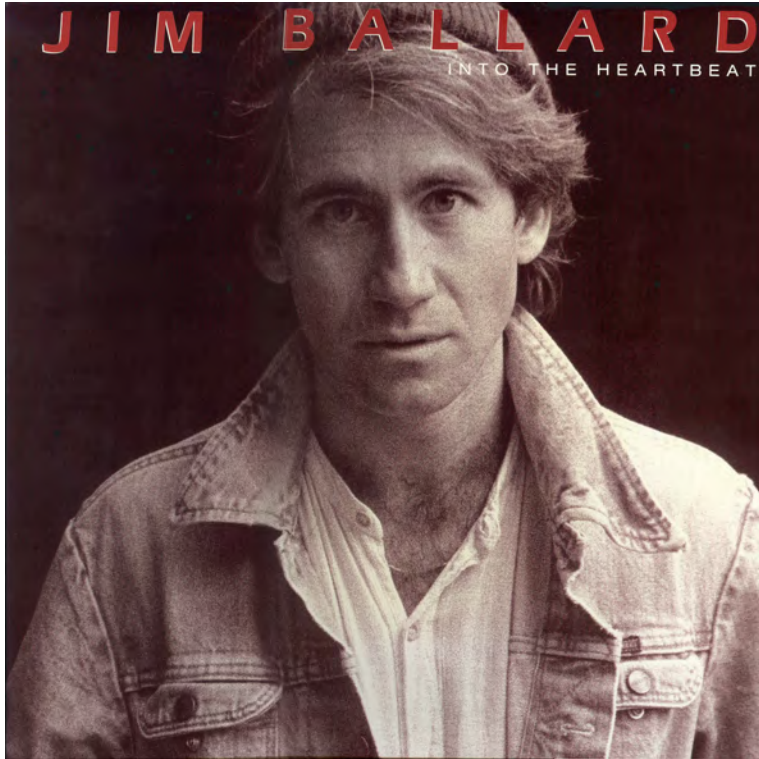


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Into The Heartbeat

I can hear the choirboys singin sad out on the block
Where they're pitchin dimes keepin time with the hands on a broken downtown clock
But i never see their faces in the glow of the marquee light
Til i step into the heartbeat of the city night

Hand on my heater in my blue two seater breakin through that fifty five
Gonna cruise every lot with everything i've got when i see you i'm gonna come alive
Now its a whirlwind tour its a bust for sure
We gonna cruise the sites
Gonna drive into the heartbeat of the city night

'Cause in the heartbeat of the city night
In the eye of the storm we're gonna be alright
Gonna go for it all out on the edge of the night
But when you hit the inside lane
Rushin' through your veins
Is the poundin of the heartbeat of the city night

Black girl white girl lamp post ladies such desire in their eyes
Two by two the perfumed virgin queens in drag disguise
Call out to the young boys open shirts and jeans so tight
To come into the heartbeat of the city night

'Cause in the heartbeat of the city night
In the eye of the storm we're gonna be alright
Gonna go for it all out on the edge of the night
But when you hit the inside lane
Rushin' through your veins
Is the poundin of the heartbeat of the city night

So put your ear to the heated blacktop lane
Like an outlaw listening for a poundin train
There's a passion poundin in my veins tonight
You can hear this city breathin in breathin out
In every sound from the street you can hear it shout
Gonna hit the wall take it all wanna break out tonight

Now the choirboys are fast asleep doorway dreams to fill their heads
The drunken angels settle in for the night twisted blue jeans for a bed
Their engines cold and quiet hold their breath til the time is right
To explode into the heartbeat of the city night

'Cause in the heartbeat of the city night
In the eye of the storm we're gonna be alright
Gonna go for it all out on the edge of the night
But when you hit the inside lane
Rushin' through your veins
Is the poundin of the heartbeat of the city night

Shot In The Dark

Jackie he's a shooter but he ain't no shark
Walkin on the high side
His bag's a ten suiter 'cause he never miss his mark
Talkin all about the free ride
Keep a lotta money In his Detroit bank
You know he never make a slop shot
Don't do good english but he always say thanks
It's easy when you're playin hot

Just a shot in the dark Just a turn of the key
Just a shot in the dark
Coulda been you or me

Steel Street Stevie put his whammy on the waitress
Down at the streetcar diner
Sayin the rap he's layin is nothin less than serious
You know that boy's sneakin up behind her
Later on that night when the city's locked up tight
And the race for the first place is over
In his middle model car beneath a street lamp star
That boy's an urban Cassanova

Just a shot in the dark Just a turn of the key
Just a shot in the dark
Coulda been you or me

The graveyard shift at the all night cafe that's the
Only life Judy's ever had
Been a lotta years since she cried her last tears and she
Walked out on her mama and her dad
Now all her friends are happy she's out in Hollywood
Soon to be a risin star (her letters say)
Studyin scenes on the silver screens from the
Front seat of her Chevrolet

Just a shot in the dark Just a turn of the key
Just a shot in the dark
Coulda been you or me

Communications Breakdown

I received your message a little too late
Somethin musta told me you wouldn't wait
I hurried in the night air I drove until dawn
I asked around everywhere but you were already gone
Already gone

It was a breakdown in communications all down the line
Breakdown in communications this time

Always meant to tell ya I wanted you the most
I thought I had your signal but I was pickin up a ghost
Now the telephone's an echo in an empty flat
I don't wanna let go but I don't know where you're at
Where you're at

It was a breakdown in communications all down the line
Breakdown in communications this time

Musta been a blizzard on the other side of town
Lightnin in the main grid All the lines are down
Wanna try the grapevine Even word of mouth
But every rumor has it you've already headed south
Headed south

It was a breakdown in communications all down the line
Breakdown in communications this time

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Partners In Crime

Up in the morning, climbin outta bed
Wrestle with the traffic jam in your head
Thinkin up ways to get around the man
Out in the city tryin to make it pay
Til the sun goes down at the end of the day
Settlin in to try and make a stand

Make a stand

Pushin me pullin me

Don't give me time

Pushin me pullin me

Partners in crime

Sell em forty hours adjust to mental block
One eye on the window one eye on the clock
Patiently markin off another day
Then you hit the sidewalk head in a cloud
Comin down to find you're just a face in the crowd
Just another actor waitin for a play

So ya say

Pushin me pullin me

Don't give me time

Pushin me pullin me

Partners in crime

Oh Oh Oh this is just a feelin I've got....

Home at five thirty disconnect the phone
Throw away the paper eat dinner alone
Usin up time just to pass the time
Just like a late night movie on the air
When the story don't take you anywhere
Grabbin at straws just to make it rhyme
Make it rhyme that's no crime

Pushin me pullin me

Don't give me time

Pushin me pullin me

Partners in crime

I Call Your Name

On the edge of town on a rainy night in a rusted out borrowed van
Staring out at the city lights a letter in my hand
You know you always said it would come to this but I just laughed in your face
Well never mind, you never miss what you never had anyway

And I call your name just like you told me I should
And I call your name but it doesn't do me any good

I've forgotten the names, I've forgotten the faces, whispered promises I made
But it all comes back when you run out of aces and your dreams begin to fade
Then time will track you down, catch you in your stride, overtake you on the run
Just when you think you got it on your side it'll show you what you never got done

And I call your name just like you told me I should
And I call your name but it doesn't do me any good

Broken and busted, drunk and disgusted, not a nickel to my name
Reasons are useless, they're only excuses and excuses all seem so lame
Now there's a card game going in the Empress Hotel I guess I'll ante up and go
What was on your mind its hard to tell I guess I'll never know

And I call your name just like you told me I should
And I call your name but it doesn't do me any good
It doesn't do me any good
It doesn't do me any good

RagTag Gypsies

The rain fell hard on the stony street soakin through my jeans soakin through my feet
But its alright its alright gonna make it home tonight
I was up in the alley when the deal went down I was talkin to Noah he was leavin town
And its alright its alright gonna make it home tonight

And the ragtag gypsies get by
Yeah the ragtag gypsies get by

I been to the city where the women are mean been out on the street where they love like machines
And its alright its alright gonna make it home tonight

I saw Jesus out walkin with Robin Hood he said there ain't no heroes in this neighborhood
And its alright its alright gonna make it home tonight

And the ragtag gypsies get by
Yeah the ragtag gypsies get by

Now Matt the Cat be your friend sometime cause he knows what its like to be scufflin for dimes
And its alright its alright gonna make it home tonight

'Cause if you do what you say and say what you do there aint nobody who can argue with you
And its alright its alright gonna make it home tonight

And the ragtag gypsies get by
Yeah the ragtag gypsies get by

So here's to all of you dreamin dreams
Sittin in school rooms comin loose at the seams
Workin a job with your eyes on the clock
Waitin for some magic ship to dock

It feels so good when you're under the lights you forget your troubles you forget your fights
And its alright its alright gonna make it home tonight
Then you sit em all down and you tell em the story how you stood all alone on the field of glory
And its alright its alright gonna make it home tonight

'Cause the ragtag gypsies get by
Yeah the ragtag gypsies get by

So i found myself somewhere in hollywood they were talkin in tongues like i knew they would
And its alright its alright gonna make it home tonight

And the ragtag gypsies get by
Yeah the ragtag gypsies get by

Borrowed Time

They towed my car late last night from the River street lot
The cops say I can get it back alright but it'll take all the jack i got
Well what's the use in cryin' it ain't quite livin but it ain't like dyin
Oh oh

I called your number all night long from a one armed telephone
You didn't answer maybe i got it wrong but i ended up walkin home
Well what's the use in cryin' it ain't quite livin but it ain't like dyin
Oh oh
Oh oh

I'm livin on borrowed time
I got to have ya but ya just ain't mine
I'm livin I'm livin on borrowed time
Love's in decline
Keeps me behind
This borrowed time

I saw you on the avenue you had not changed that much
But I wouldn't know what to say to you you were always in such a rush
Well hell what's the use in cryin' it ain't quite livin but it ain't like dyin
Oh Oh

I'm livin on borrowed time
I got to have ya but ya just ain't mine
I'm livin I'm livin on borrowed time
Love's in decline
Keeps me behind
This borrowed time

Too Many Mornings

Warm days in the summer
Hot sun on your skin
Cool nights with a lover
If I live a thousand years I couldn't shed another tear
I just wanted you to hear me tell you

Lovers come and lovers go
It don't seem to matter what you do
Mornings come and mornings go
Been too many mornings without you

Day break like a thunder
Night dreams disappear
Leavin me here to wonder
Was it somethin that I said on the street or on your bed
Did you want someone instead of me now

Lovers come and lovers go
It don't seem to matter what you do
Mornings come and mornings go
Been too many mornings without you

Step out of your silence
Open up your heart to me
Sail back from your island
Say whatever's on your mind did I treat you so unkind
You got me feelin like a blind man fallin

Lovers come and lovers go
It don't seem to matter what you do
Mornings come and mornings go
Been too many mornings without you
Been too many mornings without you
Been too many mornings without you

Midnight On Main Street

On the rainsoaked ransacked hard packed street
Where the steamin stone sidewalk pounds hard against your feet
The words of love lie forever in concrete
A thousand different sounds all make one drivin beat

In the oil can blackness in the neon glare
The buses crawl by leavin diesel in the air
The ladies on the corner make you stop and stare
Its alright its alright its alright there
Its

Midnight on main street
Gotta sing it right gotta play it sweet
Midnight on main street
Midnight

The king's cruisin losin everything on four wheels
The joker is a smoker the queen isn't real
The jack and his smack says he's ready to deal
While the sidewalk saviour gonna help you to heal

Whisky Dick the fat man is glad to take your bet
You can get rich quick but you ain't rich yet
A handful of wishes boy is all that you get
When you're clean outta jack he won't let you forget
'Cause its

Midnight on main street
Gotta sing it right gotta play it sweet
Midnight on main street
Midnight

The vacant lot ladies in the back room bars
Cling to the tails of the sidewalk stars
Saxophone sounds on the car radio
And the dragsters wait for the green light go
They explode in the night like a magnum forty five
Gotta move fast if you wanna survive

Sally's in the alley and she's dressed for killin
Lookin for young Johnny who's ready and willin
He's leavin in the mornin goin back to oil drillin
But tonight he's breakin all the hearts just like a movie villain

The chubby kid walks with a pistol on his hip
He knows where its at but he don't let it slip
Gettin lost in crowded streets on the concrete strip
Til the dawn breaks water like the prow of a ship

Midnight on main street
Gotta sing it right gotta play it sweet
Midnight on main street
Midnight

Rollin' With The Punches

I saw your picture yesterday the headline said you're doin ok
Rollin with the punches stayin alive
But it ain't been so long since you been down scufflin in the alleys on the backside o town
Rollin with the punches you'll survive
But ya left it all now and ya don't look back hid your trail well ya covered your tracks
Rollin with the punches doin fine
Ah but I know better 'cause I knew ya when ya never broke 'cause ya knew how to bend
Rollin with the punches down the line
I remember when you were still in school you never let on you were nobody's fool
Rollin with the punches in your own time
You gambled low and ya gambled high beat all the odds and by 'n by
Rollin with the punches down the line
So now you got yer smoke and you got yer coke and yer english cars and that ain't no joke
Rollin with the punches it never ends
And your friends surround you with pretty lies such a shame such a shame such a thin disguise
Rollin with the punches such good friends
Good good friends

I hear your name in every conversation
It ain't no secret it ain't anything new
But when the time comes down
And you're out on the street
Don't say you knew me
I won't say I knew you

Yes and everybody's got a story to tell I told all mine and I told em well
Rollin with the punches layin bets
Some people say its a beggar's lot to sing and play but that's all I got
Rollin with the punches no regrets
Some play for pleasure and some play for pain and some just play with nothin' to gain
Rollin with the punches payin the toll
Ah but the search for love will never end it just goes on and on and on my friend
Rollin with the punches learn to roll
Learn to roll

Joni Joni

You were comin from some strange affairs when I

Found you on the hotel stairs you were

Waitin out the rain and scared of

Everything

I saw you needed my protection

Took you in gave you my affection

Even witnessed to your resurrection

Happening

Oh Joni Joni how can it be that you loved all them bad boys but you never loved me

My my my I think I see

All those years I spent in tryin

Holdin you when you were cryin

Even when I knew that you were lyin

Yes I knew

Ah but when you found your love had faded

Just like a movie scene you played it

And actor on the screen you made it

Seem so true

Oh Joni Joni how can it be that you loved all them bad boys but you never loved me

My my my I think I see

Now I see you movin down the line bettin on the race

Where the buses run on time and disappear without a trace

And the only thing that's left behind are the lines on your face

Never mind never mind never mind

You're runnin in place Just runnin in place

I hear you're on the street again

You're all dressed up in the falling rain

Sayin nothin's lost and nothin's gained

And nothin's real

So I'll be leavin town with mixed emotions

Girl you've earned my undying devotion

With your velvet voice and your cool commotion

Hard to feel

Oh Joni Joni how can it be that you loved all them bad boys but you never loved me

My my my I think I see