

The Voice

Standing here, Fighting with my fears
Wanting to hear her voice, Calling Me.

It's the voice that left me no choice,
It's the memory that killed me today.
Living in the desert of my mind, Passing time
Wanting to hear your voice again.

Going deaf in a world of silence
Where there is no more violence.
I'd rather not call,
Instead take the fall.

In the prison of my mind
I hoped I might find you sleeping,
Instead I'm living in this cage
With forgotten rage.

It's the silence that calls to me,
It's the memory that won't let me be,
It's the voice that left me no choice
And the heartbreak that killed me.

I'm going deaf in a world of violence,
Remember the silence,
Wanting to hear your voice again.

I don't want to say 'hello.'
I'm so afraid I can't let go,
You have to know, you have to...

It's the silence that calls to me,
It's the memory that won't set me free,
It's the voice that leaves me no choice
And the heartbreak that killed me.

The rivers in my mind,
They seem to unwind.
Standing on the cliff,
Looking down into this abyss.
Is there a net below?
I don't want to let go.

It's lonely up here, Fighting with my fears
Wanting to hear your voice
Before I go.

The world turns to silence,
There is no more violence,
Only the wind in my hair
And I'm suddenly aware,
It's all just a memory
Written in someone else's history...

What It Could Be

Lawson Hancock

Why didn't you see
How good it could be,
You left me like
Some kind of refugee.

Why did you leave
You didn't believe
In what it could be
With just you and me.

What did you see
Sitting by the sea,
Did you believe
It could be me this time.

Why didn't you see
How it could be,
You left me in
The state of jealousy.

Why didn't you stay
Instead of walking away,
Didn't you see
What it could be.

Why didn't you see
I didn't want to be free,
Why did it have to be
Some kind of mutiny,
Did it need to be
A change in geography.

Why didn't you see
How good it could be,
We didn't have to be
Held down by the force of
gravity.

What did I say
That made you walk away,
What could it be,
Was it some kind of blasphemy.

Why didn't you see
How good it could be,
Our promise lost
On a piece of jewelry.



Do You Still Dream of Pennsylvania

Lyrics by Lawson Hancock/Music by Steve Smith & Lawson Hancock

Do you still dream of Pennsylvania
And the life you left behind,
And when you dream of Pennsylvania
Do you ever think of me?
So many loves left behind
Can't open closed doors now.

Do you still dream of Pennsylvania
Endless mountains & streams,
Was life really as simple as it seemed
Or is it just a memory
Lost on this dream.



Do you still dream,
Do you still dream...

Do you still dream of Pennsylvania
And the life you left behind,
And when you think of Pennsylvania
Do you ever dream of me?
So many loves left behind
Can't open closed doors now.

Do you still dream...

*These were poems written during the recording sessions for
"After the Fall."*

Bits

What did these bits ever mean,
Just empty lines on my screen,
Wanting to say goodbye
Not knowing how or why,
I need to wave a digital sigh
Of delete,
Admitting defeat.

Virtual spaces, phosphorous traces
Of messages that once meant everything
And now are just dim memories,
Shadowy pieces of our history.

All I have are these bits of you,
Tiny dots of things you said
That mean nothing today,
Why won't I blow them all away?

Vapor Trails

Vapor trails in the open air
Heading North, Northwest as the Sun sets,
"Mommy are we there yet,
When will we be there."
Soon, soon enough,
In God's arms we trust,
A sudden case of wanderlust
That ends in ashes and dust.

*Written after the Alaska Airlines plane crash -
2/20/2000.*



Dead at 32

Lyrics by Lawson Hancock/Music by Armond Blackwater

Dead at 32
Does it mean a thing to you,
I am dead at 32
Cause they took me away from you,
Being dead at 32
Doesn't mean I don't love you,
Dead at 32
When I wake up
I hope to be over you.

Dead at 32
It looks so easy when
I watch my friends,
But now I'm dead at 32
So much love lost on you,
Being dead at 32
Time I start anew,
Dead at 32
When I wake up
I want to be over you.

After the Fall

Lyrics by Lawson Hancock/Music by Armond Blackwater & Lawson Hancock

After the fall
Another damn wall,
After the fall
Did it mean anything at all,
After the fall
You put up a stone wall,
After the fall
You found god.

Voices down the line
Always talking in and out of time,
A message on the phone
Is there anybody home,
Are you alone? (She's not alone)
After the fall.

After the fall
Frozen in an empty hall,
After the fall
Another damn wall,
After the fall
Shadows in the hall.

The wind comes from the North
Blowing me down away,
Now here I come today
In my Southern hideaway.

After the fall
Standing in a waterfall,
After the fall
You put the same stone wall,
After the fall
No one home all but me
Lost in my misery.

When your defenses were down
The wall came up,
Why was my love not enough?

When your defenses wore down
You gave up
You were never strong enough
For our love.

And now that you've been saved
Does it wash your past away,
You finally did it the right way
After the fall...

Where was the love,
Where was your love...

Free Me

Lyrics by Lawson Hancock/Music by Kevin Fisher & Lawson Hancock

Chorus

Free Me, Release Me
You have no right to keep me.
Free Me, Release Me
This bird has to fly. (This bird must fly.)

You put me in this cage,
You denied my rage,
And then you said "don't be afraid"
When fear was my only friend
And you weren't there in the end.

You taught me not to play,
It was safer to stay
And keep me from harm,
There's no cause for alarm
Safety in mommy's arms.

There's been a feeling missing
Locked deep inside,
Because you were afraid to let go
And no one could ever know,
But I'm no longer afraid to show.

They were never good enough,
How could they compare to a saint
Caught in a state of disrepair
Trapped by her own design.

And then came the shame
And there was no one to blame,
And where was I to hide
There was no safe place to cry.



A Sad Surprise

Lyrics by Lawson Hancock/Music by Kevin Fisher & Lawson Hancock

Chorus

It's a sad surprise
In your sad, sad eyes,
A sad surprise
As we said our good-byes.

And if I was wise
Maybe I could have surmised
What was behind
Those sad, sad eyes.

And if I could hide
Those feelings of mine
You might just find
A human inside.

And if you could have trusted
The love inside of me
Maybe it didn't have to end
On such a dark day.

What were you trying to hide
Behind those sad, sad eyes,
Did you think I couldn't find
Those bits of lost time.

It's a sad surprise
In your sad, sad eyes,
A sad surprise
As we said our last good-byes.



Anxiety

Lyrics by Lawson Hancock/Music by Armond Blackwater

Anxiety, anxiety
Burning up inside of me, Anxiety
Coming up inside of me, Anxiety
Burning up inside of me.

I can't breath anymore,
Lock the door
Roll up the windows
Stop the car.

Anxiety, inside of me
Anxiety ...

Night sweats
My love has left,
But she's still there,
I'm so scared,
The fear of doom.

I can't breath anymore
Lock the door
Roll up the windows
Stop the car.

Night sweats
I'm not dead yet,
Oh night sweats
Can you feel the fear,
Night sweats
I'm not dead yet
Can you feel it coming from the inside.

On the road,
Driving down,
I feel it coming up inside of me
Anxiety,
Stop the car
Lock the doors
Turn the air up high.
Can you feel it, can you feel it
It's coming up inside of me,
Want to die.

Driving home
I'm not alone
But I hear
What's that coming near?
Anxiety.

Iceland

Lyrics by Lawson Hancock/Music by Armond Blackwater

It's cold in this room,
It's cold inside my heart,
In this space of ice
Lives a frozen heart,
Can the falling snow
Freeze my tears
And ease these fears.

How could you love me,
believe me
Then cheat me
And still say you love me, yet
leave me

In Iceland,
It's been a cold dark day.
Iceland,
Since you went away
Leaving me here in Iceland.

I feel so naked without you,
It's so cold where I go,
I can walk up this mountain we
climbed together,
But I can't ski down barren ice
Now that you froze my heart.

Iceland,
It's been a cold dark day.
Iceland,
Since you went away
Leaving me here, alone
Iceland.

You helped me grow
In ways you will never know,
You let me go
Leaving me here in Iceland.

I went around the world and I
found you,
I thought it could be true
I was wrong, so long...

Iceland,
It's been a cold dark day.
Iceland,
Why did you run away
Leaving me here in Iceland.

You left me on the trail
Stuck frozen in ice,
I can see the steam
rising from the ground
But I can't move, I can't breathe
'Cause I no longer believe.

Would you have my spirit die
Just so you could start over again,
How could you call me a friend.

Iceland,
She's a cold dark day
Iceland,
Steaming away
Iceland.

I'm so naked without you,
It's cold where I go,
I walked up the mountain
And I'm standing in the snow,
Why did you let me go,
So much left - you'll never know.

So I want to tell you
Just in case you didn't know
I loved you so
Iceland, Iceland...

Take It All Away

Lyrics by Lawson Hancock/Music by Steve Smith

Take it away,
Take it all away,
Put it in a box
Lock it in a wall
It doesn't mean anything at all.

Take it all away,
Doesn't mean anything to me,
It's only a faded memory,
Doesn't mean anything ...

Take it all away,
Take my heart today,
Stuff it in a box
Lock it in a wall
It didn't mean anything after the fall.

I threw it all away,
They say I threw it all away,
Well I didn't want to play.

Take it all away,
I gave it back today
'Cause I didn't want it anyway.

Take it all away,
They took it all away
My memories, my life,
My heart, my soul.

I had to leave it all behind
All the trappings of my own design.

128

Lyrics by Lawson Hancock/Music by James Fernquist

Chorus
128, 128
I had to leave behind a life I now hate.
128, 128
I'm gonna leave behind this life I hate.

The soul of a new machine
Is just as heartless as it seems
And it led me down this road...

Blowout on 128
What a strange twist of fate,
90, 81, 10 to 75
Trying to stay away from...

Money is the contribution,
Money is the reward,
Money is the poison,
Did we lose our soul in the noise of...

Massachusetts miracle,
Yeah it's a miracle,
It's a miracle I'm still alive...

