

No silver city key

Don't know how I got here
Don't know what comes next
Wherever I've been traveling
Can't say I'm too impressed
They never put the flags out
No ticker tape for me
No 21 guns from the esplanade
No silver city key

In this festival city
Of half a million souls
You'll hear lots of accents
Some where the R rolls
But one is missing
The natives you can't see
Where do they go after their born
With no silver city key

I climb the Waverley steps
My heart beating fast
The wind nearly knocks me down
Nothing new in that
A city of seven hills
Like Athens and Rome
But here you'll get soaking wet
If you need the silver city key to a home

***Went overboard in the pouring rain
Sank to the bottom and was never seen again
Struggling to keep my head above water
But you didn't need me to tell you that***

Everyone loves this city
They claim they're natives too
But it takes more than a postcode
To claim your ticket to the zoo
All these famous faces
Can feed their sheep for free
All just turned up on the doorstep
To get the silver city key

When the big hand points to twelve
And the wee hand points to one
Only in the daylight hours
Underneath god's sun
Precisely to the second
As the sands of time will run
Big Tam will yank the cord
To fire the one o'clock gun

Chorus

Hit the ground running

Swim naked in the moonlight
Dance in the pouring rain
Sure you may be born free
But you're everywhere in chains

The whole thing is a mystery
You'll struggle to explain
No one knows the answer
No one knows its name

Feel free Feel Free
Feel free Feel Free
To hit the ground running
To hit the ground running

If you want to bend the bars
And break free
If you want to go down on bended knee
Swim to the bottom of the sea

Chorus

From your first baby steps to infinity
From the deepest roots to the tops of the trees
From the furthest point that the eye can see
The event horizon to infinity

The world doesn't have to agree
You don't need permission from me
Just pluck up the courage
And feel free

Chorus

What doesn't kill you

I'm eating all that I can reach
Got to grow up big and strong
I got a sister twice the height of me
And a reach that's twice as long
Oooh Gotta keep strong

You never know when she will strike
There's no pattern to her game
A friendly cuddle or a back breaking hug
To her they're quite the same

*Here she comes the human tornado
I'm ready to be knocked down again
What doesn't kill you makes you stronger
Ooh look out here she comes again*

A wolf tucked under my right arm
Carrying a broom that's far too long
Think I'll try to climb the stairs again
Better take some drink along
Oooh gotta keep strong

Oh no she wants to help me up
Danger signals in my brain
A little nudge and I'm flying through the air
Just got to get up and try once again

Chorus

Will she ever forgive me
For wanting to share all that she has
Vying for affection
with her mum and dad
Only time will tell
Only time will tell

I play the guitars that I can reach
My keyboards not bad too
I'm in my element on the drumkit
Although Grandpas not so sure
Oooh gotta keep strong

Here she comes with the microphone
The volume turned up loud
I'm bleeding from both my ears
she says what a great sound

Chorus x 2

No dignity left

Buffalo Bill and Texas Jack
Were kings of the frontier but never went back
Disappeared from the west without a trace
Run out of road left out of the race
No dignity left no forwarding address

Sitting Bull the Indian Chief
Gave up his fight with the white race
Lied to and cheated his people abused
Traveled the world in Bill's human zoo
No dignity left no forwarding address

Michael Donald a working class man
Was outnumbered and kidnapped by three of the Klan
Descended from slaves he was hung from a tree
Black lives barely tolerated in the land of the free
No dignity left no forwarding address

Give me your tired, give me your poor
Your huddled masses yearning to be free
Send these homeless to me
I lift my lamp beside the golden door

Instrumental

The Pilgrim fathers went sailing west
Looking for tolerance and a place they could rest
Four hundred years later there's still no peace
Just a land of hatred and incredible greed
No dignity left no forwarding address

Hello little one

Hello little one
You're on your way
When you do arrive we'll celebrate your birth day

Your mum is organised
She's enrolled you in school
Got your life planned out, you'll be nobody's fool

Dad's still wondering
When he'll get to sleep
If he'll have time to play guitar, watch football and still eat

*Here you come, our special one
We're here to make you smile and ensure that you have fun*

When it comes to grandparents
You usually have four
But for so many reasons there are going to be so many more

I hope you like football
And music too
But we'll still love you if you prefer to go to the zoo

Chorus

Your coming will be disruptive
Our lives turned upside down
But the love that you'll bring to our hearts
Will displace any frowns

Who will you take after
Your mum or your dad
I suppose we will find out by what time you arrive

Will you have blonde hair
And eyes of blue
Not that it matters cause we will still love you

Chorus x 2

Hello little one

Said good-bye too soon

They say you won't be back this way and I hear your drum is silent
Hope gravity was kind to you not dark and cold and violent
A head of hair to die for cascading to the floor
Hard to believe it was time to leave that you won't walk in that door
Hard to believe it was time to leave that you won't walk in that door

You said goodbye too soon, my friend for we need strong hearts like yours
All hands on deck the captain cried to get through these dark hours
Out on the Ocean, Seven Stars let's have another tune
All together, one more time you said goodbye too soon
All together, one more time you said goodbye too soon

They say you won't be back this way that the final verse is sung
One last tune beneath the moon then the piper will head home
Where were you when we needed you to keep a steady beat
So let's all raise a glass, my friend to the next time that we meet
So let's all raise a glass, my friend to the next time that we meet

Instrumental first 2 lines

where were you when we needed you to keep a steady beat
All together, one more time you said goodbye too soon
All together, one more time you said goodbye too soon

Next to no time

Next to no time in the blink of an eye
No sooner born than it's your turn to die
No sooner arrived than you're saying good-bye
Next to no time in the blink of an eye

One way ticket take the scenic route
No returns available seek out the forbidden fruit
Eat your fill before the green leaves turn brown
Next to no time in the blink of an eye

Three score years and ten you won't go round again
No if, no maybe it's a rock solid when
Grab everything you can you'll not pass this way again
Next to no time in the blink of an eye

Day after day
Finger in the clay
Leaving an impression
That will soon wash away
That will soon wash away

Instrumental verse

Fragile, so fragile handle with care
This way up for there's no way back from there
Can't give you directions can't tell you when
Next to no time in the blink of an eye

House of cards

Instrumental verse

We're living in a time of truth decay
And there's some don't want it any other way
There's clear blue water between night and day
Between right and wrong so watch what you say

We're living in a time of truth decay
On the one clear path to better days
Riding the scorpion better watch your mouth
In my opinion you better not shout it out

House of cards

Could fall either way

House of cards

In a time of truth decay

Didn't history teach us nothing

When the storm comes down we're dragging the river
Got dogs, got divers we're in this together
No word of survivors been up there for days
We're living in a time of truth decay

Instrumental Chorus

*Got all the names here in order
Weasel words can slip away to the border
Listen for your name listen for your number*

Instrumental verse

Chorus (Half Time)

We're living in a time of truth decay
And there's some don't want it any other way
There's clear blue water between night and day
Between right and wrong so watch what you say

Chorus

Thinking of you

I know that I miss you every day
I know that you don't have time to be blue

*But I hope that you sometimes
Even just once a week
You still think of me
Still think of me*

I miss the days when we'd go out
Take a walk in the park chase each other about

Chorus

It's not the same the world we're in now
Keeping apart never letting you out

Chorus

*I look at your photographs
They always make me smile
But I need to hold your hand
Every once in a while*

*It can't be too long until we can meet
I hope you remember the name of my street*

*I hope you haven't forgotten me
Still remember my name
Cause I've been thinking of you
Thinking of you*

Still searching for you

Hold on to my hand
Don't ever let go
Cause if you do
You'll be lost in the deep snow

The wind was howling
The cold was intense
Our fingers were numb and cold
Didn't feel our dis-connect

***Never saw you again
You vanished in the storm
Our separation never left me
Still searching for you
Still searching for you***

We searched all week for you
Not a sign or a sound
No frozen body
Not a mitten even found

The guilt was intense
I felt responsible too
How did I let you go
Not hold on tighter to you

***You were my brother
And my best friend
I'll never forget our bond
Still searching for you
Still searching for you***

Snow on snow
White is all you see
How can you disappear
When I was so near

I long to be with you
Free from this guilt
Holding onto your hand
In our world of deepest silk

***Still searching for you
Still searching for you***

Well here I go

Been locked up in a dark place
Where the sun refused to show it's face
No champagne in the bottles
No bubbles in the wine
Now I've found the combination
Found the way to pick the lock
Waiting for the starter's gun
To come flying off the blocks

*Well here I go
Here I go again
It's the little things that matter
Not felt this way since way back when
Well here I go
Here I go again*

Beneath the ocean in a diving bell
Dark and cold in the fires of hell
Umbilical chord to the sky above
You've got my back I've got your love
Slip the anchor lets get underway
The seven stars and the milky way
Tomorrow is another day
Let's get this thing started

Chorus

In the damp and dripping dungeon
With the jailer dressed in black
I took off the iron mask
And handed the damned thing back
Then high up on the battlements
Day breaking in her dance
I jumped into the morning
Without a backward glance

Chorus

I knew who I was this morning
But I've changed a few times since then
If you can hang around an hour or two I guess I can change again

Chorus

Frank the bear

Frank the Bear was everywhere
From George IV Bridge to St Andrews Square
You could find him here you could miss him there
With a pocketful of speed on a wing and a prayer

*Hey man, ain't this cool?
Pass it round you're nobody's fool
Hold your breath man
There ain't no rules
We'll think about the future
When tomorrow comes*

Went out looking for my Candy Man
Peppermint stick and a little black band
Hook and line then you'll understand
Frank the Bear with a blade in his hand

Chorus

Didn't see it till way too late
Frankie waiting at the gate
Didn't do to turn up late
If you want to make a deal

Chorus

An ounce of this a line of that
Never knowing where it's at
Time's run out to take it back
Can't rewind the reel

Chorus

Tomorrow's here and it ain't half clear what we have done
Escaping our lives in a cloud of ether, chemical infiltrator
Lives cut short, All for nought, but still we go on, down and down
down and down down and down down and down down and down