Roll Up

Roll Up
The Circus is in town
The lions and the tigers
The acrobats and clowns
Are here for one week only
Then the big red top, must come down

The big cat has stopped listening
The Great Stupendo's dropped his whip
The lion has darkness in his eye
Can't bring himself to put his head

He roars a mighty roar Never done that before He's shaken to the core In that mouth any more

Chorus

Baldini's on the high trapeze
He swings into infinity
In the dark the Princess waits
He's forgotten all he ever knew

In the shiny silver suit And arcs towards his roots But he can't see her frown Look up but never down.

Chorus

Coco stares into the glass Stretches out in front of him A red nose and a painted tear But no one's laughing any more

Another night of twists
The routines they never miss
Might hide the face behind
As the watch starts to unwind.

Chorus

The strongman's feeling weak today His pillowcase is wet with tears Back in the day he twisted steel But once the cowgirl rode away He's taken to his bed Can't lift his aching head Breathed fire so it's said He'd just as soon be dead.

After the Rain

After the rain
Look to the future
Come out of the shadows
A better tomorrow

Wash the slate clean
Forget where you've been
You'll not see them again
After the rain

After the rain After the rain Guess it'll hurt There's always tomorrow

Wash the slate clean Start over again But no pain no gain After the rain.

Hear that you're leaving Your memories are folded Wipe out the yesterdays Here's to tomorrow You're travelling away
The car's on its way
Leading up to today
After the rain

Chorus

The road's disappearing
Follow it now or
Forget half you've heard
You'll know when you get there

Winds over the hill You never will And all that you've seen After the rain

After the rain
A rainbow appears
Gives colour to our Monochrome world

A pot of gold At the end For putting up With the rain

Here's looking at you kid The taxi is waiting Counting the minutes The wipers are running It's time that you went The meter is set They won't come again Here comes the rain

Making it up as they go along

Wind is rising, rivers too, moon shines through the trees
Another night beneath the stars, winter on the breeze
Yesterday I could do no wrong, today I'll do no right
You like to keep me in the dark, then blind me with the light

You better watch out
You better take care
Making it up as they go along
You better hold tight
You better beware
Making it up as they go along
You better watch out
You better take care
Making it up as they go along
Your secret's safe

Never sure if I'm coming or going, if it's day or if it's night
Taking nothing for granted, never Black, never white
Summer's heat is a memory, Swallows flying south
Stoke the fires for the winter days, stop the flames from burning out

Chorus

Verse chords x 4

Chorus

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Red and Amber Light

Rain
It's always about the rain
Drizzling
From the greying sky
Looking from my window
To the street below
I see your shadow
Disappear into the night

Is it you
Your face hidden from my view
I can't tell
When the cold begins to bite
I'm not sure
In this avalanche of red and amber light

Dark
The clocks about to change
Six months
Til it's light this time again
I get up in the morning
Does it ever get light
Did I see you cross the street
In a blur of hazy sight

Chorus

Leaves
They're falling from the sky
Covering
The ice upon the ground
I wade through the amber and red
To reach the other side
Did I see you disappear
Into the cold bleak night

Can't see the wrong in me

When the sun is going down
I want to know where you can be found
I'll seek you out in the dead of night
I'll execute you before first light

Hunting down those who are different Seeking out those who are strange Can't see the wrong in me Can't see the wrong in me

This life is just in the way
I can't wait until you blow me away
You can never understand my martyrdom
Execute me before it's too late

Chorus

Instrumental verse

Chorus

I am only ten
You made me what I am
I am only ten
Not yet a man

My life has a meaning you can't comprehend Your pathetic values you never defend You can forget your decadent ways To execute you is my right

Nobody Knows

Nobody knows when you're alone

Nobody knows when you put out the lights

Nobody knows if I'm alright

Nobody knows behind closed doors

In the darkness you belong to me

In the darkness I cannot see

In the darkness I become someone else In the darkness I'm no longer myself

Oceans of tears they wash my sins away

I cannot see a future where it's safe for me to stay

Look into the sun a new day has begun

This chapter is closed time to tell the world

Nobody knows when you're alone

Nobody knows when you put out the lights

Nobody knows if I'm alright

Nobody knows behind closed doors

In the darkness

I live in fear

In the darkness

I hide from you

there is no way out

In the darkness inside I scream and shout

Oceans of tears they wash my sins away

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Sing

Sing everyday You never know when your voice will go away

Sing to the stars Like Howling wolf did in Chicago bars

Sing with passion, sing with feeling, baby when you sing

Run everyday you never know when your legs are gonna give way

Run to the sea like Forrest Gump did on the big screen

Run with passion, run with feeling, baby when you run

I knew a man with an amputed leg
He had to hop and jump about instead
He used to cry in the middle of the night
Cause he didn't run when he was upright

Love everday You never know when you'll be on your own someday

Love everyone Like a coyote in the burning sun Love with passion, love with feeling, baby when you make love

I knew a women who was scared to let go Turned and frowned wherever she did go She used to cry in the middle of the night Cause there were no arms to hold her tight

Instrumental

Sing everyday You never know when your voice will go away

Sing to the stars Like Howling wolf did in Chicago bars

Sing with passion, sing with feeling, baby when you sing

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Blue

I'm Blue, so Blue, cause I'm losing you Blue, Blue, this can't be true

Have to search within the recess of my mind For the last moment that you were kind Seek out these hidden parts of my brain To find the warmth of love again

Chorus

I know there is a memory
Of when the sun once shone
If I can only reach down into the depths
My hopes may not be gone

Chorus

Darkness, Darkness in my mind Must think of when the sun did shine Darkness, Darkness in my mind Must think of when the sun did shine

Chorus

On the outside I look just fine
But you can't see the darkness of my mind
Hear the voices, see the lights
All I want is for you to make it right

Chorus

Darkness, Darkness in my mind Must think of when the sun did shine Darkness, Darkness in my mind Must think of when the sun did shine

Let me live with you

Rain is falling down on my head,
Very tired feeling half dead
There's too many people in this boat
It's not very stable but I can't lose hope
We're desperate for humanity
We're desperate for humanity

You don't know what I've been through I've been living in a human zoo
Beaten, raped and tortured too
Oh please just let me live with you

To cross the border I gave my money to this man Now I'm locked in the back of his van With seventy people that I don't know Children crying that they want to go home We're desperate for humanity We're desperate for humanity

Chorus

I know that I'm, breaking your law
I hope you'll understand
My children can't sleep at night, for the noise
They're so very hungry, they can't play with their toys
We're desperate for humanity
We're desperate for humanity

Chorus

I'll risk my life, I'll do what I must To get to my safe haven To sleep at night, and not be afraid That's my idea of heaven We're desperate for humanity We're desperate for humanity

You're far too slow

Running through the forest
Be careful you don't fall
Skin your knees and cut your hands
We'll hear you holler and call
You got to run so fast
And jump so tall
Living life at such a speed
You gotta put up with the falls

I'm only five
And I've a long long way to go
You'll never keep up with me
Cause you're far too slow

Climbing up the mountains
Dangling from the trees
Look out for the rabbit holes
They'll bring you to your knees
You can't walk anywhere
Never can keep still
Dancing down the street one day
The cars are gonna have you killed

Chorus

Slow, slow
Creaking knees and shoulder pains
I can't keep up with the wains
But seeing you run and smile
Gives my heart another mile

Swinging on the monkey bars
Flying down the chute
You're running round the trees so fast
Watch you don't trip on the roots
Pedalling your bike so fast
You're a distant memory
Don't go on the motorway
You know that's not so necessary

From the cradle to the grave

You thought life was beautiful
You thought it would never change
You couldn't believe your luck
Silver spoon from cradle to the grave

Life is never that smooth Complications will arise Nothing stays the same in life Though the sun will set and rise

Running through the forest Diving in the sea You can always hope That the sun, will shine, on you, and me the sun, will shine, on you, and me

Everyone around you,
Those who you treasure and desire
Will one day begin to rust
End up in the funeral pyre

Our journeys are not the same Though we all live and die Some will struggle to stay alive While others will only thrive

Chorus

Darwin's origin of species, Says the strongest will survive But we can all lend a hand Working together within our hive

Tears and laughter
Are all just part of the game
It's playing that's important
Games-a-bogey time for hame

Chorus

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Clear the Beach

See the shark
Shiny dorsal fin
See the shark
Call the swimmers in

See the shark
With such an appealing grin
See the shark
Never without sin

Shark is circling in the bay Shark is scenting blood Shark has scores to settle Sharks not in the mood for love

Clear the beach
Take the children to higher ground
Clear the beach

Go to where we can't be found

Clear the beach Keep them safe and sound Clear the beach Bury your money underground

Chorus

They're hunting us down
Never let us run free
They're hunting us down
They want to crunch your bones

They're hunting us down Keeping it all from you and me They're hunting us down Never let you own your home

Chorus

Double instrumental verse

Chorus

Get a loan

APR a thousand percent

Get a loan

Your never free from the shark

Get a loan
You can only ever rent
Get a loan
His bite is bigger than his bark