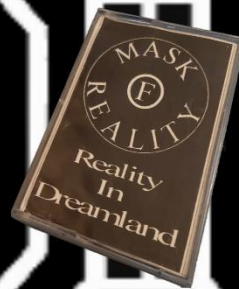


# The Words Behind The Music Part 1

# Lost In Reality



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## Introduction

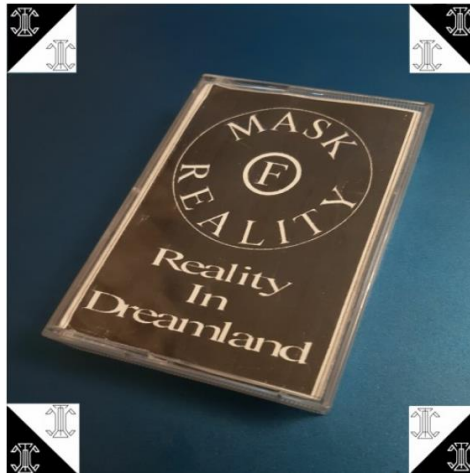
Throughout the 1980's I started to write down lyrical ideas. By the end of the decade, I finally declared my first song to be complete. Since 1989 I have continued to write poems and lyrics and, as a keyboard player, I was able to turn many of them into songs. When I was unable to find anyone willing to sing my songs, I decided to try myself. All of the poems/lyrics that were written, and turned into songs, were done just as a leisurely pursuit. They were just thoughts and ideas that were written down, and recorded quickly, to demonstrate my creativity, and so they could be heard how they sounded in my head. I did this in the best way I could, on my own, with what little equipment, knowledge and experience I had and the little help I got.

Some of my songs are poems, but mainly lyrics so, until I had ] released many albums, I couldn't decide how to group them together to make a structured read. 'The Words Behind The Music' seemed like a feasible start to exposing my lyrics in the style of poetry (especially as the vocals were not easy to hear above the music in the mixes). This is liable to be the first of many and, as '*Reality In Dreamland*' was recorded in 1994 - 1998 (although not released until 2020) and, as well as being a story on its own, it has a connection to the following 4 albums. Therefore '*Lost In Reality*' is a very appropriate title now that the songs have been released, and this book has been published.

Due to COVID I took voluntary redundancy in the middle of 2020 and was able to take a year out from work, to focus on my music. I went on a 6-month online sync-writing course and started writing for specific briefs, listening to the pros and collaborating with people all around the world. In this period a lot of new things were learnt, in regard production and technology. Many of the songs, which were included on the last 2 albums, were written and/or recorded during, or after, this course. This influenced the style, structure, topics and productions on many of the songs throughout these albums.

### **ALBUM 1:**

### **Mask Of Reality - Reality In Dreamland**



*This is an album of songs that were used to create a story, when I used to call myself, 'Mask Of Reality'. The story has never been published, as only a brief draft version was ever written. The story was created, and all the songs were recorded, between 1994 – 1998. The story has been amended since, but all of the lyrics have remained the same (although an extra verse was added to 'Love Music'). The lyrics were written between 1990 – 1998. 'Suzie, though, was a late replacement in this story. Due to tape recordings diminishing in quality over time, I had to try and reproduce these very old recordings to sound how they did in the 90s. This is a fictitious story based on reality to a certain extent.*

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## What's The Meaning Of Life? (0043)

“I look so tired  
I don't get enough sleep  
I drink too much  
And don't have enough to eat  
I seem to be smoking  
More and more each day  
But if I enjoy this life  
Isn't it right and who's to say?

I don't mind work  
But it ain't really me  
Leisure time's my pleasure  
I live to be free  
Some live to work  
But I work to live  
Times for enjoying  
And enjoyment's what I'm with.

I've got no lover  
But why should I worry  
My interests I love  
For a lover there's no hurry  
I can't complain about one single thing  
I drink to the future, reminisce on the past  
And live this life for as long as it lasts.

I have no ambition  
Should I think about my future?  
I want the easy life  
To me it's much cuter  
Now I'm getting older  
Will I want a family  
Or continue as I am  
Living leisurely?

What's the meaning of life?  
Existence? Contentment?  
Progress? Happiness?  
Success? Expansion?  
Corruption or love?

## **Show Me A Road, The Right Road (0067)**

We're trapped within the prisons  
Of our minds  
Which direction should we go?  
The right road's hard to find.

We know the roads there are  
But we don't know which to take  
Just show me the way to go  
What decision should I make?  
Show me a road, the right road.

We have to make decisions  
Everyday  
Do we give it a go  
Or do we just stay?  
We want to break free  
'Cos there's a whole world outside  
We want to take the chances  
Before the years pass us by.

Which way should I turn?  
If I stay I'll end-up burning  
Up in a ball of smoke  
A wasted life without a hope  
A wasted life that passed me by  
Should I stay, or should I try  
To break away from this average life?

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## **Drink - Drunk - Blind (0172)**

Ignorance is bliss  
When you're getting pissed  
But ignorance is pain  
The next day  
I may not have been  
An alcoholic  
But to be tea-total  
Was a tonic  
After a few heavy nights  
Out on the town.

But then I look back  
On the good times I had  
When living crazy  
On the town with the lads.  
All past memories  
Are good I find  
While bad times fall  
To the back of the mind.

Then a friend called me  
Up one night  
And asked me out for a drink  
I said, "*All right!*"

He said, '*Time to reminisce  
With the old friends'*  
With memories so many  
The night will never end.  
And I said, "*Yeh,  
Sounds pretty good to me*".

At his local pub  
We all got together  
The laughing and joking  
Seemed to last forever  
The conversation grew crazier  
Line after line  
Before we knew it  
They were calling time.

Then a friend said,  
*"Let's continue drinking at your place or mine"*.

The rest is history  
For which I can't recall  
I woke the next day  
Sprawled out on the floor

My head was so heavy  
I felt so sick  
My stomach was a volcano  
Ready to spit.

We drink for the moment  
While it lasts  
Memories remain  
While the bad times pass  
We live for the moment  
We live for today

Ignorance is bliss  
Tomorrow's still a day away -  
Ignorance is pain!!

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*The version of 'Love Music' featured on the album, was re-recorded at the beginning of 2018 and has changed its position in the story. This is a song that, in the context of the story, was performed in a nightclub by The Lost Connection (the older version of me) together with a female singer) and inspired the younger me to write a song. Originally, 'Suzie' was going to be the song that was heard in the nightclub before this song was updated.*

### **Love Music (0016)**

I like to move  
I like to groove, baby  
I like to get down  
On the floor  
I like to shake my body  
I like to feel the heat  
I like to move to the  
Sound of the beat.

Sing to me baby  
Rock me to the floor  
Show me that rhythm, baby  
Love me, love music, come on!  
Love me more!

Let's shake it  
Let's make it, baby  
Let's move to the  
Sound on the floor  
I want to rock all night  
I want to rock 'n' roll  
I want to move  
To the sound of your heart and soul.

We can shuffle, smooch and groove  
On the floor it's time to prove  
It's all about rhythm, all about feel  
Let's get down and make it real  
All about love - how does it sound?  
With this music it's time to get down

Make your move, do your thing  
If you're in the mood let me hear you sing.

We're moving  
We're grooving  
We're shaking it  
While we're making it  
I'm giving it  
While you're taking it  
Together we're making it  
Love music!

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*Prior to writing and recording 'Suzie', a song called 'Boogie Woogie Reggae Suzie' was going to be used instead. As it sounded dated, lyrically, I wrote a completely new set of lyrics and improved the music, although the chords, which were used, did remain the same.*

### **Suzie (0353)**

I knew this girl called Suzie  
But I wanted to know her more  
Get to know her personality  
'Cos she looked so stunning  
And her smile I adored.

I saw her every day  
Sitting in the library  
Quietly reading her book  
I didn't go to read  
I just admired her looks.

Suzie, she moved me  
No other girl did this to me  
I watched her for hours on end  
One day I was gonna have to  
Bring my secret to an end.

I didn't need to talk, or touch  
Her looks excited me so much.

When I saw her, I fantasized  
If only she realised  
Only one way of proving this  
I had to find the courage  
To tell it how it is.



Throughout the week I learnt my lines  
Waited for a convenient time  
So, one day, as she left  
I finally got the chance  
To get it off my chest:

*"Suzie, you move me  
No other girl's done this to me  
I've watched you for hours on end  
So I've come to ask you  
Will you be my girlfriend?"*

It was all too much  
We finally talked and touched  
She kissed me on the lips  
And I shook at the hips.

My secret had ended  
As we intimately blended.

Suzie!  
She's the one for me.

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*After discovering this newfound joy through music, it inspires this next song*

### **High** (0141)

I don't need substances  
I don't need smoke  
All I need is a few notes  
And I'm there:

High as a kite  
My head in the sky  
I'm gonna keep playing  
I ain't gonna die  
'Cos on this high  
I can stay high and survive.

I don't need ten pints  
And late nights on the tiles  
I don't need drugs, or money  
Don't need any false smiles  
I don't need short-while relief  
'Cos I've got what I need

## Music!

Way-hey-hey-e-ay! You know I ain't low  
I am happy wherever I go  
Way-hey-hey-e-ay! I think you oughta know  
That music's my drug - give me some notes.

Way-hey-hey-e-ay! Higher I fly  
Way-hey-hey-e-ay! Come and get high  
Way-hey-hey-e-ay! This is the life  
'Cos on this high I get by  
And stay high and survive.

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## **Make It Real** (0189)

Some people, it seems  
Live their lives without a dream  
Eat, sleep and go to work  
At the end of the day, what's it worth?

Okay, some say  
When you've got no dreams~  
You've no chance of losing  
Your destiny  
Negative! If you wanna live  
Gotta have a dream.

Some people insist  
You've gotta be a realist  
You can't get a thing  
If you've nothing to give  
But who can say  
What we've got inside  
Just give it a shot  
You've no reason to hide.

Take a dream, try to make it real  
Try to do what you really feel  
Take a dream, come out from within  
Can't be a pessimist, gotta think positive  
Take a look at how you live

And find what you've got to give.

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### **Give Me Time** (0053)

Give me more time  
To get my mind together  
To find out where my  
Priorities lie

There's so many things  
Going on around me  
But out of my desires  
No one has found me.

I live a life of work  
With very little play  
But there just ain't enough  
Hours in the day  
The money I need  
But I need space to breathe  
And I just don't believe  
In this, the life I lead.

I walk feeling blind  
Though knowing all my options  
I sense there's a destiny  
But I feel I'll forever quest  
I want to take the chances  
But my mind is disinclined  
To change the life I'm leading  
And I feel I'm going blind (am I?).

Give me time, give me space  
To realise my place  
To find the desire  
To establish my life.

Give me time, give me more  
What am I living for?  
Freedom? Money?  
Love, or Success?  
I'm gonna live my life  
Doing what I find's best...  
Just give me time.

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**Before (The Beginning) (0186)**

I'm not striving  
For success  
I'm just looking for  
Happiness  
For me  
It's the only way  
To enjoy my music  
Which I love to play.

I'm not seeking  
Wealth or fame  
I'm getting by  
On the notes that I'm playing  
I like what I'm doing  
It will see me through  
I like what I'm playing  
I hope you do too.

Music - it's a soul provider  
Music - it's my heart's desire  
Music - an eternal fire  
I couldn't ever live without  
Music.

I get by  
Doing my thing  
Writing songs  
And learning to sing  
Freeing my thoughts  
Onto the page  
is the first stage  
Waiting for the next stage  
What is the next stage?  
Waiting for the next page?  
What is the next page?  
If I like what I've done  
What will become?  
Wait and see, but either way  
It's gotta be done.

*“In The beginning when things are simple*

*And they're done just for fun  
The enjoyment's there, you haven't a care  
But then what becomes?  
The better you get you may regret  
In a later time  
When money gets the better of pleasure  
And the fun then declines."*

Music! It's a soul provide  
Music! It's my heart's desire  
Music! An eternal fire  
I couldn't ever live without  
Music.

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## Warning - Time For Change (0162)

Tick-tok, tick-tok  
Hands travel around the clock  
Things just remain the same  
It's time for change.

People are stuck in their ways  
Living in their routine days  
For them there's no other way  
It's time for change.

Time for progression  
Economising's the intention  
Many things to be rearranged  
It's time for change!

Must save time, must make space  
Cut down bills on running this place  
Be constructive, remove obstructions  
Initially, will cause disruption  
But that's how it's to be  
Better in the long run - wait and see  
Save money - increase production  
Although maybe staff reductions.

Inevitable, it seems  
No other way  
So understand when the bosses say  
It's time for change!

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### **Ten Years** (0187)

I've nearly done ten years  
The end of my sentence is nearly here  
Working for this company, but soon to be  
Looking for something else.

I've done my time, now I'm gonna break free  
I'm gonna earn money, but how it suits me  
Working for this company, but soon to be  
Looking for something else.

My working life has been just wasted time  
I'm gonna move on no my job's on the line  
Working for this company, but soon to be  
Looking for something else.

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### **Empty** (0163)

When I woke I went downstairs  
*Empty! Empty!*  
Looked in the fridge, and the cupboards all bare  
*Empty! Empty!*  
Needed a cigarette - none to be found  
*Empty! Empty!*  
Turned on the radio - heard no sound  
*Empty! Empty!*

Looked for change but I couldn't find a penny  
*Empty! Empty!*  
I need a job, but there just ain't any  
*Empty! Empty!*  
Called for my friends but no-one home

*Empty! Empty!*  
So I went back all alone  
*Empty! Empty!*

When you've got no job, you get so low  
Life's so hard when you're on the dole

*Empty! Empty!*  
All my friends are still employed  
My life can no longer be enjoyed  
*Empty! Empty!*

I've got nothing left  
I've got nothing but emptiness  
*Empty! Empty! Empty! Empty!*

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### **Turn Down Suicide** (0079)

I looked out the window  
I wanted to go  
But my body wouldn't let me, why!?  
I just don't know  
Life just seems to be  
Getting me down  
But my body doesn't want to  
Hit the ground.

Turn down suicide  
Make it through the bad times  
Life is a playground  
And one day the swings  
Will swing your way.

I've had enough  
I've got in too deep  
I've got so many problems  
I can't get to sleep  
At night I feel uneasy  
Nothing can please me  
And the only way out for me  
Is down!

Down below  
Out of the window  
I want to go  
But I haven't got the throw  
I just need a blow  
To help me out  
Get me out of this  
Strifeful life I'm in.

*“Turn down  
Turn down suicide  
When it stares you in the face  
When you feel your world's collapsing  
And the walls are falling in  
Don't let your urge to live  
Wear thin.”*

*“It's such a shame  
When you're losing the game  
You've got to keep going  
And hope things will change  
Keep a little hope  
Rise above depression  
The sun will shine brighter  
Once the clouds have cleared.”*

*“So turn down suicide!”*

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*In the context of the story, this was a poem. It was recorded in 2019 as a spoken word track to make the album complete.*

### *Arrival... In Due Time (0112)*

*People living lives contentedly  
Within their set lifestyles  
In an instinctive manner, almost  
Forgetting the mind is a free agent  
Turning the wheels of industry  
The industry of life  
From birth until death*



*All integrated like cogs  
To form clockwork  
But time takes its toll  
And lives will unwind  
Eventually, time will freeze.*

*Naturally  
Stagnation would seem to be  
The inevitable result  
And many will  
Stagnate  
While others who possess the key  
Will exploit the plenitude of time  
And when the time is right  
Will call time.*

*The key to our destiny lies within  
And eventually young budding minds  
Will flourish and bloom  
In the springtime and summer of our lives.*

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**If Only (Pigs Could Fly At Christmas) (0108)**

*Christmas is a wonderful time  
A time for celebration  
When people give to the ones they love  
Friends and relations  
But the one that I  
Am thinking of  
Will never ever  
Fall for my love.*

*I give her all that I  
Can in the world  
But she just thinks  
I'm crazy  
Will she ever love me?  
I wish, oh I wish*

That she could be my fish  
I'll keep living in dreams.

Presents are presented  
And gifts to warm the heart  
In the cold winter days  
When frost and snow may lay  
But I feel lonely  
Sad and depressed  
While people cuddle together  
In joy and happiness

And I keep seeing the same words:  
'Happy Christmas', 'Happy Christmas'  
Oh how I wish...  
If only!

As for the presents I sent her  
I hoped she liked  
Okay, she thanked me  
But just out of courtesy  
Did she not wonder  
What had got into me?  
Surely she could see  
How truly I loved her.

On Christmas Eve  
Heard a knock on my door  
Was woken from my sleep  
In a dream  
I opened the door  
And I saw a blurred figure  
That leapt towards me  
And gave me a big kiss

She gave me a present  
Which she'd wrapped perfectly  
And had taped to the top  
A Christmas card for me.  
She said I could open them  
Now if I wished  
I agreed to do so  
But invited her in first.

And when I opened the card  
I found the words:

*'To my loving friend  
With all my love and best wishes  
From Miss... X X X X X'*

This was enough for me  
The present I almost forgot  
I stood in silence for a minute or two  
But then heard her ask:

*"Well, are you going to open your present now?"*

On hearing this  
I peeled the paper  
From the small slim box, to find a CD:  
'Reality In Dreamland'

When I saw this  
I quickly looked up  
But only to see her  
Vanish before my eyes -  
If only pigs could fly!

Reindeers fly  
Snowmen are alive  
Father Christmas arrives  
And I thought I saw a pig fly.

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### **Just A Question (Before Things Get Heavy) (0008)**

I love my music  
I don't want to lose it  
I don't want to use it  
I don't want to abuse it  
I just want to make it up  
And play it how I choose it.

It was made to be played  
Ugly though appealing  
Similarities revealing  
Looks can be deceiving  
If you like the music  
Then you'll understand the meaning.

It may be different  
And the people might not like it  
What will they think of it? ~  
Will they understand it?  
If it makes no money  
Will I abandon it?

What should I call my songs  
To give the right impression?  
Will they get attention  
Or even get a mention?  
If I like my music  
Then need I ask such questions?

Are my ideas the right ideas?  
Is this shape a shapeless shape?  
Is it gonna make or break?  
Either way, how long will it take?  
If it doesn't go anywhere  
What changes will I have to make?

Just another question  
Before things begin:  
Am I really sure about  
The shape I'm in?  
I may not be heavy  
But I feel I'm too thin  
I'd like to put on weight  
If things start to begin.

I like writing songs as a form of expression  
I like writing songs with a hint of aggression  
My songs are on paper, my music's on tape  
I'd like it on CD but is it the right shape?

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### **Engine With No Wheels (0145)**

I've got time to kill, but I've got no wheels  
I've got the fuel to burn, but I've got no wheels to turn  
I feel like an engine, but I've got no wheels.

Like a train with no rails, like an egg without a shell  
Like an innocent one in jail - help! Get me out!  
I feel like an engine, but I've got no wheels.

The road ahead looks clear, but all I fear  
Is when I get things moving all hopes will disappear  
I feel like an engine, but I've got no wheels.

The road I can see tormenting me  
Travelling through my dreams to reality  
Wheels are rolling by, ha! Who am I?  
I feel like I'm dying before I've even lived my life.

I feel like an engine, but I've got no wheels.

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### **"Guarden Mind!"** (0150)

Building up a barrier  
They ain't gonna take me away from  
They want to run my life.  
They've done their time and now it's mine  
We've all got a life of our  
It seems they want to change me  
And make me their own  
*"Guarden Mind!"*

Building up a barrier  
Independence isn't wrong  
We all need space to grow  
It's the best way to learn  
To be strong  
Learn wrong from right  
I can plant ideas how and when I like  
In the shade or in the light  
Then one day may flourish and bloom  
Not too soon!

I'll sit in my dark room  
And wait for the dawning of the day.

I'm living, I'm learning  
I'm growing, I'm earning  
What one could never give

Experiencing how to live  
Without all the hand-me-downs.

Am I cruel?  
Cruel to be kind  
I'll stick to my lines  
Learn in my time  
Watch the sun shine...  
*"Guarden Mind!"*

Building up a barrier  
No-one's gonna change my ways  
Each to their own, for now let me be  
Experience of time makes the wise succeed...

*"Guarden mind!"*

Life's no bed of roses when you're young  
That's the way it should be.

*'The grass is greener on the other side'*  
I've heard said many times  
I've never agreed with that, to believe  
You've gotta be on the other side  
Oh, I lied, when one day I found myself  
Standing on the other side.

Building up a barrier  
Each to their own  
Then the next man wouldn't know  
What the other had grown  
Each to their own!

We should thrive in our lives  
Dwell in our homes  
And go alone and  
Live a life of pride...

*"Guarden mind!"*

*"The same views are handed down from generation to generation  
We all go our own way and play with the cards we're dealt  
We all do things which we later regret  
But that's a part of life  
At the time it's the only way  
All advice has no part to play  
Regrets maybe made, but that's how the game is played."*

*"Guarden mind!"*

It's a term I use for guarding my views -

*"Guarden mind!"*

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### **Perseverance (0117)**

Gotta learn to stay on top of it all  
And learn how to get up when you hit the floor  
How to brake before you lose control  
And how to fight until you reach that goal

Get-up! get-up! Get-up! Get up and fight  
Kick down walls that obscure your sights  
Don't ever stop, don't let them stop you  
Don't ever stop until you reach the top, keep it up!

Persevere if you want nothing less  
Gotta keep pushing for what you think is best.

Self-belief's to be achieved  
If you want it you'll get it whatever it is  
Aims, goals, desires and dreams  
Come together when you've got these things:

Confidence  
Determination  
Stamina  
And a little patience.

Confidence aids self-assurance  
Determination leaps all hurdles  
Stamina is strength of mind  
Patience bares the length of time.

Perseverance is what you need  
If you want to succeed.

You have got to  
Persevere!

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## **Stick To Your Guns** (0095)

You waited for so long  
For the chance to come  
To gain recognition  
For something you'd done  
You were pleased with your work  
And what you had achieved  
But no-one else out there  
Had the same beliefs.

They said they would like it  
If they made a few changes  
Snip it here, cut it there  
Slightly rearrange it.

But say. *'No!'*  
Because it's your show  
And you should present it  
How you meant it.

But you go with the flow  
And the people seem to like it  
You're convinced at first  
When the masses start to buy it  
But in years to come  
When the people reminisce  
All you're remembered for is  
Something that you never wished.

*"It was an interest  
Now it's a business  
Interest grew  
It became an investment  
It used to be enjoyed  
Before it was exploited  
It's hard to turn back  
Now your mind is disjointed.."*

Stick to your guns  
If you like what you've done  
Stick to your guns  
Don't change for anyone  
Stick to your guns  
Don't care about what is



Said by the rest  
Just do what you think is best -  
Stick to your guns!

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### **It's A Deal (0082)**

You want time – we'll give you time  
You want money – we'll give you money  
But if you want success  
Then do what you think is best.

You need space - we'll give you space  
You want freedom - we'll give you freedom  
You want attention, you want recognition  
You want the credit which you feel you deserve.

We'll give you all we can, spare you what you need  
But if you want to succeed, come on! Time to play!

Take it away! Let me hear you play  
If you're good enough - a deal could be made.  
Play what you want and nothing less  
Watch out, here comes success!

*"Right, please can you sign here?"*

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*This song is the end of the dream and the deal is not signed but, instead, I wake-up.*

**ALBUM 2:  
Lost Property**



*This was the first album to be released at the end of 2019. I had over 100 songs recorded and chose these specific songs for this particular album. It was called 'Lost Property' because it was songs that were only suitable for me to sing, about me or had significant relevance to my life.*

1. Simple Man
2. Lost, But Never Forgot
3. Reflect
4. Never Too Old For This Stage
5. No Time To Waste
6. All Or Nothing Kind Of Man
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13. My Piano Tune Song
14. Nobody Knows
15. This Is How It Is
16. New Tracks
17. Sociable Man
18. My Wishing Well

*On the album the 5<sup>th</sup> verse was accidentally missed out.*

### **Simple Man (0154)**

I'm a simple man  
I know very little about this land  
I live my life in a casual fashion

Playing music is my only passion.

I've got no political views  
The country is run by the ones others chose  
I've got no complaints because I know very little  
The country maybe crumbling, but it means nothing to me...  
My world is sound.

I wouldn't know if the queen died  
Or if there was a war outside  
I never know who is on strike  
I continue doing the things that I like.

The world really means nothing to me  
Everyone complains about policies  
The economy, redundancies  
People's needs always seem to be  
What never is.

I let the others who know more  
Fight for their rights, stick in their oar  
Most of them are angry people  
Rowing up a heavy stream.

I'm a simple man  
I manage to get by  
With what I'm given  
I'm able to survive.

Perhaps I'm one of a kind  
Blind, with a simple mind  
But I've a happy life  
Stress free, no strife...  
I'm a simple man.

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### **Lost, But Never Forgot (0745)**

Another new year, another start  
Will it come together, or be torn apart?  
So, now, what I've got  
Is a background of not a lot.

In terms of success  
I don't really try to impress  
Should I from now on  
To be where I feel I belong?

So, this is now the plan  
I'll create the best I can  
And reveal some of my past  
And that is so very vast.

So where do I begin?  
I've got loads of tunes and songs to sing  
But this is something new  
Quite different to what I usually do.

So, now, will it do well?  
Only one way to actually tell  
Here it is, for all to hear  
Stats will reveal whether it has any  
Appeal.

So, watch this space  
And I hope I find my place  
Where I really wanna be  
In the industry.

If not, I know I've still got  
My backlog and it will never be forgot  
Lost....  
But never forgot.

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### **Reflect (0531)**

It's time to forget about loved ones  
And what people expect  
Many live for love  
But some live to regret  
It's time to forget about work  
And day to day chores  
Although some enjoy their jobs  
Many find it a bore.

It's time to reflect  
Look in the mirror and what do you see?  
Life's based around others  
But now it's time  
To think about me!

*“Create a space in your mind  
A space just for you  
And find some time to unwind  
And do what you, you wanna do.*

*Once you've created space  
Free from despair  
You may go a little crazy  
Because space these days is rare.  
Once you've freed your mind  
You've got space to create  
Something that is yours  
And in time we can all share”.*

It's time to reflect  
Look in the mirror and what do I see?  
Life's based around others  
But now it's time to...  
Think about me!

Look and reflect and, in time, respect  
What no-one else can see  
With space in time, what's in your mind  
Can be enjoyed by everybody

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### **Never Too Old For This Stage (0158)**

Baby lying crying  
Boy and his toy  
Teenager in danger  
A strange sense of joy  
Twenties now and ageing  
Moving stage by stage  
The book becomes deeper  
Turn another page.

Win, lose

A sense of confusion  
Turn another page  
Nothing lost  
The past has gone  
But remains  
Here comes the future  
Time to gain.

Never too old, never lost  
What is the cost of life?  
Gain tomorrow, lose today  
Then another slips away  
What is the price of life, hey?

Time is free, without request  
Collect, or reject, what comes next  
Look left, look right  
Know where you stand  
Feel an inner kick  
Subconscious command  
Demands something more  
Than what you've got.

Turning grey, never mind,  
There's no limit we should find  
Success may become one day  
Gone tomorrow.

Easy come, easy go  
High and low in every place  
When you're down you know  
You learn how needs can earn  
Tomorrow  
Soon to be yesterday.

Memories...

Then one day you die, why?  
What's the price of life, hey?

Never too old for this stage.

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## No Time To Waste (0573)

When people look at me, what they see  
Is someone who is very fast  
It seems I'm living on borrowed time  
And tomorrow is my last  
No time to waste!

And when I work, I'm berserk, I'm a blur  
But when on a bonus, it pays  
And now I've set a precedence  
It's harder to change my ways  
No time to waste!

It's in my blood, it's in my genes  
I don't mean to rush, although it seems  
But if I could, I would go slow  
But it's not in my nature though  
No time to waste!

In spare time, when fine I play  
Golf in a strange fashion  
I'm chasing the ball before it lands  
But I play with vigour and passion  
No time to waste!

But when it comes to decisions  
That will be remembered in time  
Which will influence my future  
I'm in a different frame of mind.

But now we're over the bridge  
It's pedal to the metal  
No time to waste!  
It's in my blood, it's in my genes  
I don't mean to rush, although it seems  
But if I could, I would go slow  
But it's not in my nature though  
No time to waste!

And as I drive, living life in a rush  
I don't want to get stuck in the queues  
The quicker I get from here to there

The less time that I lose  
No time to waste!

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**All Or Nothing Kind Of Man (0607)**

When feeling tired and worn  
And I can't perform to the max'  
I feel it's best just to chill out  
Sit back and relax.

I'm an all or nothing kind of man  
When I'm good I'm flying, without even trying  
But when I'm not, not tip-top  
I stop.

I used to be a die-hard  
And battle through pain  
My relentless endeavour  
Was a credit to my name.

In the past I persisted  
But I've learnt to draw the line  
I set too high a precedence  
And was taken for granted all the time.

If I'm not 100%  
When I say 'No!'. that's what I meant  
In the past backwards I've bent  
But no more 'cos that I resent.

I'm an all or nothing kind of man  
All, or nothing, that's what I am  
That kind of man.

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**'Write-On!' Track (0602)**

I write about rights and I write about wrongs  
I'm right on track when I'm writing these songs



I write about life and I write about death  
I write so, when I've gone, something is left.

I'll just speak 'cos I can't really sing  
Perhaps just rapping is my kind of thing  
I tend to rely on the tune and the beat  
To make you hum and move your feet.

Right on! Let's big-up the beat  
Right on! Let's turn up the tune  
Are you now moving your feet  
Or digging this sound in your room?

I write, I write, I write  
I'm back – "*Write on!*"  
I'm writing another track...

I'm right on track!

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### **Got What I Need (0791)**

When I'm at home, on my own  
When I'm alone in my home  
Don't need anyone for fun  
For fun I don't need anyone  
Got what I need, what I need.

I feel the need for something more  
Something more I feel I need  
But I have everything already  
I already have everything  
Got what I need, what I need.

Sometimes I feel  
The need to be greedy  
But no need  
I'm far from needy  
Really, no need to rely

On anyone  
If I am strong  
I can please myself  
Mentally, and in health  
Be healthy  
And through fortune  
Life will decide  
If I'm to become wealthy  
But ultimately  
Happiness  
Is all I need  
To declare success  
But  
More or less...  
Got what I need, what I need.

I must confess  
Now and again  
I get stressed  
And feel a sense  
Of loneliness  
And become depressed  
But only because...  
Society makes me feel  
Like an outcast!  
But loneliness  
Is happiness  
Got what I need, what I need.

When I'm at home  
On my own  
Don't need anyone for fun  
Got what I need, What I need.

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### **Connection (0579)**

Some things come to light  
The more you see, the more you grow to like  
Some things look good  
But are they really  
Is it really understood?

If understood  
What comes to be?

You will find a connection of the minds  
It's all about personality.

It's a matter of taste  
We're all unique, we must appreciate  
Looks are deceiving  
Look at my face - am I worth believing in?  
I rest my case!

To look and relate  
All based on face value  
But a note in one's ear  
Then I know you will hear  
And see  
A connection  
And my friend  
It may never end.

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### **Solitary Writer (0776)**

As a writer, I write what I feel  
What anyone thinks is no big deal  
I've got my feelings, I've got my views  
I write what I like, I write what I chose.

I look for meaning,  
I like to express  
The results I find, may not impress  
But in my space, I feel at ease  
Warm in my house alone, but outside I'll freeze.

I'm a solitary writer  
Much of me is concealed  
But on paper all is revealed  
What you see ain't what you get  
What I write you don't expect.

I'm not the same, when alone  
I transform when in the zone  
I'm known as crazy and a bit of nightmare  
But in my space, I'm a solitary writer.

I may seem happy, but usually I'm sad  
My life is okay, but usually I feel bad  
I succeed in life, but it's not really me  
Doing what I don't want, and never feeling free.  
Paying the bills - just a nobody  
I need my dream world to become a reality  
Be what I wanna be and not what I don't  
The time has come to grab my life by the throat  
And squeeze hard until it chokes  
And shake it up!

Kill the night, enhance the dawn  
And in the light of day  
A new life will be born.

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*'Never Too Late' was based on somebody I knew who was about 60 years old. After writing about him I thought a lot of it sounded similar to me, so I changed it to 50. Not all of the details are relative to me, but sentiment of the song was something I could relate to.*

### **Never Too Late (0696)**

He was alone all his life  
He had no kids, had no wife  
He slept days and worked all night  
Socially it wasn't right  
But for him it seemed okay  
Became a loner set in his ways  
He worked hard and saved well  
A rich man but you couldn't tell.

Then, when he reached 50  
He opened his mind and he could see  
Time passing, the end drawing near  
In his mind it was clear:

Time to break free, from routine  
Let go and live the dream  
A fortune he'd earned and now time to spend  
Took a while for him to comprehend  
But now he finally had.

Never too late for you to change  
For the best, but it might be strange

You only live once and then you're done  
You're not a machine, time for fun.

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*These are lyrics that were written to a tune which I created in 1990, while having piano lessons. Nearly 3 decades later I decided to turn it into a song.*

**The Lost Waltz Song Poem (0835)**

Music is sweet, music's bizarre  
Rap is in, but lacking guitar  
But music's unlimited, anything goes  
Ideas are endless and it shows.

When I play a different way  
I forget trends, what can I say?  
Whatever style enters my head  
Is what it is, don't care what is said.

It maybe disliked but I don't care  
But I am happy still to share.

This is 'The Lost Waltz'  
My reason for failure is my own fault  
This is 'The Lost Waltz'  
Against the normal I tend to revolt  
This is 'The Lost Waltz'  
Words to a tune from a long time ago  
And so, it's become  
As well as a tune, a poem, a song.

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*This was a tune which I also created, while having piano lessons. It took over 2 decades to decide to turn it into a song.*

**My Piano Tune Song Poem (0641)**

I never ever wanted to find fame  
I never wanted to have a known name  
I can't deny that I wanted success  
But more for myself, but it's nice to impress.

I started off talentless  
Not very skilled, but had creativity  
I tried to learn the proper way  
But my creativity led me astray.

I managed to move my fingers around the keys  
And lyrically I was good, so songs came to be  
I just hoped that one day I'd be able to sing.

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**Nobody Knows (0364)**

It's strange to hear  
What people think of me  
What they think I am  
And what I should be.

Psychiatrists maybe clever  
But not clever enough  
We could talk for years  
And it wouldn't be enough.

Nobody knows  
Nobody knows me  
You can see me; you can hear me  
You can talk to me too  
But you'll never know me  
Like I don't know you.

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**This Is How It Is (0627)**

Things in the past will always last  
And the dreams we have we try to keep  
But through the course of time  
We can't often find what we seek.

So from the past, it's time to shine  
And rise instead of sink  
Try and keep in touch with the real world  
Time to rethink.

This is the way it is, now  
I'm not sure of myself  
Got to think positive about how I live  
Listen, learn and improve  
To make a difference  
And this is how it is.

A part of the past, brought to the future  
Can I communicate, or is it too late?  
I need to connect, instead of feeling lost  
And perhaps a change maybe worth the cost  
And this is how it is.

This is how it is.

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### **New Tracks (0434)**

Times are changing  
They're changing fast  
Things are always changing  
Nothing ever lasts  
We've gotta move on  
Leave it all behind  
Gotta try and find  
Things in life  
That can't cause us pain  
Learn from the past  
In the future we may gain  
That something which  
We feel we lack  
The only way is forward  
There ain't no turning back  
It's time to lay down new tracks.  
And living more care free  
But what you see  
Ain't the whole story  
We suffer pain  
In hope to find glory -  
That which we lack

The only way is forward  
There ain't no turning back  
It's time to lay down new tracks.

The old me got in touch  
Before I was engaged  
He said, "*Life shouldn't be  
Determined by age*"  
So then I turned back  
And took the old route  
I was in pursuit  
Of a life that was true to me  
Lost for a while  
But regained, eventually,  
The personality  
Which I lacked  
Now I'm going forward  
After turning back  
Now I'm replacing, yes!  
Renewing the old tracks.

The old me knew me better  
The old me's the new me now  
The old me knew me better  
To remain this way I vow.

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### **Sociable Man** (0866)

When I go out  
At the weekend  
I look around  
And possibly make new friends  
And have interesting  
Conversations  
With whoever's willing  
To converse with me.

I don't go out to get  
As drunk as I can  
Or chat-up women  
To bed, that's not who I am  
It seems I want more  
Than I do, but if I could  
If and when presented to me



Them perhaps I would.

I am a sociable man  
I like to make new friends  
When and where I  
Maybe cuddle and kiss  
With whichever ones I meet  
But only if they wish  
And if they do  
I'm happy to.

I don't ask for much  
Just polite conversation  
Have no hidden agenda  
Or inclination  
For anything else  
Unless there is a spark  
But if it's just chat  
I'm happy with that.

I am just  
A sociable man!

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**ALBUM 3:  
2020 Vision**



*This album was about 2020. COVID-19 had a major influence on the whole of this album, although some of lyrics were written many years/decades before.*

1. Life (We Live, Learn And Die)
2. It's My Medication
3. Drive
4. 2020 Vision
5. One Big Army
6. Captain Tom
7. Love
8. While Furloughed
9. Two Shades Of Blue
10. Between Dreams And Reality
11. Voluntary Redundancy
12. Freedom Seeker
13. In The Middle Kind Of Man
14. Guilt Tripping On Happiness
15. A Maze In Life
16. In Time We Will Succeed
17. All Stars (Shine On)
18. The Key To Eternity
19. Time Will Tell

### **Life (We Live, Learn & Die) (0018)**

Life is a fusion  
Of imagination and disillusion  
The first answers we find  
We see when we're half blind  
All the results  
Then widen our vision  
The vision, the vision  
The vision that creates our minds.

Events that we see  
From varying degrees  
Pictures of scenes  
Of things that have been  
Reflected on the minds  
As focussed through the eyes  
The eyes, the eyes  
The eyes that create our guise  
And lives.

Facts are intrusions  
On our earlier forgone conclusions  
Once focussing on the ground  
But now looking all around  
The more our results  
The more we make decisions  
Decisions, decisions  
Decisions that decide our fate

Life – we live, learn and die.

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### **It's My Medication (0906)**

We earn to spend  
We eat to be fed  
We look to see  
Listen to hear what is said  
But...

Sometimes, things don't make sense  
Confusing, frustrating  
Need educating  
Is it them, or you or me?  
Eye to eye we cannot see  
Turn away, block all vision  
Accept difference and division  
Slip into another dimension  
My escape's my medication.

Think, write, think, sound  
Think outside the common ground  
Think, write, escape, break  
Where it leads to is what it takes...

It's medicinal  
It's my medication!

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### **Drive** (0894)

Got the engine running  
It's time a do something  
Get the wheels a rolling  
Don't know where we're going yet.

When we get a moving  
We'll be a cruising along  
And something will show  
Ready, steady, let's go!

Now in the driving seat  
Going forward, time to meet  
Whatever we decide  
But for now, we'll just drive.

Foot down  
No hanging around  
Moving at last  
Into the vast.

Looking out  
Seeing what's about  
If nothing catches the eye  
Just enjoy the ride.

At this point we'll slow down  
Pullover, what have we found?  
What do we need? Have we arrived?  
Should we plot a route...  
Or just continue to drive?

Whatever comes, comes  
Whatever goes, goes  
But when in the driving seat  
We can decide what we meet

And when the journey is complete  
It's time to jump  
Back in the driving seat  
And drive!

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### **2020 Vision (0908)**

New year once again  
Another end, another start  
A new outlook, a new decade  
New decisions to be made  
And action to be took.

New year once again  
Time to amend and improve  
We're making major moves  
Brexit has now been approved  
Leaving EU maybe strange  
But it's time for change.

Times are a changing  
For better or worse  
Climate change is still a threat  
Floods and fires to expect  
Ozone layer diminishing  
Or in self repair?  
Will the world unite or fight?  
We live in fear.

2020 vision - things are so clear  
2020 Vision - clearly a mystery  
2020 Vision - will things develop, or decline?

'2020 Vision' in my mind  
What will be will be

2020 Vision - c'est la vie.

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**One Big Army (0920)**

We grieve for the deceased  
And pray for the dying  
One big army  
Together we are trying  
To stay alive  
Hoping to succeed  
Doing what we need  
To enable recovery.

When times are tough  
We all need each other  
One big army  
To aid recovery  
In whatever capacity  
We can.

It takes a tragedy  
For universal harmony  
One big army  
No longer enemies  
Fighting in unity  
Battling atrocity  
To continue to exist  
And maintain humanity.

A deadly enemy  
An undercover killer  
Invisible to the eye (until it gets inside)  
Can only protect (and deal with the effects)  
This world may never  
Ever really beat it  
But hopefully  
We won't be defeated  
And survive until it finally  
Retreats and fades away.

But when we recover, we'll need each other still  
To rebuild the industries and maintain stability  
But will everything change? Will we be better people?  
Or be the same as we used to be?

Will gang wars still occur?  
Death, poverty and theft?  
D & D behaviour, Saturday fatalities  
Marriage and divorce and adultery.

Hopefully  
Life will become better  
For everyone  
In the end.

Social distancing creates long queues  
Online shopping's easier to do  
And how many people will continue do  
More so than before, probably  
Holidays abroad, even if we can afford  
Maybe a thing of the past  
Especially in regard to business trips  
Instead, we'll use zoom on the internet  
But if the internet goes wrong  
What will then become?  
Will life be better or worse  
In the long run?

We're at war  
But not with each other  
One big army  
Aiding recovery  
In whatever capacity  
That we can.

But what is the future plan?  
For now we live in limbo  
And manage to do  
The best that we can.

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### **Captain Tom (0942)**

Young Tom Moore was an officer in the war  
Back in '39  
Serving Queen and country whilst in the army  
On the front-line.

Never been a man like him before  
Captain Tom Moore

Never been a man like him, before  
That is for sure.

"Tomorrow will be a better day"  
Tom would always say  
He hadn't an easy life, but he'd managed to survive  
For over a century.

An achiever, a fighter  
A giver, a survivor  
Full of positivity...  
It's fair to say  
And I'm sure you'll agree  
Captain Tom lives forever in our hearts  
And in history.

He gained love from far, wide and above  
What he ever dreamed  
He's just a family man. doing the best he can  
But the future was greater than it seemed.

He's a hero of our time  
Modest and honest and Tom we promise  
You will be remembered  
Forever and ever  
In time.

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### **Love (0703)**

Friendship is good  
But love is dramatic  
A life changing feeling  
That can be so fantastic  
Never know it's coming  
But know when it shows  
It can't be ignored  
Like a seed it will grow.

When it arrives  
The more you'll desire  
Love is a drug  
That burns like a fire



Fire gives warmth  
Comfort and energy  
But it can burn  
And become an enemy.

Love takes you high  
But can take you low  
Great when it's present  
But painful when it goes.

Love, oh love  
Is a wonderful thing  
Creating emotions  
Nothing else can bring.

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### **While Furloughed (0923)**

It was goodbye  
From me to you  
Time to go  
The high that was  
May never ever  
Show again my friend  
Now we are furloughed.

Now we hide  
Away inside  
Caged apart  
We do to survive  
A mental test  
Urges suppressed  
Now we are furloughed.

Distanced,  
Segregated  
Trapped inside  
Frustrated  
But safe alone in our homes  
We can communicate  
By mobile phones, only  
Now we are furloughed.

2020

Was looking good  
Plans were finally  
Going to plan, how they should  
But now reflecting  
On what could be. or maybe not...  
While we are furloughed.

Thoughts had grown  
Feelings remained  
But deep down inside  
We were going insane  
Captive, but free from danger  
And fear, but too far from near  
Until we reappear  
From furlough.

Normal isn't normal  
Nothing is clear  
Reality isn't really  
Real anymore  
We live in hope  
But hope cannot give  
What we need to cope and live  
While furloughed

Will we ever see  
The end  
Of this pandemic  
My friend?  
Apart we stay  
In our bubbles we grow apart  
Not knowing anything  
While furloughed.

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### **Two Shades Of Blue (0937)**

Two shades of blue  
When I think of you  
When it comes to us  
What are we to do?

It's like an ocean  
And adventure, or a view?

When apart, just sad and dry  
When together we could get wet  
Feel the urge to enter  
Or live with regret.

Two shades of blue  
Feelings I have for you  
Together I think deep  
Apart it's just a memory...  
Two shades of blue

Without, no doubt,  
I feel like singing the blues  
Clouds appear, but when you're near  
There's better things to do.

The outlook is brighter  
Feel good inside  
Wanna jump on in  
When you're by my side.  
Desire craves for more  
A different blue than before....

Two shades of blue.

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### **Between Dreams And Reality (0201)**

People say I'm crazy  
Just living in a dream  
But life isn't always  
Quite as easy as it seems  
So are my dreams crazy?  
Am I crazy after all?  
Maybe, or more so, though  
Maybe not at all.

To think realistic  
Isn't realistic at all

I'll continue dreaming  
Whether regarded as a fool.

I feel you've got to reach out  
Reach for your desires  
Forget those who knock you  
Keep aiming for things higher.

The strange thing is  
While living in my dreams  
It all seems apparent  
And now happening.

For better or worse  
Dreams come first  
And the good will always shine  
through.

Nearly there  
I'm gonna see it through  
Until it's reality  
And my dreams become true.

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*I had pre-decided I would write a song about voluntary redundancy if I was granted it, As soon as I was granted redundancy I wrote, recorded an, later, released this song as a single. It became a major part of the 2020 Vision album and my future progress and prosperity.*

### **Voluntary Redundancy (0940)**

Time for a decision  
A big one to make  
To take the money and run  
Could be a mistake  
Head into the unknown  
Or stay where I am?  
But things are changing  
So this is my plan:

Time for a change  
Time for pastures new  
Find something better

For me to do  
But where shall I go?  
And what should I do?

My decision's made  
I signed on the line  
Time to move on  
And utilize the time  
To find what I need  
A better life for me  
Time to find myself  
And where I should be.

May need a little help,  
Is there anybody there?  
Who can show the way?  
I have time to spare  
I have money saved  
But no real income  
I need to spend wisely  
And not regret what I've done.

Voluntary redundancy  
Because I need a break  
A black hole in the blue  
Could be a great escape  
A chance I've gotta take  
It's something I've gotta do.

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### **Freedom Seeker (0185)**

I wanna go  
To places that I've never known  
I wanna see things  
That I'll never be shown  
You only live once, gotta take a chance  
Can't wait for it to come  
No good dreaming if it's something you believe in  
It's gotta be done  
From the cage I'm on the run.

I'm gonna get out  
And find what it's all about  
Gonna experience feelings  
That I've never felt  
Life's a test and you need to progress  
And find what you wish you had  
Need to glad, don't wanna be sad  
So I'm looking for fun...  
From the cage I'm on the run.

I'm seeking freedom  
I'm a freedom seeker  
Life to me seems bleak  
Unless I go out to seek  
Freedom.

You can call me a cynic, but it's how I see it  
When stuck in the cogwheels of time and space  
In the working place  
The only time I show my face  
No time for anything, so things have gotta change  
The working life's fine, but I feel it isn't mine  
Feels like I'm doing time, living like the sun shines  
I've gotta move, gotta prove  
That I'm not stuck in a groove  
So I feel the time has come  
From the cage I'm on the run.

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### **In The Middle Kind Of Man (0879)**

Nothing too little and nothing too much  
In the middle and never lose touch  
With my finger in every pie  
I can remain a happy guy

I am... the man in the middle  
I am an in-the-middle kind of man.

Nothing too shallow and nothing too deep  
Simple pleasure is all I seek  
And now I just go with the flow  
With whatever comes or goes.

In the past I was O.T.T  
Ended-up where I didn't wanna be  
Now I'm glad to be where I'm at  
And can say as a matter of fact  
I'm a man of leisure, not greed  
And on pleasure I now feed  
Want no more than what I've got  
Got what I need to hit the spot.

I am now the man in the middle  
Know when to shoot and when to dribble  
Now no troubles, my life is in tact  
I'll score when I need to have an impact  
I am ready whenever and wherever  
And however that maybe.

I am the man in the middle  
I am an in-the-middle kind of man, yes I am.

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### **Guilt tripping on happiness (0273)**

Now that I feel happy within  
I get a guilt trip, I can't win  
I feel like a sinner, once I was a winner  
It's hard to be happy in a world that is sad  
That's life – too bad!

I am guilt tripping on happiness.

Guilt's getting heavy and it's pulling me  
Into a depression, my mind's in recession  
I was having fun It was annoying everyone  
Jealousy of joy - a bitter world's become.

Happiness is loathed by the sad  
They've forgot what it is to be glad  
And so I went from a high to low

And that is how the story goes  
I guilt tripped and now I am just another Sad git!  
I'm guilt tripping on happiness.

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**A Maze In Life (0301)**

I'm in a maze  
Don't know where to go;  
Which way to turn  
No openings seem to show.

I've gone down many roads  
That lead to dead ends  
All I seem to be doing  
Is going around the bend.

Some say life's amazing  
It's a maze in life  
Will I ever escape  
Or forever be trapped inside?

Some say life's amazing  
But not so much for me  
I'm trapped in the middle  
Of not where I should be.

Life  
It's a maze in  
Life  
It's doing my head in  
Life  
Don't know where to begin  
Life  
Get me out this maze I'm in.

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**In Time We Will Succeed (0532)**



Spare time goes to waste  
Stuck in a rut, in the same place  
Going nowhere - lacking in drive  
Sit around moaning 'bout everything in life.

We need a break, or we'll break down  
New things need to be found  
Seem to have lost the will to progress  
All efforts seem to lead to stress.

We need to see who we are  
What we are and can be  
Enjoy what we do  
Gain belief and achieve  
And through happiness, succeed.

In time, prevent decline  
Less TV and use our minds  
Start to think and then create  
Life's too short to hesitate.

Let's start to motivate  
Brain engage, get in the mood  
It's time for all of us to prove  
Life can be good.

Another day and I fear  
That the end is drawing near  
Got to stop and think clear  
Things ain't as bad as they appear.

Look back at what we enjoyed  
Revitalize if not destroyed  
What was good we shouldn't avoid  
All hopes should be deployed.

Spare time we should embrace  
And time never ever waste  
If fed up, refuel desire  
The more we do, the less we'll tire.

Now we look back in time  
And this is what we find  
What has gone can now come back  
When we discover what we lack.

We need to see who we are

What we are and can be  
Enjoy what we do  
Gain belief and achieve  
And through happiness, succeed.

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**All Stars (Shine On!) (0046)**

We're all stars in our own right  
Some just shine a brighter light  
Some can't be seen  
But they're somewhere in the night.

We're all stars but so far  
No-one's seen who we are  
We hide in the depths of time  
But shine from afar.

We seem to be like mites  
Tiny specks of light  
But distant forms of energy  
Far greater and more bright.

We're all stars, we'll keep shining  
In ourselves we are surviving  
We'll stay high and keep trying  
Until we have gone  
Shine on!

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**Key To Eternity (0028)**

I'm tired of analysing life  
Like many, more than any, myself  
We all ask the question, "Why are we here?"  
We'll be asking forever, and it still won't be clear.

The meaning of life is a big mystery  
But now we are here, understand  
That realisation of utilisation  
Of the resources we have, or are given  
Is a must.

And I'm sure and I trust  
That we've learnt from the past  
And that love holds the key  
To the door to eternity.

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### **Time Will Tell (0943)**

I'm a man on a mission  
With a 2020 vision  
Smiling with adversity  
No-one can understand  
No-one can see  
What's going on in my head  
No-one but me.

New world  
New beginnings  
New outlook  
Big decisions  
Which only I can make  
But sometimes in life  
Chances you've gotta take.

If all fails  
I can handle that  
With failure I'm familiar  
As a matter of fact  
Sitting on the fence  
Misses opportunities  
But I ain't gonna do  
Something that ain't really me.

I'd rather fail doing  
What creates pleasure  
Than succeeding at what  
Is a meaningless  
Playing safe in first gear  
With time and money  
My vision is clear.

If right or wrong  
It's not about where I am  
It's about where I belong

The destination is close  
The journey was long  
Time will tell, the time is now  
Very soon.

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#### Album 4:

#### The New Lost World 19-20-21



*During and after COVID-19 life changed in so many ways, for me especially. While taking a break from work I paid for a 6-month online sync-writing course. During this period I learnt more about music technology and my own musical equipment and recording techniques. I listened to pros in the music industry, wrote music and songs to briefs as assignments, collaborated with people around the world and combined this with my own point of view and circumstances in life. All of these songs were recorded from 2019 to 2021, although some of the lyrics were written as long ago as 1990.*

2. Love In A Lower Key
3. Sunshine Mind
4. It's A New Day
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7. Voices In My Head
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13. The 'Great' Rap Track
14. Mr. Retro

*'Rain On Me' was originally recorded as 'Drought', when I used water as the symbol of love. This version was sung by a lady who was on the same sync-written course as me, using a more simplistic chord sequence.*

### **Rain On Me (0026)**

I feel so alone  
I've got nobody, I'm on my own  
As I lie here crying  
It feels as though I'm dying  
It feels like I'm sinking in the sand.

I feel incomplete  
Too unstable for my feet  
As I lie on the ground  
It feels like I've drowned  
It feels like I've been drowning in the air.

Do you understand how I feel?  
It feels so unreal  
Without anybody  
Without the one I love  
Heavens above  
Rain on me.

My wish when I die  
Is I'll rise to the sky  
To the heavenly pools ascend  
To unite once again

But for now my love lies on the wind.

Do you understand how I feel?  
It feels so unreal  
Now I'm alone  
Without the one I loved  
Heavens above  
Rain on me.

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### **Love In A Lower Key (0704)**

I don't wanna get too serious  
Serious leads to stress and pain  
Unless it is serious fun  
For which then I am fair game.

Fun is fun, if kept in the lower key  
Enjoy it while you can  
If things get serious  
Make them understand.

I like to keep it short and sweet  
With every woman that I meet  
I like the warmth, but when it gets too hot  
I get too weak and lose the plot  
Need to keep it in the lower key.

I like to thrill and boredom avoid  
Avoid the dwindling pleasure  
When it's new, excitement is high  
But probably not forever.

Don't wanna get too high on love  
I want a lift, but just enough  
To bring me back to life  
But not too much, that isn't right  
For me, so love I want love to be  
Kept in a lower key.

**Sunshine Mind** (0966)

When I woke today  
I didn't feel okay  
Just doom and gloom  
But had time to think  
I'll stay on top  
Weather good or not  
I've always got  
Sunshine in my mind.

Clouds will clear  
Just a matter of time  
I have no fear  
And I'll keep in mind  
Bright times will always appear.

Beneath I know  
But it doesn't show  
My eyes disguise  
What you can't see  
Down below  
Beneath my skin  
I know eventually I will win  
Sunshine mind.

The sun exists  
It never goes away  
Sunshine all the time  
Even when it's grey  
New day soon, amidst the  
Gloom  
Brighter things will always come to be.

We all have sunshine  
Sunshine in the mind  
Winds may blow  
Storms may show  
But behind I know  
Always have sunshine in my  
Mind.

**It's A New Day (0967)**

It's a new world  
It's a new way  
It's a new life  
It's a new day

It's a new day

It's a new day

It's a new day!

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**Now I'm With You (0952)**

Life can be hard  
But we've gotta get through  
Keep a positive mind  
It's something we've gotta do  
Bad things may happen  
Which we cannot control  
We deal with situations  
And onto hope we try to hold.

Things can be good  
But change before we know  
But when times are bad  
Better things will show.

And for me it's true to say  
Much misfortune has come my way  
But then suddenly from out of the blue  
A complete turnaround occurred  
When I met you

New hope in the face of fear  
A new beginning and the future is clear  
Suddenly I'm where I want to be  
Now I'm with you  
And you are with me.



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### **Back To Work** (0959)

I took a break  
A great escape  
Time to think  
Decisions to make.

Many changes  
And things to do  
New discoveries  
And learning more too.

But now  
I've gotta face the fact  
Money needed  
I've gotta get back  
To work.

I took a break  
I needed a rest  
But my bank balance  
Is now much less.

I'm going back to work.

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### **Voices In My Head** (0979)

I've got voices in my head  
I've got voices in my head  
I've got voices in my head  
Saying see green and don't see red.

I've got voices in my head  
Saying don't go forward, go back instead  
Don't know if to believe what is said  
By these voices in my head.

I've got voices in my head  
Saying different things, can't believe what I'm fed  
I've got voices in my head  
But the dumb side may know better instead  
Amber light flashing...  
I'm inbetween green and red  
With these voices  
That are in my head.

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### **I'm A Rebel** (0944)

I never seem to be able to conform  
My way of thinking isn't that as the norm'  
It's not my problem, you've got to understand  
It's just the way I am - I'm a rebel.

All advice and rules I don't need  
To be an individual and succeed  
With the majority I'm not in sync'  
I'm an individual - for myself I can think.

I'm a rule breaker, rules break me  
It's the only way for me to be me  
I'm a rebel.

I don't care about looks and don't follow trends  
I ain't a cool guy and I haven't many friends  
I do what I like and I like what I do  
I'm here to please me and not please you.

I don't mean to offend, on me I must depend  
I'm a rebel  
My decisions I make, my chances I take  
I'm a rebel  
I'm a rebel, I'm a rebel, I'm a rebel  
But with a level head  
I'm a rebel, I'm a rebel, on a mission  
But with vision instead.

I'm a rule breaker, rules break me  
It's the only way I can be me - I'm a rebel  
I'm a rule breaker, rules break me  
With rules I do not agree - I'm a rebel.

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### **I Am Your Guiding Light (0980)**

You don't know what you've got to do  
You don't know who to turn to  
Most of the time you're just scratching your head  
Some days you don't even want to get out of bed.

But you've got to try and get a grip  
Pull yourself together and don't let yourself slip  
Into a place you don't want to be  
Get into gear and come with me.

I am the one inside  
I am the one from which you hide  
When I find you, you just want to fight  
But I am your guiding light.

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### **Winning Team (0945)**

I meet you and you meet me  
We meet them and come to be  
A group - a team  
With similar aims and similar dreams.

A common thread brought us here  
With a passion overriding a fear  
On a mission - we'll strike a chord  
And collectively reap reward.

We have desire - together a force  
Together we're united and in due course

Success will become, together we're strong  
And we are now where we belong.

Together in harmony  
Creating positivity  
No negativity  
In good company  
And where we were always  
Meant to be.

We are a winning team  
Full of hope and self-esteem  
We are a winning team  
Now reality is the dream.

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### **At The Top** (0965)

I'm here at the top  
With drive I drove, along winding roads  
Up and down with highs and lows  
But I never stopped.

I'm here at the top  
On slopes I slipped, but got a grip  
Determined and dedicated  
To get me where I've got.

Now here I'm pleased to be  
Power earned; things I learned  
With grand expectations  
This world now depends on me.

As a winner I'm worthy  
With servants and slaves  
A palace and parades  
Before me, I'm not majestic  
I'm a worker that doesn't work  
Like I did before  
But I am rich  
And much more powerful.

But is this the figure

That I wanted to be?  
I feel I have the weight  
Of the world upon me  
I may be in control  
I rose above you all  
I am at the top  
But when will I fall.

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### **Too Much** (0183)

Oh, to be a millionaire  
*Too much! Too much!*

Live life without a care  
*Too much! Too much!*

Live it up all the time  
That kind of thing ain't good for the mind.

Oh, to be a superstar  
*Too much! Too much!*  
Wherever you go the press ain't far  
*Too much! Too much!*

Enjoy what you do and the money's great  
But plenitude can lead to negative fate.

Success, that is such  
I'd like to keep in touch  
With the inner me  
I am glad to be  
The little man that I am...  
Just enough.

Oh, to be sex symbol  
*"Too much!" "Too much!"*  
Gotta look nice and act so cool  
*"Too much!" "Too much!"*

It may be good to be admired by many  
But as for a love life you haven't any.

Millionaires, superstars  
Sex symbols – whoever you are  
Do you enjoy what you have become?  
Or have things gone too far?  
Do you enjoy what you have become?  
Or who you are,,,  
Too much!?

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### **The 'Great' Rap Track (0097)**

The greatest things in life  
Are actually quite small  
The greatest things are great in size  
But not that great at all  
They lose their appeal  
Things get out of hand  
Shapes become shapeless shapes  
As they continue to expand.

It's the not the size that counts they say  
But the bigger the better's the order of the day  
It's always seemed to have been that way  
But I disagree  
Small is cool, but out of sight  
It's kept preserved, but not conserved  
It's kept untouched, but wild and free  
So the bigger the better's not for me,

It's great! It's great! It's greatly overrated  
When you hear it every day, you either grow to love or hate it  
As you can see it's not for me  
Clever minds with commercial inclines  
But I'm not inclined to follow these lines  
Using time to shine and please  
Just for money is a sign of greed  
Notes for notes on the music scene  
Controlling minds in the scheme of things  
Saying things that are cool and hip  
Hop, skip, trip, trap.

*"It's great" "It's great!"* - It's greatly overrated  
When you hear it everyday you either grow to love or hate it

Cunning minds with commercial inclines  
Deviously plans of the dictating kind.

Power of sound in our heads  
We hear what we see and feed on what we're fed  
But I see red!

Not out to preach, dictate or guide  
Just gotta say and let you decide.

The greatest things in life  
Are actually quite small  
The greatest things are great in size  
But not that great at all.

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### **Mr. Retro** (0972)

They call him Mr. Retro  
He drives an Austin Metro  
Born in the village  
Not in a ghetto.

Born a black bloke  
He lived in a cloud of smoke  
Close to the 'henge  
Stone days never end.

Wearing his flare jeans  
They call him Mr. Retro  
Jimi Hendrix on his headphones  
Placed on his afro.

A boy in the 70s  
Grew up in the 80's  
Adult in the 90's  
Lived life care free  
He loved the 60's  
More than the 00's  
And then when he reached 40  
He then suddenly changed

He met a white girl  
Much younger, but old enough  
And made him see things differently  
And listen to different stuff.

This was a trip  
But he was there for the long ride  
Different interests they had  
Brought them closer, rather than divide.

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**ALBUM 5:  
Whatever Happened**



1. Won't Stop!
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6. The Fastest Man In The World
7. I Don't Like What I Do
8. The Best
9. Golden Anniversary
10. Beep! Beep!
11. Hot Dog
12. What Is Justice?
13. You
14. Forever Together, Me And You
15. We Won't stop!



**Won't Stop!** (0971)  
(a small extract)

We won't stop!  
Even if you say, '*Stop!*'  
We won't stop, we won't stop.

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**Shattering** (0984)

I feel imprisoned  
The walls are closing in  
Pressure's growing -  
Hopes are wearing thin

Can you feel it?  
Can you see it shattering?

Cracks I can feel  
Cracks I can see  
Cracks are appearing  
Between you and me.

We were free  
Solid as a rock  
The situation changed  
Normality just stopped.

We try so hard  
To keep it together  
And prevent  
Whatever  
Shattering!

Cracks I can feel  
I can see  
Cracks between  
You and me  
I feel it  
I see it~  
Shattering!

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**(Feel The Vibe) With This Tribe (0985)**

I feel alive  
I feel so free  
I need these guys  
To be with me  
I'm never down  
When they're around  
I come to life  
With this sound.

I was alone  
An empty zone  
I reached out  
To the unknown  
Then when  
I did, I found  
My people  
On a common ground.

Dance! Dance!  
Dance! Dance!  
Dance! Dance!  
The tribal dance.

Got desire  
And fire  
With this tribe  
Flames get higher  
Got the vibe  
Got the feel  
With this tribe  
Life is real.

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**Ifs And Buts (0994)**

The places we lived, the people we loved  
Could be different, for us, if we had  
Talked when we saw, spoke when we met  
Instead we ignored and then lived with regret.

The places we worked, the places we went  
Could be different if we'd spent our time  
With each other instead we fell for the  
Wrong kind of lovers.

How did we  
Never come to be?  
Landed ourselves  
In bad company  
Would've treated you well  
But too late to tell  
Now...

We can't turn back time  
Let's put it all behind  
There is still time  
Memories may remain  
But let's blank out the pain  
But only if you want me to...  
Be with you.

No more it's and buts!

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### **I Am Just Me (1015)**

If I can't be me  
Who can I be?  
I can't be you  
'Cos that ain't true.

I can't be better  
Despite endeavour  
I'm just me  
Whatever!

I am just me  
Nothing more I can be  
I've done my best  
Had little success  
But my mission  
Was never to impress

So I remain  
Nothing, more or less.

I gave all I got  
But didn't get  
I like to please  
But haven't yet  
The quest to prosper  
The urge to gain  
A waste of time and money  
So I remain  
'Lost' forever.

I've done so much  
But lost my touch  
My brain is drained  
My trust is bruised  
Losers are winners  
And I feel used  
Am I stupid?  
Paranoid and confused?

Life goes on  
Try to be strong  
Don't feel quite right  
Although I long  
To feel better  
But never the same  
Life is a lesson  
It's a shame, but...  
I am just me!

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### **The Fastest Man In The World (0842)**

The fastest man in the world  
Didn't want to race  
He knew he was the fastest  
And that knowledge he embraced.

People tried to force him  
Into competition  
Her didn't feel the need  
So he stuck to his decision.

He felt good inside  
And the fact that no-one knew  
Wasn't really an issue  
Nothing he needed to do  
There was no reason to prove  
The speed at which he ran  
He was comfortably employed  
A fit and healthy man.

He knew he was the fastest  
He lived a pleasant life  
He had no need for fame  
He didn't need the strife

He wanted no attention  
Enjoyed his privacy  
No need for recognition  
Unknown he could be.

He had a caring woman  
He was a caring man  
To be anything more  
Was never his plan.

People despised him  
Said it was a waste  
To have such a talent  
That never ever raced.

Two trains of thought  
Neither's right or wrong  
Contention is self-pleasing  
But temptation can be strong  
Proving you're the best  
Is unnecessary  
It's the knowing that counts  
But some may say:  
*"To the contrary."*

Happiness is cool  
But fame can be scary  
The fastest man in the world  
Lived a happy life  
And remained happily living  
With his children and wife  
Happiness is paramount  
Fame can ruin people's lives.

He knew he was the fastest man  
And that knowledge he embraced.

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### **I Don't Like What I Do (0851)**

I don't like what I do like  
I don't like what I do  
Alcohol, smoking  
My working life, too  
Like it or not - I do!

I don't like what I do like  
I don't like what I do  
It's all too much  
But I can't stop  
It was enjoyed, but just destroys  
And life it disrupts.

I need what I don't need  
I need what I don't  
If I don't get  
Won't lead to regret  
No expectations  
Need to be met.

I do, but then I don't  
I will, but then I won't  
I know I can, but then I can't  
I like the chase, but fear the chance.

I don't like what I do like  
I don't like what I do  
Alcohol, smoking,  
Relationships too  
Like it or not  
It's true!

I don't like what I did like  
I don't like what I did  
Was all too much  
But I couldn't stop

Was enjoyed, but just destroyed  
And my life it disrupted.

I don't like what I do like  
I don't like what I do  
I get carried away - what can I say?  
But I still do it!

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### **The Best** (0996)

I'm in  
For the win  
Can't stop  
When begin  
Fired up  
Never quit  
Hear the gun  
Start to run (quick!).

Non-stop  
Can't be beat  
Hit the spot  
I defeat  
Negatives  
Neutralise  
Wake-up  
And realise:  
I am the best  
*"He's better than the rest"*

Won't stop  
Fit as...  
Focussed  
And I've got  
The zest

And desire  
To beat the  
Rest.

I won't fall  
I won't turn back  
On a roll  
I own the track  
I hit the spot  
Never slack  
Give it all  
To have an impact.

I am the best  
*"He's better than the rest"*

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### **Golden Anniversary (0013)**

Wolves howl  
Sheep bleeat  
Cows moo  
But you  
You, you just say nothing.

Kangaroos bounce  
Horses trot  
Frogs leap  
But you  
You... you just sleep.

Crocodiles snap  
Dogs bite  
Cats scratch  
But you



You, you never react.

Clouds drift, clouds change shape

Clouds come and go

Clouds snow, clouds rain

But you...

You just stay the same.

The rain rains, time ticks by

We ask, "why are we still together?"

Snow snows and whatever the weather

Who knows why?

Why do we stay together?

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### **Beep! Beep!** (0970)

Hey there sweet

Wanna sit in my seat?

Wanna jump in my

Car?

While I drive ya

Be me passenger

Wanna know how far you wanna

Go.

If you wanna take control

Grab a hold of the wheel

If you wanna lead the way

Then put your foot down – hey!

Not sure where

But we are going the same way

No rush, no fuss

Just feeling good today.

Don't wanna stop  
Don't wanna hold back  
We can go fast  
We've been slow  
Guess we've just  
Gone with the flow  
Nothing now  
In the way  
But if there is  
Gonna go beep! beep!  
Hey!

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### **Hot Dog** (Song 0040)

See me, touch me, peel me, cry!  
Fry me, taste me, eat me - die!  
See me, pick, me, peel me - cry!  
Fry me, taste me, eat - I die!

See me!      Touch me!  
Peel me!      Cry for me!  
Fry me!      Taste me!  
Eat me!    I'll die for you!

If you're hungry then I  
Will fill you up, I'm your guy  
If you're hungry, I'm your supper  
Taste and please me hot dog lover.

See me, pick me, have a try  
I am your hot dog guy  
See me, pick me, have a taste

Don't let me go to waste it.

See me! Pick me!  
You know you should  
See me! Taste me!  
You know I'm good!

Put the sausage in the gap  
Squirt sauce on the baps  
Then one more thing  
Time for the onion rings.

Saw me, touched me, feast begin  
Cooked me up and let me  
Saw me, touched me, cooked me good  
Between her lips I knew she would.

Onion man, hot dog guy  
Food for thought in her eye  
Onion man, Frankfurter  
She preferred to a burger.

She's the hot dog lover!  
She's a hot dog lover!  
She's like no other  
And she wants another now  
Hot dog!

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### **What Is Justice?** (0974)

"All lives matter", said the serial killer  
"Except the ones I killed  
Have you got a problem with that?  
They got what they deserved".

Internet stalkers faking ID  
Money scammers bleeding people dry  
Bogus businesses that shouldn't exist  
Cowboy companies taking the piss  
Money for work improperly done  
Sickos on dating sites promising fun  
Lives are ruined, lies are told  
Money is conned out of innocent souls.

What is justice!?

*"Anarchy rules"*, said the anarchist  
*"And guns should be legal"* so I shot him  
*"The police are racist"*, he screamed when arrested  
After blowing-up a cop car - the black activist.

Freedom of speech is a civil right  
*"Religion is wrong"* - Do you still agree with me?  
Thank God I'm here, when so many have gone  
Many good people, on earth they belong  
But now in heaven supposedly  
But if they're in hell is that fair?  
*"All lives are equal"* - are dead people equal too?

What is justice?  
Is this justice?

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## **You** (1020)

I now know what (what?)  
The way to go, have got  
What I lacked, back

Right on track, now.

Need no more  
Unlike before  
Got what I need  
That's for sure.

What belongs is what exists  
Got all I need, nothing is missed  
Anymore, unlike before  
She is everything and more.

What was needed to be done, I did  
To make life bearable throughout Covid  
Got my act together and got things done  
Made space for my new number one  
That's you!

The one thing I needed  
To feel I've succeeded  
And continue to...  
Is you.

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### **Forever Together, Me And You (1017)**

I never thought that I  
Would meet somebody like you  
That could pick me up  
And make me feel brand new  
Like you do.

I was feeling down  
A bore to be around  
But suddenly I changed  
It's strange, but tue

You brought back me to life  
Something I thought no-one could do.

Sometimes you know  
The one for you  
As soon as they show  
And so here we are  
And here we go,  
Into the future  
Forever together  
Me and you.

Each day's like a dream  
So hard to believe  
I'm the luckiest man alive  
I never wanna die  
Now you're in my life  
I'll stay by your side.

You brought me back to Life,  
I was close to death  
My hopes had died  
And nothing was left.

I knew as soon as you  
Sat next to me  
The future was clear  
And so here we are  
And here we go  
Into the future  
Forever together  
Me and you.

## **We Won't Stop (0971)**

Even when life is  
fading away  
Our journey is here  
in history  
We did our thing  
when the moments came  
With no real intent  
but fun was gained.

We hid in life  
but with a trace  
Prints in the ribbon of brown  
were placed  
Another era  
when raw was fresh  
And rough was pure  
and fun was effortless.

It doesn't matter what they say  
We'll continue to play.

We take a break  
long gaps of time  
But behind the scenes  
we'll always find  
Wherever we are  
ideas will grow  
But until we go  
we know  
We won't ever stop.

We won't stop!

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