

# Speed Demons

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## Speed Demons

The air is heavy ain't no breeze tonight crowd o' young  
boyz gathered by the street lamp light  
in the atmosphere you could cut with a knife somebody  
gonna hear about the street lamp life

Everything's quiet on the east side front 'cept for  
Jacknife Lenny and his paradise punks  
talkin bout skippin out them night school classes catch a  
cross town ride kick some rich boyz asses

Speed Demons on a one way street  
Sucked in by the light burned up by the heat  
Where muscle and blood is all the promise you get  
Some make it through and some are caught in the net  
In the naked night in the final toll  
You can give up the fight or you can give up your soul  
Swallowed up by the night

One child thinkin was i born to this? to survive  
among the dead end streets to never know the kiss  
of the well off widows of the debutantes growin  
fat and contented in their restaruants

Somewhere in the sidestep of a tire iron dance  
Is this some kinda joke or this some kinda romance  
Hard lessons learned early never wanna die that a  
young man surely ain't supposed to cry

The flower girls on the promenade  
The shoe shine boys with their razor blades  
With every kind of dream that won't be stilled tonight  
Risin from the ruins of another rigged fight  
Stormin the beaches of this conquered land  
In every heart that's diggin in to make a stand  
Swallowed up by the night

I know the lessons that they tell ya in the school make it  
make it sound so sweet  
But the pavement never learned the golden rule you got to  
stay on your own feet or be  
swallowed up by the night

## Every Face You See

Everywhere you look you'll see my face  
Everywhere you go i'll be  
You won't have to search to find a trace  
You won't have to look to see

When you're out along the street chasin memories  
I'll be in everyone you meet in every face you see

Every time you cry I'll be the tears  
Every tear you shed is me  
If you live another thousand years  
You will never get over me

When the nights are gettin long  
Reach out for me  
I'll be the voice in every song  
In every face you see

I want you to know  
How I need you so

When you're weary feelin cold it ain't no mystery  
I'll be in everyone you hold in every face you see

## The Black Wall

I had a dream the other night and i can't get it outta my mind  
Its like something just ain't quite right like something left behind  
I was standin in my childhood and my father held me in his arms  
It was the last time i remember feelin safe and warm

As i grew into a young man there were friends and loves by the score  
Some are gone and some remain some i'll never see no more  
And the world was there for the takin i was sure to take it all  
I spit and rubbed my hands together started climbin the black wall

There was a fire in my belly and a tremblin in my hand  
Its the kind that only those who've climbed the black wall understand  
The night was clear the stars were bright and the moon moved slowly 'cross the sky  
I never dreamt that by the dawn's first light part of this young man would die

Then my eyes my eyes were open and the dream had come to an end  
Standin round my bed my mother my father and all my friends  
Welcome home they said, welcome home as if i'd never left them at all  
And when i turned to look behind me in the distance was the black wall

Like the whisky in the water like the water in the wine  
It seems there always is the balance of what's to come and what's behind  
So come on boys and lay your money on the table bet it well  
'Cause there ain't no saints in heaven who've never walked through hell

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## Huntin' For A Heartache

I saw you walkin just the other day  
You saw me too but you had nothin to say  
Wanted to stop you but it ain't my way  
I'd never let it show

But in the mornin when you're not there  
The room seems twice as big and twice as bare  
I tried to buy it but it just ain't fair  
I got to let you know

I wasn't huntin' for a heartache  
I wasn't bettin on a bad break  
You know I've taken all that I can take  
I wasn't huntin' for a heartache heartache heartache

My my my my my my baby

I ain't a wealthy man I ain't a king  
I ain't the owner of anything  
'cept for this guitar and these songs I sing  
I don't need nothin' more  
But you know I'd buy the moon for you  
Shine and shine the whole night thru  
Do anything you want me to  
To see you face at my door

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I wasn't bettin on a bad break  
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## Don't Take No

In a factory town  
Weekend nights  
The feel of somethin goin down

Rusty car doors slam  
Headlights on asphalt shinin  
Radios jam

Lookin for the light lookin for the why  
Feelin like a punchline to a lie  
That's been whispered for too long

You don't take no you don't take no for an answer  
You don't take no you don't take no for an answer

All down the neighborhood  
Writins on the wall  
Frustration's understood

Below a smokestack sky  
The sound of voices risin  
Sleepin dogs don't lie

Somethin in your heart pushin through your veins  
Makes you make a start makes you throw the chains  
That have kept your dreams their prisoner

You don't take no you don't take no for an answer  
You don't take no you don't take no for an answer  
That ain't no answer

Under your feet in these abandoned streets  
These empty shells..... their silent bells....follow you down...

Tell me who are these ones  
Who bled you white  
Who now are safe in the sun  
Who bought your father's pain  
His father's toil and left you the rust and the rain

These streets can fight back from the grave  
Finished? Oh not quite...too much to save  
Before you give up the ghost and say  
No

You don't take no you don't take no for an answer  
You don't take no you don't take no for an answer

## No Promises

Hey hey come and sit at my table  
I'll let ya buy me a drink sit here right by my side  
Talk to me i'll tell ya stories and fables  
You can take all night if ya wanna decide

No promises no no promises  
Once you get me goin i'm a hurricane blowin  
No promises no no promises  
Take my word  
Take my word  
Trust me trust me trust me its as good as gold

Maybe we could get it together  
If the night is right and you're runnin high  
Baby run back to your mother  
Won't get no love if ya never try

No promises no no promises  
Once you get me goin i'm a hurricane blowin  
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Take my word

## Walkin' In Our Sleep

I remember in the month of may how you took me home you had your  
way

It was rainin and the neon lights were flashin  
We would listen to the radio in the dead of night in the room  
below

Never realized how the time was passin

Feel like just a minute  
Like a dream we weren't meant to keep  
Were we really in it  
Were we just walkin in our sleep?

Everybody wanna be my friend they hold me up they all  
pretend  
Try to make me believe this is temporary  
They don't know everything they do just keep me more away from  
you  
Makin my confinement solitary

Musta got lazy  
Then fell off countin the sheep  
All seems so hazy  
Were we just walkin in our sleep?

Empty room at the top of the stair empty hallway empty  
chair  
Empty place at the kitchen table  
Took the phone out yesterday i never ever use it any...  
anyway  
Wanted to call but i was unable

What coulda happened  
To lose a love so deep?  
Our eyes were open  
Were we just walkin in our sleep?



## She's Alright

She got lots of charm she got lots of toys  
She don't do no harm she tease the little boys  
She don't spend no time on the telephone  
She don't seem to mind she like to work alone  
She's alright She's alright  
In her girls girls world she'll be mine tonight  
Why not take it all babe, she's alright

She still keep me guessin at her history  
After all this time she's still a mystery  
She don't pull no punches she don't take no chance  
She don't play no hunches when she make romance  
She's alright She's alright  
In her girls girls world she'll be mine tonight  
Why not take it all babe, she's alright

She come lightly dancin she come all the way  
Hand upon her hip she knows just what to say  
Holds you in her arms yeah you know nothin's wrong  
She just want to rock and roll you all night long  
She's alright She's alright  
In her girls girls world she'll be mine tonight  
Why not take it all babe, she's alright

## Le Mercenaire

I pitched my tent with Joshua's army when the sun stood still

I rode in with the chosen ones on the plain of Jezreel

And the battle's final noise was the dying drummer boys

pounding the snare

Mercenaire Mercenaire Mercenaire

Everywhere

Scorched the earth beneath the hooves of Sherman's cavalry

Spilled the blood of my own blood in a ride to the sea

I hunted long in the Black Hills for Geronimo

From Standing Rock to Wounded Knee down to Mexico

Then in one quick glimpse of hell you can see what i have to sell as

the smoke clears the air

Mercenaire Mercenaire Mercenaire

Everywhere

I rode in at Balaklava i lie in Flanders Field

I live by the clash of the armies and the cold blue steel

From Wall Street to Lebanon i'm the face behind the bombs

bursting in air

Mercenaire Mercenaire Mercenaire

Everywhere

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Everywhere

## Young Love

Nancy was the queen of the senior class    Roger was the quarterback, knew how to pass  
They found each other  
Nancy she was daddy's girl never second best    Only took the stars she threw away the rest  
Didn't want no other  
In a red impala chevrolet she gave it all away

Young Love    Always the last to know  
Young Love    So hard to let it go  
Time don't wait for no young love

Eddy was the quiet one just another face    Lost among the crowd never seemed to have a place  
Always the lonely one  
He knew he wanted her with a burnin passion    Never knew the right words he wasn't in fashion  
Seem like the only one  
Keepin it all so deep inside just can't seem to hide

Young Love    Always the last to know  
Young Love    So hard to let it go  
Time don't wait for no young love

Years go by and all the faces change  
Lives rearrange  
You might get lucky you might get another chance at some romance  
And everything that looked so good  
Didn't turn out like you thought it would  
Like the high school cliques and their beautiful tricks  
That you never never understood

Been five years since the books were closed    Been a lotta tears that's the way it goes  
Nancy she came alone  
Roger at the corner bar drinkin to the past    All the glorie's gone slipped away so fast  
He knows what's done is done  
She said 'I think I know you, it's your eyes' But he don't recognize....

Young Love    Always the last to know  
Young Love    So hard to let it go  
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## Is The Watchman Sleeping

Slow motion white searchlight  
Voices laughin in silhouette  
They don't sound too urgent  
Surely haven't found me missin yet

And i wonder  
can i make it?  
Before they swing the guns around  
Will the dogs chase  
overtake me?  
Drag me screamin to the ground  
to the ground

Is the watchman sleeping  
Noddin off at his station  
Is the watchman sleeping  
Becoming my salvation

I hear jackboots comin closer  
Every step crackles on the brittle snow  
I try to stop shivering  
Hold my breath keep my head down low

And i'm thinkin about my mother  
Thinkin i can break into a run  
I don't know no other  
way  
Can't live another day  
under the gun  
Under the gun

Is the watchman sleeping  
Dreamin 'bout his kids and wife  
Is the watchman sleeping  
givin me back my life  
my life

## Just A Breath Away

In the rain at the corner of arlington and waterloo  
I turned myself around and made myself go back to you  
Just a little more time don't move so fast  
We could have something to last forever

Its just a breath yeah its just a breath away  
Don't let it be the death 'cause of somethin that we didn't say  
Its just a breath yeah its just a breath away  
Just a breath away

All this playin for time it seems like the grownup thing to do  
You move your pawn and i move my king til the game it through  
Ah but what about love does it take a back seat?  
Do we just let it fall and lie at our feet forever and ever?

Its just a breath yeah its just a breath away  
Its such a shame so many times we came to say  
Its just a breath yeah its just a breath away  
Just a breath away

Well i saw you at the station just the other day  
Your moment's hesitation made me wanna say  
All the things i shoulda when i had the chance  
Coulda saved a fine romance that never was just because

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## Night Time For Jacob

He stood by the street lamp and lit up a smoke by the San Angelina hotel. Laughed like a fool at some word out old joke in a voice that rang clear as a bell. His black and white stubble almost covered his chin. His gray overcoat was too long. Like a land-locked pirate three sheets to the wind, he'd stand up and sing you his song. He'd stand up and sing you his song.

*Its night time for Jacob. Out in the cold Spanish rain. Its night time for Jacob.  
If Jacob was his name.*

He'd tell you stories of scufflin' days when he lived by the skin of his teeth. The nights were like honey and the women like spice and his own next of kin was the sea. Now the back streets are just like a family he said. His country was red Spanish wine. His home any place he could lie down his head, his occupation is stallin' for time. His occupation is stallin' for time.

*Its night time for Jacob. Out in the cold Spanish rain. Its night time for Jacob.  
If Jacob was his name.*

Now the music's playin' loud down the alleys in town. The women are all out on the street. The sailors are in doin' one last round, lookin' buy somethin' sweet. The San Angelina has burned to the ground after standin' for all of those years. I heard that he caught him a freighter outbound and he's livin' in jail in Algiers. Yeah, he's sleepin' in jail in Algiers.

*Its night time for Jacob. Out in the cold Spanish rain. Its night time for Jacob.  
If Jacob was his name.*

So here's a song for you sad eyed sailors who's ships can't find the sea. And a song for you down in jailers who've thrown away the key. And a song for you sea-dogs all washed up ashore and stranded so suddenly. And one for all you fighters forced to live upon your knees. Forced to live down on your knees.

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