

Lamprey (1995)

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Keepsake

Wrapped up in blue, painted by me and you
A sudden thought exchanged by the two
Somehow keeps smiling thru
It's all we got and still
It sometimes feels so near
Then I reach out and it just disappears

Was it something that I said
I feel so many moods
They're written all across your head
Would I dare to intrude?
You sometimes feel so near
And then I reach out and it just disappears

Like the smell of falling rain
Or mown grass in the park
The kind of things you can't explain
But feel them in your heart
It sometimes seems so near
And then I reach out and it just disappears

Paint this day, let's keep this one forever

And wrap it up inside your heart
Paint this day, for worse if not for better
And save it 'till death do us part

'Cause that's why I sometimes stay awake
Pondering endlessly on each of our mistakes
Just for keep sake
It sometimes seems so clear
But then I reach out and it just disappears

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Ray Ray Rain

Moving on a pale moon night
Staring at the taillights of a
Truck that rips the road apart in front of me
I watch your right hand shifting gear
Wond'ring what I'm doing here
'Cause both our minds are occupied by memories

And like the forests in my eyes
Are the pillars of the skies
Impeach your youth and call it your prerogative
Time and time again it seems

We're always somewhere in between
And that's the truth, it's in the way we live

Ray ray rain, if you feel the same
Give me a sign, we're running out of time

Spiders, snakes and lizard-heads
Tell the tale, we'll all be dead
Indulging me and my fantasy
Feeding on the tender needs
What we are is what we breed
Insulting me with your jealousy

Ray ray rain, if you feel the same
Give me a sign, give me a sign
Ray ray rain, say you feel the same
'Cause you don't think that I can wait another day

And no, it's not okay
Explain yourself and say
Now, no one ever said that life is fair
And six times in a row and when it starts to grow
Walking up and down Trafalgar Square
Right down from the start, right down from the heart
Finding ways that no one thought were there

Ray ray rain, if you feel the same
Give me a sign, give me a sign
Ray ray rain, say you feel the same
'Cause you don't think that I can wait another day

D. Feathers

What a wonderful solution
So now we all can rest our weary heads and go to bed
And you'll pretend it's all illusion
So I can pretend my mind is dead

Now, what a wonderful solution
For now the wings have clipped the bird instead
And claimed it's head
But in the midst of all confusion
Remember what D. Feathers said

I can't trust the things I see
For I can only trust in me
And if the whole world should drop dead
I'll build my own inside my head

Now, what a wonderful solution
So now we all can finally turn our heads
On what's been said
But in the midst of all confusion
Remember what D. Feathers said

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Re-Feel-It

Funny, how we run around
And see where we got
We don't even know what it is we found
And honey, take a look around
By the time we get there
We won't even know where it is we're bound

Sometimes, when I look at you
It seems you're the one
Who's having more fun, it's smiling through
And honey, now we hit the ground
And see where we got
Ain't it funny or what, just look around

This is the wicked lounge
Nothing's up that won't come down
Mum's behind the curtains, prying
Say, my dear, at least we're trying

The sucking mouth of the lamprey say
Now, give me a reason
The horny teeth that killed the prey
Oh, give me a reason
Attacked by the polished dream
The likes you find in a college
Seems like a preferable friend

Someday your forehead
Will come in and drop dead
Attacked by the polished dream
The likes you find in a college
Seems like a flexible end

This is the wicked lounge
And nothing's up that won't come down
Mum's behind the curtains, prying
Say, my dear, at least we're trying

Re-feel-it

21 Days

Oh no, enough is said
Dumb words inside my head
Run down the corridors
And turn around once more
And turn around once more

Lie down in the open grass
Walk thru the overpass
Still feel I'm not too scared
I wrote it down somewhere
I wrote it down somewhere

When the sun on your shoulders says, you're wrong

Send back the semaphore
Kick in the open doors
I left all my roped behind

Your sugar's on my mind
Your sugar's on my mind

Go down inside of me
There's still a part that sees the first time
You've opened up my eyes
Completely self absorbed
What are we waiting for?
Ferociously, you never know just why

Oh no, enough is said
Dumb words inside my head
Run down the corridors
And turn around once more
And turn around once more
And turn around

Cybor*D

Now isn't it time, to open your mind
It's just me and you, cutting the truth
Then leave the rest behind
What will you do, now I fell for you
We're mashed up by compulsory
And all the things we do

Holding back, thru-out the years
Trying to ignore the fears
I always had a choice, but I'm afraid of what I'll lose
And carved inside my memory
Are all the thing I longed to be
But this stalling fool, looks a lot like you

Well, it's true

Isn't it time, to drop the candy mind
It's just me and you, cutting the truth
And leave the rest behind

Now I never said there wouldn't be no complications
But this time I won't be ashamed
And this time I won't take the blame

The way it seems this could be a dream
If we only had the courtesy to see it thru
Now the recipe is still inside of m
And the stalling fool, looks a lot like you
Well, I do

And the way it seems this could be a dream
If we only had the courtesy to see it thru
Now the recipe is still inside of me
And the stalling fool, looks a lot like you
And if you loose a screw
Then you would see it, too
Well, I do

Tell Me, Sad

Rocking horse people, out on a limb
And tied to their steeple with a dare and do grin
Sometimes I'll make fun of things that you say
And laugh at your most peculiar ways

Rocking horse people, now what do they win
When tied to their steeple with a dare and do grin
Sometimes I'll struggle with thoughts on their way
And choke on the words that I'm trying to say

Tell me, Sad, what's wrong with that
Now, I wouldn't hurt you
I wouldn't know how to
Tell me, Sad, what's wrong with that
I need to know, Sad

There's no need in getting this wrong
There's no thing like standing out too strong
So, I wouldn't worry, there's no need to worry
Now sometimes I'll struggle with plans that you make
And end up by doing it all the same way

Tell me, Sad, what's wrong with that
For I wouldn't hurt you
I wouldn't know how to
Tell me, Sad, what's wrong with that

I need to know, Sad

Crutches

Boredom always lurks within strange places
But still I find a way to feed my mind
Do worlds collide behind those faces
I'm never sure of what goes on inside

If I apologize for every crutch I use

I guess I never would have walked inside those shoes

Behold the world that I've been shaping
I never said that I belonged
In other words, have I been flaking
Without you knowing what I've done

Should I apologize for every crutch I used
I guess I never would have walked inside those shoes

So let me down, let it bubble all around me
Always something else to proof
So let me down, let the shallowness surround me
Let it drown me

From the tail of my eyes, I can see the world
Spinning like a girl, but never satisfied
And tho' it's plain to see, it don't exist for me
Don't believe every word that they say
Don't believe every word that they say

So let me down, let it bubble all around me
Always something else to proof
So let me down, down, down, let the shallowness
surround me
Let it drown me

A part of my mind, will never understand
Why it's close at hand, it's never out of sight
And tho' it's part of me
You're never going to see
Don't believe every word that they say

Don't believe every word that they say

Something So Wild

She had three more lovers
But they all got cold feet
And I know that there were others
But she's so discrete
Yet a wave of his hand's enough
To get her back again

She made it thru high school
And she's got a degree
And I know in different ways
She's a lot smarter than me
Yet a wave of his hand's enough
To get her back again

I despise every word that he speaks
'Cause he tries to make her feel weak
And he'll put her down in public
And he treats her like a child
But he'll never make a lapdog
Out of something so wild
Yet a wave of his hand's enough
To get her back again
Yet a wave of his hand's enough
To get her back again

And I tried to convince her to make it on her own
But she's afraid to be a spinster
Afraid to be alone

Yet a wave of his hand's enough
To get her back again

I despise every move that he makes
'Cause I know what he's trying to brake
And he'll put her down in public
And he treats her like a child
But he'll never make a lapdog
Out of something so wild
Yet a wave of his hand's enough
To get her back again
Yet a wave of his hand's enough-enough-enough-
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Totally Freaked Out

Totally freaked out, don't get in my way
Well, it feels pretty cool and I guess that's okay
I don't think I'll every get out of this maze
Well, like it or not, I prefer it this way

And you say, I was dreaming
But I've been dreaming for days
I don't know 'bout the meaning
So let's keep it this way

Totally screwed up, I think that's alright
It's just one more reason for feeling uptight
But don't try to keep me from flying this kite
I don't mind you watching, just stay out of sight

And you say, I was dreaming

But I've been dreaming for days
I don't know 'bout the meaning
So let's keep it this way

Down in the hall, imbedded in walls
Hear them screaming
Stashed in a bar, a brain in a jar
No one sees them
Sucking them blind and draining their minds
Hear them screaming
Stashed in a bar, a brain in a jar
No one sees them

Totally freaked out, in every way
Well, it feels pretty cool and I guess that's okay
There's no fucking reason to get me out this maze
Well, like it or not, I prefer it this way

Down in the hall, imbedded in walls
Hear them screaming
Stashed in a bar, a brain in a jar
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Silent Spring

Two skies and just one moon
How could you change your mind so soon
Two skies that don't agree

We only look at what we want to see

Hear the grass, it sings
Even on this silent spring
Rip out the seed
And watch it bleed

Two lives and just one dream
I guess it's never really what it seems
Two lives and just one home
And either one of them is still alone

Hear the grass, it sings
Even on this silent spring
And rip out the seed
And watch it bleed

There's one for the slacker and one for the sly
One for that little girl that never cried
One for the looser and one for the lame
One for that little guy that never came

Two skies and just one moon
How could you change your mind so soon
Two skies that don't agree
We only look at what we want to see

Hear the grass, it sings
Even on this silent spring
And rip out the seeds
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BONUS Tracks (on the PIAS/Palomine Records release in 2000):

Shades

Come closer, come closer
Look into these sable blues
Light clover, light clover
Turn the leaves, it's only me

Uncanny, uncanny
Push the blade into the shades
Unmoving, unmoving
Bare to see, it's only me

And with open eyes
I hear the greenhorn cry
You're killing me

Uncanny, uncanny
Push the blade into the shades
Unmoving, I'm not moving
Bare to see, it's only me

And with open eyes
I hear the greenhorn cry
You're killing me
You're killing me, slowly
Shoving me with words
Put the finger where it hurts
You're killing me
You're killing me

Entire Races

When the man inside the moon
Decides to change his smile
And the autumn colored leaves
Don't seem to be worth while
When everything seems strange
And nothing feels the same

I'm embarrassed by the dreams
That I once held for true
When it seems that everyone of them
Was misconstrued
Now everyone's asleep
Who should I believe
Should this be real, the way I feel

Was there something wrong with me?
Is there something wrong with me?
Let them all doubt, let them all doubt
You've been right before

When I'm sick of all the soaker friends I knew before
And then finally everyone of them walked out the door
Now everyone's asleep
Who should I believe
Should this be real, the way I feel

Was there something wrong with me?
Is there something wrong with me?
Let them all doubt, let them all doubt

You've been right before

Entire races, have been squirreling their feelings away
I watch their faces and the traces of toiling thru
yesterdays

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Was there something wrong with me?
Let them all doubt, let them all doubt
You've been right before

Was there something wrong with me?
Is there something wrong with me?
Let them all doubt, let them all doubt
You've been right before

Sugar-spine, blow my mind
Make me watch and waste my time
Common horde, common sore
Watching life jump out the door