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One Constant Thing

When you fall I will be there to catch you
When I fall you will be there for me
We're lucky that we have one another
We're lucky that we feel so secure
In good times and bad times we're always the same
That is the one constant thing

When you speak I will be there to listen
When I speak you will listen to me
It won't even matter much what we say
We will understand anyway
In good times and bad times we're always the same
That is the one constant thing

We've come through our share of hard times
We'll go through a few more I'm sure
But we will never get so discouraged
That we forget how lucky we are
In good times and bad times we're always the same
That is the one constant thing

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Learn To Be Your Own Best Friend

When times get hard there is no other way
But to find the strength you never thought you had
If you don't believe that you're worthy of a brighter day
That will only make things twice as bad
You have to learn to be your own best friend
It'll come back to you in the end

Everybody stumbles and falls once in a while
That's just the way of it and it always has been
But if you don't accept that you're human and continue to smile
That will only worsen the situation you're in
You have to learn to be your own best friend
It'll come back to you in the end

There is nothing more self-defeating than to be your own worst enemy

When things don't work out like you hoped that they would
And problems and worries are overwhelming you
If you don't believe in yourself and carry on like you should
That will only make it easier for the worst to come true

Learn to be your own best friend
It'll come back to you in the end

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Leave It For Tomorrow

Do not be discouraged
You will find your way
You cannot be discouraged now
Gather your resources
Shore up your defenses
Understand the forces that lead you to feel such despair

Do not be disheartened
You will make it through
You cannot be disheartened now
Though it may seem like everyone is happier than you are
Understand that no one is immune to the pain that you feel

Leave it for tomorrow to give in to the sorrow
Leave it for another day when you can see things another way

Do not be disillusioned or you will be deceived
You cannot be disillusioned now
Nothing that is worthwhile is easily come by
Understand that you are the best hope for your happiness

Leave it for tomorrow to give in to the sorrow
Leave it for another day when you can see things another way

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Mi Nina Pequena Bonita

Long before I knew myself I met a girl and stole her heart
She was so full of innocence
I should have known from the start that our love was ill-fated
I should have known better than to think I could change that
But I just could not leave it alone

To fall in love is to believe that happiness can be yours
But love is blind to many truths
And disillusionment endures despite our denials
I should have known better than to think I could change that
But the seed had already been sown

Her smiling face is with me still and always will be I expect
I still regret the pain I caused her
Her heart was so hard to protect from life's disappointments
I should have known better than to think I could change that
And now I am left to atone for my having failed her
And for my having loved her

Mi nina pequena bonita

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Point Of View

One man's folly is another's good sense
One man's competence another's pretense
Everything dependent on the point of view

In the grand scheme of life we are all bound by strife and repose

One man's pleasure is another man's pain
One man's loss is another man's gain
Everything dependent on the point of view

Some are crooked and some are straight
Some know love and some know hate
All are bound by a single fate

One woman's truth is another woman's lie
One woman's outrage another's blind eye
Everything dependent on the point of view

In the grand scheme of life we are all bound by strife and repose

One woman's sweet is another woman's tart
One woman's bitterness another's kind heart
Everything dependent on the point of view

Some are crooked and some are straight
Some know love and some know hate
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One man's folly is another's good sense
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One man's competence another's pretense
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Such A Sweet Song

Once upon a time I embraced the luxury of youth with all my heart
Though it ended too soon as it swept me along
I will never regret giving myself over to such a sweet song

Once upon a time my greatest joy was to see my children grow each day
Though it ended too soon as it swept me along
I will never regret giving myself over to such a sweet song

Once upon a time we both longed to be in love just like this
It will not end too soon as it sweeps us along
And we will never regret giving ourselves over to such a sweet song

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No Such Thing

There is no such thing as an easy road
When a hard road is the way you must go
There is no such thing as the whole truth
When a half-truth is all that you know
Part of you laughs and part of you cries
Part of you sees through the confusion
The longer you live the longer you'll have
To decide for yourself what is true
And what is illusion

There is no such thing as the right choice
When any choice leads to the same conclusion
There is no such thing as a guiding light
When any light is scattered by diffusion
Part of you laughs and part of you cries
Part of you sees through the confusion
The longer you live the longer you'll have
To decide for yourself what is true
And what is illusion

There is no such thing as a good day
When every day is pretty much the same
There is no such thing as a better way
When every way takes you back from where you came
Part of you laughs and part of you cries
Part of you sees through the confusion
The longer you live the longer you'll have
To decide for yourself what is true
And what is illusion

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The Wisdom Of Childhood

Some childhood memories I recall very well
Like my first circus and an old carousel
And like the big top excitement that I will never forget
And like the reach for the brass ring that it was all you could do to get
I have not stopped reaching yet

A child's perspective is a marvelous thing
So full of wonder at what each moment can bring
We all should remember how we saw the world then
The wisdom of childhood can be relearned by remembering when
But we can never go back again

In a way we are all on an old carousel
Held captive under the music's spell
We all should remember that feeling of joy
The wisdom of childhood is an advantage we all can enjoy
It is a birthright that life can't destroy

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Rising With The Tide Of Happiness

Why in such a hurry?

Haste is such a wasteful way to spend your time

Enjoying every moment is so much more fulfilling

Making every moment be the very best it can be

Rising with the tide of happiness will bring you peace of mind

And make your heart confess allegiance to living and allegiance to loving

Why all the commotion?

To fit in with the scheme of things is not always bad

You do not need to make your point at someone else's expense

When life is just a quarrel it doesn't matter who wins

Rising with the tide of happiness will bring you peace of mind

And make your heart confess allegiance to living and allegiance to loving

Why must you always worry?

Worry is the surest way to wear yourself down

Worry changes nothing and complicates everything

Worry will be your undoing if you let it

Rising with the tide of happiness will bring you peace of mind

And make your heart confess allegiance to living and allegiance to loving

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Here's To Them All

Here's to the heroes unsung and unknown
Here's to the dreams that around them have grown
Here's to the champions of honor's rebirth
Here's to all good people of conscience and worth
Would that we all were a little more like them
Would that we all were

Here's to the visionaries who've shown us the way
Here's to the brave souls who protect us today
Here's to the children who grow true and strong
Here's to the teachers who help them along
Would that we all were a little more like them
Would that we all were

Here's to those who seek not knowing what they'll find
Here's to those who strive to be truthful and kind
Here's to those who inspire us to be all we can be
Here's to those whose life song is a peaceful melody
Would that we all were a little more like them
Would that we all were

Here's to them all

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Someday It Will Go Your Way

You can't let anger and frustration become the anchor of your life
Someday it will go your way
Make your own way in the meantime

You can't let bitterness and confusion leave their mark on who you are
Someday you will understand
Make the best of it in the meantime

No one said it would be easy to do
No one said that life is fair
You must surely realize it's all up to you

You can't let failure and disappointment discourage you from moving on
Someday it will go your way
Make your own way in the meantime

No one said it would be easy to do
No one said that life is fair
You must surely realize it's all up to you

Someday it will go your way
Make your own way in the meantime

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All Good Children

One-two-three-four-five-six-seven
All good children go to heaven
Three-four-five-six-seven-eight-nine
Loving you is so divine

It's so easy to be blinded by ambition
And to lose your soul to the god of acquisition
And to become hard
And to lose all regard for your fellow man
And to rationalize
Though you realize that when all is said and done
There are so many people who are more deserving than you

It's so easy to be blindsided by emotion
And to lose your direction in all the commotion
And to pull away
And to lose all say in the matter of your heart
And to let it all go
Though in truth you know that you will never be alone
There are so many people who are no more hopeful than you

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