

Cross the River Home by Michael Kelly

Cowboy

Rode out here today just to mend this fence
Love the way the wind and the willows dance
Something in the motion gives me peace of mind
In my dreams her love's just as wild as it's kind
That river over there is just as wild as it sounds
Nothing here between us 'cept a stretch of rocky ground
A paradise waiting just 'round the bend
In my dreams her love brings me home again
 There's wild flowers growing by the fence post
 Some are blooming, some are almost
 The Sun is falling and so am I
 Down into the clover where I can watch the sky
Sometimes dreams they'll help you fly
And there's no fences way up high
Seems like fences just get in the way
These dreams of mine are all I've got today
Come on now old pony time to head back home
Supper and a story, to our beds alone
Lying on my blanket I'll dream of her tonight
But don't worry old friend everything's alright

Dancer

She's a dancer, she's got a taste for motion. I'm just a painter, I've got a constant notion. Lady with the canyon eyes staring through my thin disguise, heaving such a gentle sigh, waiting for the Sun to rise. She's got patience hidden in her smile, I've got a preference for her homespun style. Lady with a look so wise, echoing my sweet surprise, daring me to paint her skies open doors and blue horizons. She's no thief, she only takes what I offer, but I'd steal the world to make her mine forever. Woman so fine a treasure, sweet confusion, simple pleasure. A rainy day's just passing weather, praise the Lord, I've found shelter

Daydream

Gossamer clouds and here you come 'round asking what I see. A breeze in the pines, two glasses of wine, so tell me what you hear, tell me what you hear. I just want to watch the day go by, I don't want to race the Sun 'cross the sky, I just want to let this one go by. Our time in this place is just a blink of an eye, baby don't you cry. We'll dance on the beach, let the waves cool our feet and shout out why to the sky, shout out why to the sky. I just want to watch the day go by, I don't want to race the Sun 'cross the sky, I just want to let this one go by. Clouds in a stream don't it feel like a dream, baby please stay close. The trees bend and sway, there's good music today but baby nobody knows, baby nobody knows. I just want to watch the day go by, I don't want to race the Sun 'cross the sky, I just want to let this one go by.

What's Your Heart Say

You say that I'm too wild, no I'm too shy, look away like you're going to cry, baby, what's your heart say? Sometimes you're so mean then you're so nice, I look at you and just roll the dice, baby, what's your heart say? Baby, baby, baby, ooh, ooh, what's your heart say? Baby, baby, baby, ooh, ooh, what's your heart say? You go upstairs, I wait for you, your friends come 'round, say "What's up with you?", baby, what's your heart say? Then you return, I'm waiting still, I drink you up, can't get my fill, baby, what's your heart say? Baby, baby, baby, ooh, ooh, what's your heart say? Baby, baby, baby, ooh, ooh, what's your heart say? 'Cause no matter what I do, I fall in love with you. You say that I'm too old then you call me child, you look away but I caught that smile, baby, what's your heart say? Sometimes you're so mean then you're so nice, I look at you and just roll the dice, baby, what's your heart say? Baby, baby, baby, ooh, ooh, what's your heart say? Baby, baby, baby, ooh, ooh, what's your heart say?

Light in the Window

Driving alone 'neath a coal black sky where stars shine just like diamonds.
Somewhere ahead dreams wait unimagined and the road behind urges me on.

And it's the light in the window, it's your smile and then some more

It's the way that you hold me, I'm coming back for more

It's the way that you move, knowing you care

It's the light in your eyes, you're with me everywhere.

Held you close through the frozen night, dreams just a breath away.

So deep in love come the morning light, the Sun calling us away.

Chorus

Venus is shining just below a Moon with a smile just as soft as June.

Springtime rides on the robin's wings, baby I'll be home soon.

Daffodils

I'll tell you 'bout my girl she's pretty as the sky, and when she smiles, she sets my soul to fly. Her eyes sparkle, just like diamonds they shine, touches me without moving, kisses fine as wine. I think I'm gonna catch my star, I think I'm gonna play my part, I think I'm gonna walk those hills, find her bunches of daffodils. She watches as I walk that line, and when she talks my heart keeps time, and if she finds me feeling drunk or lost, she takes my blues and puts them on some mountaintop. I think I'm gonna catch my star, I think I'm gonna play my part, I think I'm gonna walk those hills, find her bunches of daffodils. Well you know now she's my love, she's my hopes and needs, she's an open prairie fence, I ain't nothing but a tumbleweed. I think I'm gonna catch my star, I think I'm gonna play my part, I think I'm gonna walk those hills, find her bunches of daffodils.

Who Found Who

I never stood out in a crowd unless I was doing something wrong

Whichever way the wind blew, it used to carry me along

Running from a past I didn't understand

Living in the moment, and never had a plan

So did you find me or did I find you?

Seems like only yesterday I had them lonesome blues

So did you find me or did I find you?

I guess we'll never know baby who found who.

You said he broke your heart, he ripped and tore it apart

Well that's the way it goes, why I don't know

But I've been hurt the same way, more than I care to say

So let's make heartache a thing of yesterday

Chorus

Love is like a big train rolling down the tracks

Once you're on, you're on, there's no going back

Chugging over the mountains, roaring over the plains

Make it to the river and do it all again

Slipping Away

I dream on the Moon that I find you one day, but the time keeps on slipping, slipping away. I've learned to survive, yes I'm doing fine, I may not ever find you but you're still mine. When you gaze on an open sky, feel that longing deep inside, it's just me in your heart tugging on those strings. I'm still hoping to find you, you're my everything. I get up every morning, go to work each day, remember to smile when things don't go my way. Pray for the ones caught up in their schemes and hope that I find you tonight in my dreams. When you gaze on an open sky, feel that longing deep inside, it's just me in your heart tugging on those strings. I'm still hoping to find you, you're my everything. The fences are mended, the wood's been stacked high, the geese have come calling, there's snow in the sky. I dream on the Moon that I find you one day and the time keeps on slipping, slipping away.

Waterman

A freighter steams for port up in Baltimore
There's whitecaps cresting on a northwest swell
The Sun fades to orange along the shore
And a workboat heads for home, ain't got a thing to sell
Well his family's taking turns looking out the window
When he pulls his truck on in the driveway
The kids come out to help and she yells hello
He yells back hi, grabs a kid, says "hey what you know?"
 Something deep inside's got a hold on him
 Something no one's going to take away
 Something you might never come to understand
 He's a Chesapeake waterman.
Remembers when he nearly lost all hope last winter
He thought he'd finally gone and lost his way
The oyster crop was worse than anybody could remember
Working long cold days for break even pay
You can lose all hope but what you'll learn
Is that faith will come bring hope home again
Springtime comes and old friends return
Ospreys to the shoal pole and crab pots to mend.

 Still every now and then he'll say it again, gonna give it up for good
 She just smiles, kind of looks away 'cause she knows he couldn't, even if he could.

Well the morning time came and the wind backed off
Came blowing nice and warm up from the South
Tugged on a line and the engine kind of coughed
In the early morning light he worked the river mouth.

Feather River Canyon

High up on the ridge top over Feather River Canyon
Wild hearts and dirt roads, blue skies to horizon
Mountain rainbows waiting in the valley below
And the wind is playing the prettiest song I know
 Caught between a smile and a tear
 There's no room up here for fear
 Just Mother Earth and Father Sun
 High above Feather River Canyon
There'll be stories told back at home tonight
Dusting off memories by the firelight
Talking about the big ones that didn't get away
Still wearing all the dust from the roads along the way

Cadillac

See the Earth slowly turn, night time fades, fire burns, sunrise through the dogwood blooms, April, May soon
turn to June. So tell me why you go so fast when even light comes from the past? Come and smell the
blossom's love, listen to the morning dove. Love is like the candlelight in the windows we pass in the night,
Love is like this old Cadillac, so drive through the night time and baby don't look back. Come and sit by me
awhile, let me see your sweet, sweet smile, Summer days will soon be gone, Autumn leaves all swirling
'round. When it's Christmas time come say hello, we'll listen to the falling snow. Stars parade from East to
West, try and find the one that you love best. Love is like the candlelight in the windows we pass in the night,
Love is like this old Cadillac, so drive through the night time and baby don't look back.

Maybe Forever

Sun's coming up, I'm driving in to work, got my radio on. I can still smell your perfume, I kept the same shirt on. Sleepy eyed and lion hearted, it's going to be a good day, if I could only see your eyes, I hope you feel the same way. You say we're on a journey, of one kind or another, so can I walk with you awhile? Maybe forever, maybe forever. Should I call or should I wait? And what would I say? Something sweet, maybe something nice ... how ya' doing today? I can't believe that you kissed me first standing 'neath the porchlight. All I know is what I can't say ... I fell in love last night. You say we're on a journey, of one kind or another, so can I walk with you awhile? Maybe forever, maybe forever. Nine to five and the boss wants more, Lord there's never enough time, but I can feel something new deep in this heart of mine. Lovers will and others won't, I want to see you again. There's the Moon in a daytime sky, and it's smiling like an old friend. You say we're on a journey, of one kind or another, so can I walk with you awhile? Maybe forever, maybe forever.

Cross the River Home

Smiling Moon, I'll see you soon, cross the river home,
Oh Susanna, don't you cry, no more nights alone,
That big ol' hawk is keeping watch high up in his tree,
What it was is what it is, deep inside of me.
 Hold on, Love will light the way,
 Hold on, there's no better way,
 Sure as the Moon is shining above,
 Oh Susanna, this boy's in love.
Stop along the river bank, find a shiny stone,
To see you smile 'cause when you smile, I feel less alone.
That big 'ol hawk flew from his tree to get a look at me,
I feel just like this river, running wild and free.

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