

## **Eileen Afternoon**

The haze lasted all day  
It started in the morning when the buildings got warmer  
And by the early evening everywhere was shining and golden  
The haze lasted all summer  
It made us feel like everyone was in a dream together  
A million pictures on 2 million retinas in a thousand shades of yellow  
When the water ran out and the ice cream melted  
We lay down and stared as planes sliced the sky  
Into a thousand parallelograms  
From one horizon to the other

In the end we lost focus  
Eileen afternoon forgot to hold us in her gaze  
In the field I cut my losses, I took my shoes off, I gave myself to forces  
while seconds lasted hours and moments stretched themselves out into days

The haze lasted all through the afternoon  
It was there by the monkey cage and there up on the hill  
And there above the seldom-used tennis court by the tree line  
We tried to cut a frisbee through it  
It slowed down so much it almost stopped  
Suspended animation in a second hand sunbeam  
The sky was like a lake and the air was like treacle  
We couldn't smell the fumes of the burning plastic bags  
We were fuelled by its beauty and lulled by the colours of its loneliness

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while moments stretched themselves out into days

I split my lip it tasted sweet  
I caught my hip, I burned my feet  
I fell over and I grazed my knees  
I cut myself, I didn't see blood  
I looked down and found a shard of broken sunlight just lying there amongst the weeds

## **The Deep End**

I was dreaming of drowning  
Going down in the deep end  
And the feeling was like dancing  
I was gone gone gone I was gone

Oh yeah I was laughing  
Oh yeah my lungs could fold  
Oh yeah I could stop running  
Thought I'd be running till I was old

It was sunny and my breath felt like glue

It was funny, but there was nothing left to do  
And honey it's a long afternoon  
There's no hurry  
Although it will be gone so soon, gone so soon

Oh yeah I was smiling  
As the water filled my lungs  
Oh yeah I could stop running  
I have been running since I was young

### **Road to Ruin**

I'm gonna tell your mother what I found you doing  
Cos I don't want my friends going down the road to ruin  
It's not that I would rather be the one to betray  
If you live without a father there are certain costs  
you're gonna have to pay

You went to school and you came back different  
You went to camp and you came back different  
You went to college and you came back different  
I tried my best to stay the same

I'm gonna tell your brother and he can tell your dad  
Cos I don't wanna cop the blame if things ever go bad  
Live without a calling, live without a care  
You can live without remembering but there are certain costs  
you're gonna have to bear

You got a job and you came home different  
You started smoking and it made you different  
You got a girlfriend and you became different  
I tried my best to stay the same

You changed looks, you looked a bit different  
You read books about being different  
You went to parties and you came home  
Alone, you felt so different

I tried my best to stay the same  
I called you up, you sounded different  
Said you were into something different  
music had changed, no one listened  
no one listened like you thought that they should  
no one listened like you thought that they should  
nobody listened like you thought that they should listen  
nobody listened like you thought that they should

### **Remove the Arrow**

I don't believe that you would love someone  
As much as you used to love me

I'm afraid  
I know your heart has grown cold  
But I was the one, I was the one  
I'm afraid  
I know we're older now  
But I was the one, I was the one  
I'm afraid  
For all who followed through your revolving door  
They all would have seen my picture on your wall  
I'm afraid  
Lie awake feeling doomed  
Light it enters through the wound  
Leave it there, bittersweet  
What's seeking me is what I seek  
Have I removed the arrow?  
For all who followed through your revolving door  
They all would have seen my picture on your wall  
I'm afraid, I'm afraid, I'm afraid, I'm afraid  
I'm afraid you are a part of me forever  
I know we're older now  
But I was the one

### **Everybody's damaged**

Everybody's damaged it's not their fault  
How did you manage to weather the assault?  
You learned the language  
Look how hard you fought  
Still you're too tangled up  
In everything that you've been taught  
To make it through unscathed  
And roads are never paved

Everybody's damaged, everybody's caught

Everybody's calling  
getting left on hold  
Scared of falling  
Out of the fold  
Not finding a way  
Lost in the melee  
Everybody's calling  
Everybody's cold  
Still you're caught in  
Everything that you've ever been told  
Everything that you've ever been told

Not finding a way  
Lost in the melee  
Better start to tighten up the tourniquet  
Better leave a light on  
Better learn to pray

Everybody's frightened at what they've thought  
Everybody's damaged  
It's not their fault  
It's not their fault

### **Like Buildings Collapsing**

It could have been anyone  
We got together right away  
Young love ain't selective  
Still you don't get a say

If you're on the rebound  
It's gonna come crashing  
You're gonna get needy  
For a promise of protection and perhaps some passion

We knew not what was coming nor were we expecting  
To be innocent victims in need of protecting  
The collateral damage crossed over boundaries  
It broke out of neighbourhoods and broke into families

We had the advantage, we could have controlled it  
We just stood there watching as the chaos unfolded  
Like buildings collapsing into the ocean  
Like cars crashing in slow motion

We watched it unfolding, we saw all the danger  
We look down and we're holding the hand of a stranger  
It could have been anyone

### **Party Girls**

Hanging round with bands is gonna spell trouble if you like to party  
You spent your best years living in a bubble, trying to be arty

Party girls and party boys, some just didn't grow up right  
You spent you twenties making a noise  
And trying to stay upright

When you came to on the waiting room floor you felt cool and deep  
Making up for years that you weren't there for didn't come so cheap

Playing Pink Floyd at the post gig drinks  
Nailing down a session  
Don't give a shit what the indie kids think  
They need a rock n roll lesson  
And we know they're gonna get one

Party girls and party boys  
Just didn't grow up right  
You spent your twenties trying to stay upright

But it kinda felt alright  
You just wanted a whole night  
Just to prove you were fighting  
Prove you were fighting the good fight

### **Young Love**

I am not the author of the story of your fate  
I am just an actor  
I only exist for this twist in the tale requires a dispatcher

The audience wants sadness and suspense  
So let the drama now commence  
The ending's never gonna make sense

Cos young love don't know logic  
Young love don't know reason  
Young love's halfway out the door before the end of the season

Young love's never gonna follow rules  
It just wants to get shot of them  
Young love knows all the ways to hurt you  
God it's got a lot of them

Young Love, young love

It wasn't by my pen but I knew the scene would end with my finger on the trigger  
In opposing roles we were both brought here by a power somewhat bigger

We both know I'm here to pull it  
It's a real gun and real bullets  
One has got your name on it

Young love isn't discerning  
Young love doesn't care who'll get hurt  
Haven't you noticed the bloodstain  
Spreading 'cross the front of your shirt?

Young love's gone in the morning  
Young love don't have no luggage  
Still you ignored all the warnings and your heart got treated like rubbish

Young love's never gonna wait around  
Young love's kinda impatient  
Trying too hard is dangerous like becoming complacent

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Young love don't know reason  
Young love's halfway out the door before the end of the season

Young Love, young love

## **Wish You Didn't Go Straight**

You don't have to make excuses  
There ain't nothing to explain  
You don't have to tell me the whole story again  
So you started to stop fighting  
You can only fight so long  
It was no secret that things had started to go pretty badly wrong

I was carefully deconstructing what I didn't understand  
You started feeling lighter with no one to hold your hand

I heard you sold your skateboard  
And I heard you got some new friends  
I always miss the clues that say that stuff's about to end

And I heard that you left early  
Gotta get to bed on time  
I heard you cut your ties with the scene  
I heard you cut your ties with crime

Buttoning your buttons to cover your tattoos  
I wish you didn't get frightened and have to choose

And I wish you didn't hit the wall so hard  
You can only choose your fate  
I wish you'd stopped to wait  
And I wish you didn't take it all so hard  
I wish you never went straight  
I wish you never went straight

## **Wires**

We made a million miles of wires  
We stayed up all night tending the fires  
We wrote a billion books just to inspire us  
We made the sky the stars and the seasons  
Come down with dark malevolent reasons  
Wrapped up in stories that terrified us

We burned the mountains, we melted stone  
We wrote our names in the sand, made the desert our own  
We summoned the storm, we harnessed the lightning  
We broke everything more broke than it had ever been  
Then we built it up again in new ways both wonderful and frightening

We stripped the flesh from each other's corpses  
We crushed skulls for a lot of good causes  
We rode through fields of blood on our enemies' horses  
We made their river beds into our drains  
We came and blew out their brains  
Witness our guns witness our crosses

Bow to our temples they're our cages  
We stayed up all night rewriting the pages  
We raised our face towards the light  
We've been waiting for ages  
We turned our backs on the past  
We ended up lashed to the mast  
Waiting for saviours to come and save us  
Feels like we're fresh out of favours

And from the hospital into the grave  
We turned each other into slaves  
Now with advertising and with buying  
We formed formidable forces  
We stayed up all night writing the clauses  
To justify all the killing and all the lying  
And to sign off on the cinema tie-in

We got electrical, it felt magical  
We tried a lot of things to help us to forget  
We developed chemicals we felt blessed  
We put every molecule under house arrest  
We got up and we got dressed, we felt depressed  
We got up and we got dressed

### **Forever New**

You wanna go surfing, I just wanna stay here on the sand  
Got a warm cup of coke and about a dollar and twenty five cents in my hand  
I can't afford to pretend any more  
I just wish I'd gotten some kinda reason not to feel I'd be so easily forgotten  
And I don't want to keep this going for ever

Down the beach I felt the warm tug of the sea on my arm  
And all the bits of sand flying through the air just want to blast me clean  
Daytime's yours but the night belongs to me  
I've got this space inside I don't want you to see  
But somehow I still end up feeling sadder than I feel I should be feeling  
And I don't want to keep this going for ever

Past cold, I don't care any more  
I feel like you should be more disappointed  
The oblivion closes down around me like a cocoon  
And I don't want to keep this going for ever

It's not good for me or you  
I don't want to keep this going for ever