules of my heart
And to trust my feeble mind.
I do all I can to keep on top of every one of them.

what I can

Oh child be strong in all you do.
Know your heart through and through.
Oh child be strong in all you do.
Know your heart through and through.

I have a friend who's been inside my tiny brain
He's seen the aging and the mildew [from the pain]
He does all he can to keep on top of every one of them.

from ... rain(?)
what he can

At last I know what's in my soul and in my bones
The things that cannot be denied.
I do all I can to keep on top over every one of them.
I do all I can to hold away the very death of them.

And I do all...
... to ward away ...
what I can

Oh child be strong in all you do.
Know your heart through and through.
Oh child be strong in all you do.
Know your heart through and through.

and know your heart

I always want to cry at the beautiful ending voices
← Has a story to it. "Alice" is a monster I painted at age 14 or 15 (HP)
let him live (HP)

He's Alive
He's alive
He's alive
And why?
Because I let him in.
Open your eyes
And let's arise.
Take my breath
Breathe my life
Come through the walls
Your lady calls.

Because I let him be.
let's arise (???) → Alice arise.

There's no captivity
on my streets
and ... dreams

Lean on me (?)
mjm

roam the streets (HP)
invade their dreams (HP)

He's alive
He's alive
and why?
Because I let him in.
Open your eye
And let's arise.
Take my breath
Breathe my life
Come through the walls
Your lady calls.

...let him be.
Open your eyes
mjm
mjm

SAME AS ABOVE

Lean on me

Another top favorite. It's so very beautiful and optimistic. Hopeful, honest, vulnerable yet strong. Words can't describe how I feel about your songs, least of all this one

Haunting, ethereal in a science-fiction gothic sort of way, it's this based on a story?

There's no captivity
On the streets
and ... dreams

and vigor (?) dreams

?

He is alive,
He is alive.

Possessed

Ooh don't hate me
If I break under strain.

Tantalized, crucified
Caught on Satan's wing
Angels of night,
Vultures in flight,
I've a love for the fate of things

All these and many more
Float within my lobes.
Colors dancing,
Blood red oozing
>From liquid strobes.

Come see the visions,
Come feel the pain
Of souls that never heal
And then my friend, well,
Maybe you'll see
How my world's
Become unreal.

Kissing the night,
And cursing the morning
Must be a crime
Dismembered from the fate of youth
And doing my time.

Culture-shocked eyes
That hide the fears,
Eroded cheeks
>From acid tears
Where every smile
Escapes from my face
To seek refuge in a happy place.

Now
And my mind, it screams to be free
And to find the structure.
My mind, it screams to be free
>From what's possessing me.

Now don't hate me
If I break under the strain.

I'll Let You Go

Ultimately I'll let you go, I'll let you go.
And ultimately I'll let you go, I'll let you go.
For the pain will come and eat away at my soul.

Frequently I'll let you go, I'll let you go.
And frequently I'll let you go, I'll let you go.
On the pain has come and it ate away my soul.
That's how I know.

And ultimately I'll let you go, I'll let you go.
And ultimately I'll let you go, I'll let you go.

Number One

The day must come for us to begin
The way's a wave ...
These hands are yours,

Lyrics were co-written by Dave Snyder. Only time I've used someone else's words. I never would have thought of lines like "Blood-red-oozing" + "liquid strobes." (HR)

fatal (HR)

this is correct

yes

scores (HR)

? How my "words" become unreal

faith (HR)

? ...from "massive" tears

happier (HR)

? to find "destruction"

this is correct

yes

I LOVE this song!!!

ditto!

yes
But the pain...

I've (HR)

yes

... away at my soul

what the hell is a clays maray?

The ways away from the craze were in (HR)

... and the clays maray (?)

Another very favorite. Very wonderful vivid, colorful images, I love the pace of this song, and the harmonies, Great guitar! Great lyrics!

... Sigh ...
no words would suffice ...

Beautiful Katish voices, pretty guitar

baby to hold in your own,
Now don't let them go
don't leave them alone.

I'm not a child of righteous birth
I live my ... for all it's worth
I never wanted, baby, to bring you down
To grind and pound you into the ground.

I live my day for all it's worth

pain (NR)

mjm

You are the shine in the hole of my eye
And ~~all~~ my time whiles by faster with you by my side

hollow (NR)

huh? "whole"?

Don't want for you to lose the smile
(shine in the hole of my eye)
That keeps my heart apart from the ...
So run with me, baby fly with my brain
(ooooh)

... from the bile

yes

"whole"
mjm

Enter ->

And to the realm of mental strain

yes

"Add"

What comes ahead is something I've ...
(shine in the hole of my eye)
I am what you feel and not what you hear
Now love and life and die, we don't get long
So help me be strong where I don't belong

... something I fear

mjm "whole"

yes

You are the shine in the hole of my eye
And ~~all~~ of my pain slithered away,
baby, when you asked me to stay

Now love and life and I, we don't get along

mjm } great lines!

"whole"

"hey" baby yes

"w hole"

You are the shine in the hole of my eye
And ~~all~~ my time whiles by faster with you by my side
faster with you by my side
faster with you by my side.

Case of Glass

If I could keep you inside a case of glass
Filled with smells of sweet
with handles made of brass
I'd keep you from a cruel world,
leaving you safe and warm
I'd lie and watch you breathe
Protect and love your [flower]

OH (How) (?) I could keep...

yes

"Oh" I could...

living

I'd keep you from cruel world
And I'd lie...
flower (?)

yes

mjm

mjm

?

If you ever wander, I pray that you will find
A love equal in power with limits undefined.

But such a lack of nobility

yes

mjm

But such an act of nobility
would be a deed unjust
I want to keep my faith in love
Sadly, ~~but~~ so I must

Sadly, so I must

yes

mjm

So if you ever wonder, I pray that you will find
A love equal in power with limits undefined

wander yes

mjm

If you ever wander, I pray that you will find
A love equal in power with limits undefined.

oh how

But if I could keep you
inside a case of glass...

But I could keep you

mjm

1. Moonbeam Friends
2. I'm Not Awake, I'm Not Asleep
3. The First to Cry
4. Step Inside
5. The Wretches Gone Awry

Moonbeam Friends

Waiting on my slumber, they rest up on my pane
My tiny moonbeam friends, clinging to my vein
And when I lift my shade, they quietly fall through
They land up on my walls, sparkling all blue

...they rest upon my pane

I wanna lift my...
upon

yes

mjm

jm
mjm

of

Nice, very nice.

And when I cry, they sing to me
My little lunar friends
For every hurt my heart can feel
They try to make amends

One of them I know, I call him by his name
He has a special cause, to keep this child insane
They make me warm inside, when everything is cold
My heart is burning young, my mind grows old

The painted stage, it calls ... [my mind]
when all the world is dead
And I become the sole audience
and they linger in my head

Now follow me [my lords], everywhere I go
Shine on every head, my ...
We have the world tonight, so keep me company
And when the sun comes we will be history
Now watch me in my troubled sleep
my spirits of the night
And be nocturnal for me still
begone with the light
begone with the light

I'm Not Awake, I'm Not Asleep

Are you ...
... in trees
my eyes
being squeezed

But I'm not awake, and I'm not asleep
under fear the steps ...
my eyes are feeling more
I'm not awake, I'm not asleep

... fell but didn't land
and the ... left my hand
I'm not alone, someone's here
He's in this place
I have his legs near my face

He's not awake, he's not asleep.

I'm hidden, out sight.
I move freely in the night.

I'm not awake and I'm not asleep
I hear ...
...
There's a storm in the sky
I'm not awake, I'm not asleep.

The First to Cry

I have no heart it seems
When I need it, it leaves
And I haven't the courage to oblige
Why couldn't somebody cry for me this time?
Run to a friend to reply.
As were the days of yore mine are timeless (?) untanglase in tan raise
Why couldn't someone have patience for me?
Why couldn't someone be wise to my face?
Tell my why couldn't somebody cry for me this time?
And if I should die, who'd be the first to cry?

I have not the nerve to show anyone how I am
For I'd be misunderstood.
Everytime you're standing by my side,
I'm stricken with undying fear inside

no
? ... to keep this "childish game",
no
"And" make me warm ...
it comes alive at night @

The painted stage, it calls at night

yes
my loves
... my oxy (?) and my toe

and nitro @

mjm
"troll" ← good one!

What's an "oxy"?

← This song describes what I felt and saw one night, while in a trance-like state. @

yes
I hear wind moving trees

mjm

my hand's @

feet
Under fear the steps are cold
My eyes are feeling old

mjm
mjm

← yes

And it fell but didn't land
And the swings (?)...

"But" it fell
mjm

no

out of sight

mjm

yes
I hear horses running by

?

what is he smoking?

For I'm too frightened @

???

...to my fears?
yes

mjm

I wish I'd had moonbeam friends as a child, I could have used them. All the lyrics are great. Cool!

This is a GREAT song!! Creepy and Ghostly. Builds tension without changing pace abruptly. Absolutely original.

So beautiful & sad. I played this one in honor of my listener John Haseltine, who committed suicide.

And if I choose to comply, now one would wonder why ...not one would...
Would I be the first to cry.

who'll

yes
↓

mjm

Step Inside

yes
↓

A Perfect Song in every way!

Who's crying now?
Step inside, step inside

All's quiet now

mjm

Who's crying now?
Step inside, step inside my mind.
Experience the other side.

All's quiet now

mjm

I'm crying now
Step inside, step inside
I'm crying now
Step inside, step inside my mind.
Experience the other side.

You're never [safe] in this atmosphere
Do you want to be?
You could be trapped inside of me
Do you want to be?

this is correct

yes

yes
↓

? "alone"

Are you alive?
Step inside, step inside
Or home alone?
Step inside, step inside my mind
Experience the other side.

All

yes
↓

you're never safe in ... mjm

You are not [safe] in this atmosphere
Do you want to be?
You could be trapped inside of me
Do you want to be?

no
↓

"He's only" frightened,
"He's only" frightened

Easily frightened?
Step inside, step inside
Easily frightened?
Step inside, step inside my mind
Experience the other side.

The Wretches Gone Awry

yes
↓

[Minds] are like the wings of a butterfly, ^a dusty pair,
So don't you touch them or I'll never fly anywhere

Mine are like... mjm

And the wretches have gone awry I saw them walk on by.

Ever see ^{and} the wings of a dragonfly--paper thin ^{as} cellophane
And quickly [ruined in light] like a mind in pain

broken like the will to live for a mind in pain
And quickly ruined like the wind will leave a mind in pain
mjm (FIR)

And the wretches have gone awry I saw them walk on by.
I cannot change what is and I cannot make it die
But I can love with all my heart the wretches gone awry
And the wretches have gone awry

...I saw them walk on by

...
And the moon will always shine 'cause he knows I need him
to walk this violet crooked line

You know I can be rid of ^{my} the time

mjm

to walk this vile and ...

And the wretches have gone awry

...I saw them walk on by

And you can own all the light in the world and still be blind
And hide away from the people in the world and still be kind

no
And "lie" and hide away...
And I can hide away (FIR)

And the wretches have gone awry I saw them walk on by
I cannot change what is and I cannot make it die,
But I can love with all my heart, the wretches gone awry
And the wretches have gone awry I saw them walk on by.

yes
↓

All I ask is you let me be, live like I do
I'll never be part of what someday I will pass on through

...part, "but" someday...

And the wretches have gone awry I saw them walk on by

You can pull the wings from a dragonfly

I mean it - the Perfect Song! The pace, the lyrics, the voice(s), the guitar, the "bells". My God!! Brilliant

I didn't like this song until a listener in Kansas City who'd bought your tapes (Adam Montgomery) called to say it was his favorite. I listened closer & grew to love it.

And you can kill the flight of a butterfly
But you can't harm me for I live with the freedom to listen

yes
"decide"

And the wretches have gone awry, I saw them walk on by
You cannot change what is and you cannot make it die
But you can love with all your heart the wretches gone awry,
Say: you cannot change what is and you cannot make it die
But you can love with all your heart the wretches gone awry,
Yes the wretches have gone awry I saw them walk on by.

THANK YOU FOR THIS ALBUM

