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The Quiet Joys Of Brotherhood

Lyrics: Richard Farina

Melody: My Lagan Love. Trad.

As gentle tides go rolling by,
Along the salt sea strand
The colours blend and roll as one
Together in the sand.
And often do the winds entwine
Do send their distant call,
The quiet joys of brotherhood,
And love is lord of all.

The oak and weed together rise,
Along the common ground.
The mare and stallion light and dark
Have thunder in their sound.
The rainbow sign, the blended flower
Still have my heart in thrall.
The quiet joys of brotherhood,
And love is lord of all.

But man has come to plough the tide,
The oak lies on the ground.
I hear their fires in the fields,
They drive the stallion down.
The roses bleed both light and dark,
The winds do seldom call.
The running sands recall the time
When love was lord of all.

Gaia

James Taylor

The sky was light and the land all dark
The sun rose up over Central Park
I was walking home from work – *Gaia*

The petal sky and the rosy dawn
The world turning on the burning sun
Sacred wet green one we live on - *Gaia* (X 2)

Run, run, run - said the automobile (and we ran)
Run for your life, take to your heels
Foolish school of fish on wheels - *Gaia*
Turn away from your animal kind
Try to leave your body just to live in your mind
Leave your cold cruel mother earth behind - *Gaia*

As if you were your own creation
As if you were the chosen nation
And the world around you just a
Rude and dangerous invasion - *Gaia* (X 3)

*Someone's got to stop us now
Save us from us, Gaia
No-one's gonna stop us now*

We thought we ought to walk awhile
So we left that town in a single file
Up and up and up
Mile after mile after mile

We reached the tree line and I dropped my pack
Sat down on my haunches, and I looked back down
Over the mountain –
Helpless and speechless and breathless - *Gaia* - *Gaia*

Pray for the forest, pray to the tree
Pray for the fish in the deep blue sea
Pray for yourself and for God's sake
Say one for me – poor wretched unbeliever . . .

*Someone's got to stop us now
Save us from us, Gaia -
No-one's gonna stop us now*

Ferry, Cross the Mersey

Gerry Marsden

Life – goes on day after day
Hearts – torn in every way
So ferry, cross the Mersey
Cos this land's the place I love
And here I'll stay

People they rush everywhere
Each with their own secret care
So ferry, cross the Mersey
And always take me there
The place I love

bridge

People around every corner
They seem to smile and say
We don't care what your name is boy
We'll never turn you away

So I'll continue to say
Here's where I always will stay
So ferry, cross the Mersey
Cos this land's the place I love
And here I'll stay

V 1 - repeat last line

Love Me Do Lennon/McCartney

Love, love me do
You know I love you
I'll always be true
So please – *love me do*
Woho – love me do.

Someone to love – somebody new
Someone to love – someone like you!

I Wish I Knew How (It Would Feel)

William Taylor, Richard Lamb

I wish I knew how it would feel to be free
I wish I could break all the chains holding me
I wish I could say all the things that I should say
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear
For the whole round world to hear

I wish I could share all the love that's in my heart
Remove all the bars that keep us apart
I wish you could know what it means to be me
Then you'd see and agree
That every one should be free

I wish I could give all I'm longing to give
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live
I wish I could do all the things that I can do
Though I'm way overdue
I'd be starting anew

I wish I could be like a bird in the sky
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly
I'd soar to the sun and look down on the sea
I'd sing 'cos I know how it feels to be free

Imela

' Imela - Imela – 'Imela okaka
' Imela chineke
' Imela ony'oma

Igbo song of gratitude (Nigeria)

Many Rivers to Cross

Many rivers to cross
But I can't seem to find my way over –
Wandering, I am lost
As I travel along the white cliffs of Dover

Many rivers to cross
And it's only my will that keeps me alive
I've been licked, washed up for years
And I merely survive because of my pride

And this loneliness won't leave me alone
It's such a drag to be out on your own
My woman left, and she didn't say why –
Well I guess I have to try –

Yes I've got many rivers to cross
But just where to begin, I'm playing for time –
There'll be times when I find myself
Thinking of committing some dreadful crime

Verse 1

Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard

Paul Simon

The mama pyjama rolled out of bed
And she ran to the police station
When the papa found out he began to shout
And he started the investigation
It's against the law
It was against the law
What the mama saw
It was against the law

The mama looked down and spit on the ground
Every time my name gets mentioned
The papa said, "oi, if I get that boy
I'm gonna stick him in the house of detention"

Chorus: *Well I'm on my way
I don't know where I'm going
I'm on my way
I'm takin my time, but I don't know where
Goodbye Rosie, the Queen of Corona
See you, me and Julio down by the schoolyard X 2*

In a couple of days they come and take me away
But the press let the story leak
And when the radical priest come to get me released
We's all on the cover of Newsweek **chorus**

Always Burning Sun

Yvonne Burgess

Always burning sun for us
Spinning on our tiny world
You rise and set, rise and set -
So we go on and on

Always changing moon for us
Following our burning sun
You wax and wane, wax and wane -
So we grow light and dark

Always shining stars for us
Mapping out our tiny lives
You come and go, come and go –
So we shine out and hide

Always turning tides for us
Shifting on our tiny world
You rise and fall, rise and fall -
So we are washed and dried

Always yielding earth for us
Feeding all our tiny worlds
You breathe like us, breathe like us –
So we are one with you
Always moving clouds for us

Flying round our tiny world
Gather and give, gather and give –
So we too come and go.
Always burning sun ***repeat verse 1***

Another Train

Pete Morton

The beginning is now, and will always be -
You say you lost your chance,
Then fate brought you defeat
But that means nothing – you look so sad –
You've been listening to those
Who say you missed your chance -

*There's another train – there always is
Maybe the next one is yours,
Get up and climb aboard another train.*

You may feel you're done, but there's no such thing –
Although you're standing on your own,
Your own breath is king.
The beginning is now – don't turn around
For regrets about mistakes will only drain you.
Chorus

We crawl in the dark sometimes, we think too much
We fill our heads with the craziest things
That only break our hearts -
I know you've seen what this earth can do
When it's dragging down another load
That's worrisome for you
Chorus

I know it's hard, we can feel confused
We can cram ourselves with it all
Till we feel we cannot move
Building worlds that don't exist –
Imagination sometimes plays the worst tricks
Chorus X 2

Fields of Gold

Sting

You'll remember me when the West wind moves
Upon the fields of barley -
You'll forget the sun in his jealous sky
As walk in fields of gold.

So she took her love for to gaze awhile
Upon the fields of barley -
In his arms she fell as her hair came down
Among the fields of gold.

Will you stay with me, will you be my love
Among the fields of barley?
We'll forget the sun in his jealous sky
As we lie in fields of gold.

See the West wind move like a lover so
Upon the fields of barley -
Feel her body rise when you kiss her mouth
Among the fields of gold.

*I never made promises lightly
And there have been some that I've broken
But I swear in the days still left
We'll walk in fields of gold
We'll walk in fields of gold*

Many years have passed since those summer days
Among the fields of barley -
See the children run as the sun goes down
Among the fields of gold.

You'll remember me when the West wind moves
Upon the fields of barley -
You can tell the sun in his jealous sky
When we walked in fields of gold (X 3)

Kathy's Song

Paul Simon

I hear the drizzle of the rain
Like a memory it falls
Soft and warm continuing
Tapping on my roof and walls.

And from the shelter of my mind
Through the window of my eyes,
I gaze beyond the rain-drenched streets
To England where my heart lies.

My mind's distracted and diffused
My thoughts are many miles away -
They lie with you when you're asleep
And kiss you when you start your day.

And as a song I was writing is left undone,
I don't know why I spend my time
Writing songs I can't believe
With words that tear and strain to rhyme.

And so you see I have come to doubt
All that I once held as true -
I stand alone without beliefs -
The only truth I know is you.

And as I watch the drops of rain
Weave their weary paths and die
I know that I am like the rain -
There but for the grace of you - go I.

Kathy's Song

BASS

I hear drizzle of the rain
Memory
And warm continuing
Tapping on my roof and walls

From the shelter of my mind
With my eyes
I gaze beyond them now
To England where my heart lies

Mind distracted and diffused
Far a-way
My thoughts lie with you now
And kiss you when you start your day

Like a song that's left undone
I don't know
Why write these songs of mine
With words that tear and strain to rhyme

And so I have come to doubt
What is true
I stand without beliefs
The only truth I know is you

As I watch the drops of rain
Fall and die
I know I'm like the rain
There but for the grace of you go I

Kathy's Song TOPS

Ah – drizzle of the rain
Like a memory it falls
Soft, continuing
Tapping on my roof and wall

Ah – from the she-elter
Through the window of my eyes
Past the rain-drenched streets
To England where my heart lies

My mind's distracted now
My thoughts are many miles away
With you when you're asleep
And kiss you when you start your day

Ah – song is left undone
I don't know why I spend my time
Writing I can't believe
With words that tear and strain to rhyme

And so I've come to doubt
All that I once held as true
I am without beliefs
The only truth I know is you

I watch the drops of rain
Weave their weary paths and die
I am like the rain
There but for the grace of you go I

Like a Candle (Santelivit Davdnebi)

Sante - livit davdnebi

Shaka-rivit davt-kbebi

Satr-pos hmas ro gavi-gep

Gena-tsvale mkvda-ri

Viko avgde-bi (repeat italics)

Vi-tsi mra-vals ukva-rhar

Mra-val-ni sheгна-tri-an

Magram che-mebr esh-hi-ta

Gena-tsvale, ver-vin

Get-kvis mi-kvar-xar

Translation:

Like a candle I shall melt

And like sugar I'll dissolve

When I hear my sweetheart's voice

Even from the dead

I shall come back to life (repeat italics)

I know many love you too

Many want to be with you

But remember, O my love –

No-one else will say

'I love you' like I do (repeat)

Mambo Amadzimambo (trad.)

Chorus

Tino-kumbira-wo mutipe

Mvura yo kunwa

Mhepo wo kuenda

Solo

Muka Zeneeka

Tino kumbira mwari baba

Tine zweirewo tsi tsi

Nyang we taka tadza

Tino kumbira mwari baba

Tine zweirewo tsi tsi

Walk Away Renee

Four Tops

Calili, Brown & Sansome

And when I see the sign
That points one way
The lot we used to pass by
Every day

*Just walk away, Renee –
You won't see me follow you back home
The empty sidewalks on my block
Are not the same –
You're not to blame*

From deep inside the tears
I'm forced to cry
From deep inside the pain
That I chose to hide

*Just walk away, Renee -
You won't see me follow you back home
Now as the rain burns down
Upon my weary eyes
For me it cries*

Horn solo *Chorus*

Your name and mine inside
A heart on a wall
Still finds a way to haunt me
Though they're so small
First Chorus

Ruby Tuesday

The Rolling Stones

She would never say where she came from
Yesterday don't matter, if it's gone
While the sun is bright
Or in the darkest night
No-one knows, she comes and she goes –

*Goodbye, Ruby Tuesday
Who could hang a name on you?
When you change with every new day -
Still I'm gonna miss you.*

Don't question why she needs to be so free
She'll tell you it's the only way to be
She just can't be chained
To a life where nothing's gained
And nothing's lost – at such a cost –

There's no time to lose, I heard her say
Cash your dreams before they fade away
Dying all the time
Lose your dreams and you
May lose your mind –
Ain't life unkind?

Thou Wast O God

Thomas Tallis

Thou wast, O God, and Thou wast blest
Before the world began;
Of thine eternity possessed
Before time's hourglass ran.

Thou needest none Thy praise to sing,
As if Thy joy could fade –
Couldst Thou have needed anything,
Thou couldst have nothing made.

California Dreaming

Mamas & Papas

Now the leaves are brown
And the sky is grey
I went for a walk
On a winter's day
I'd be safe and warm
If I was in LA
California dreaming
On such a winter's day.

Stepped into a church
I passed along the way
I got down on my knees
And I began to pray
You know the preacher likes the cold
He knows I'm gonna stay
California dreaming
On such a winter's day.

Drive My Car

Lennon/McCartney

Asked a girl what she wanted to be –
She said, baby, can't you see?
I wanna be famous, a star of the screen
But you can do something in between –

Baby, you can drive my car –
Yes I'm gonna be a star
Baby, you can drive my car,
And maybe I'll love you . . .
Beep beep mm beep beep yeah (X 2)

I told that girl that my prospects were good
She said, baby, it's understood
Workin for peanuts is all very fine
But I can show you a better time –
Chorus

Sittin Here In Limbo

Jimmy Cliff

Sittin here in Limbo
But I know it won't be long
Sittin here in Limbo
Like a bird without a song
Well they're puttin up resistance
But I know that my faith will lead me on.

Sittin here in Limbo
Waiting for the dice to roll
Sittin here in Limbo
Got some time to search my soul
Well they're puttin up resistance
But I know that my faith will lead me on.

*I don't know where life will lead me
But I know where I've been
I can't say what life will show me
But I know what I've seen
Tried my hand at love and friendship
But now that is past and gone
This little boy/girl is moving on . . .*

Sittin here in Limbo
Waiting for the tide to flow
Sittin here in Limbo
Knowing tthat I have to go
Well they're puttin up resistance
But I know that my faith will lead me on.

Bridge - Verse 3 repeat

Lay Down Your Weary Tune

words and melody by Bob Dylan
arranged by Ken Shmizu 2003

Lay down your weary tune, lay down
Lay down that song you strum
And rest yourself 'neath the strength of strings
No voice can hope to hum.

Struck by the sounds before the sun
I knew the night had gone
The morning breeze like a bugle blew
Against the drums of dawn.

The ocean wild like an organ played
The seaweed wove its strands
The crashin' waves like cymbals clashed
Against the rocks and sands.

I stood unwound beneath the skies
And clouds unbound by laws
The cryin' rain like a trumpet sang
And asked for no applause.

The last of leaves fell from the trees
And clung to a new love's breast
The branches rage like a banjo played
To the winds that listened best.

I gazed down in the river's mirror
And watched its winding strum
The water smooth ran like a hymn
And like a harp did hum.

Lay down your weary tune, lay down
Lay down that song you strum
And rest yourself 'neath the strength of strings
No voice can hope to hum.

Karma Chameleon

Culture Club

Desert loving in your eyes all the way
If I listened to your lies, would you say:

I'm a man (a man) without conviction,
I'm a man (a man) who doesn't know
How to sell (to sell) a contradiction
You come and go, you come and go –

*Karma karma karma karma karma chameleon
You come and go – you come and go
Loving would be easy if your colours were like my dreams
Red gold and green, red gold and green.*

Didn't hear your wicked words every day
And you used to be so sweet, I heard you say
That my love (my love) was an addiction
When we cling (we cling) our love is strong
When you go (you go) you're gone forever
You string along, you string along –

Karma . . .

bridge

**Every day is like survival (survival)
You're my lover, not my rival (X 2)**

I'm a man . . .
You come and go, you come and go –

Chorus X 3

It's Gonna Rain from the Apostles

**It's gonna rain, it's gonna rain
You better get ready and pay it some mind
(I tell you)
God showed Noah the rainbow sign
(He said) it won't be no water, be fire next time.**

Way back in the Bible days
Noah told the people that it's gonna rain
And when he told them they paid him no mind
And when it happened they were left behind.

They tell me when the water began to pour
They knocked on Noah's window, they knocked on Noah's door
No they didn't know exactly what to do
You don't want this, it could happen to you.

Noah said, ' I'm sorry my friends
God got all the keys and you can't get it
If something don't happen to the hearts of men
Same old thing is gonna happen again.

Shto Mi E Milo

1. Shto mi e milo,
milo im drago
Vo Struga grada, mamo,
Dukjan da imam
(Repeat)

Lele varaj, mome

Mome Kalino

repeat italics of previous verse

2. Na kerpencite,
mamo, da sedam
Strudshkite mome, mamo
Momi da gledam
chorus
3. Koga na voda,
voda mi odat
So tia stomni, Mamo
Stomni shareni
chorus
4. Na ovaj izvor,
izvor studeni,
Tam da se strudshki, Mamo,
strudshki soberat
chorus

Translation

How pleased and happy I would be to have a shop in the town of Struga
Hey, Kalina!
To sit in front of my shop and watch the girls of Struga
When they go for water, with their brightly coloured jugs
To that cold well, to meet there with their friends.

Tibje Pajom

Tibje pajom, tibje blagoslavim
Tibje blagodarim, Gospodi (repeat)

I molim tibje bojenash (X 3)
Gospodi (repeat)

Amen (X 3)

New Jerusalem

Jeremiah Ingalls & Isaac Watts

Lo, what a glorious sight appears to our believing eyes –
The earth and seas are passed away, and the – old rolling skies!

From the third heav'n where God resides – that holy, happy place
The New Jerusalem comes down, adorned with shining grace.

Sunshine on Leith

The Proclaimers

Ma heart was broken, ma heart was broken
Sorrow – sorrow – sorrow – sorrow
Ma heart was broken, ma heart was broken –
You saw it – you claimed it – you touched it – you saved it –

Ma tears are dryin – ma tears are dryin
Thank you – thank you – thank you – thank you
Ma tears are dryin – ma tears are dryin
Your beauty – and kindness – your tears cleared ma blindness

While I'm worth my room on this earth
A will be with you
While the Chief puts sunshine on Leith
A'll thank him – for his work – and your birth – and ma birth
Yeah yeah yeah yeah

Follow the Heron

Karine Polwart

The back of the winter is broken
And light lingers long by the door,
And the seeds of the summer have spoken
In gowans that bloom on the shore.

*By night and day we'll sport and we'll play
And delight as the dawn dances over the bay –
Sleep blows the breath of the morning away
And we follow the heron home.*

In darkness we cradled our sorrow
And stoked all our fires with fear
Now these bones that lie empty and hollow
Are ready for gladness to cheer.

So long may you sing of the salmon
And the snow-scented sounds of your home
While the north wind delivers its sermon
Of ice and salt water and stone.

After the Goldrush

Neil Young

Well I dreamed I saw the knights in armour coming
Saying something about a queen
There were peasants singing, and drummers drumming
And the archer split the tree –
There was a fanfare blowing to the sun
There was floating on the breeze -
Look at Mother Nature on the run
In the 1970s (repeat italics)

I was lying in a burned-out basement
With the full moon in my eye
I was hoping for replacement
When the sun burst through the sky –
There was a band playing in my head
And I felt like getting high –
I was *thinking about what a friend had said,*
I was hoping it was a lie (repeat only italics)

Well I dreamed I saw the silver spaceships flying
In the yellow haze of the sun
There were children crying and colours flying
All around the chosen ones –
All in a dream, all in a dream
The loading had begun –
Flying Mother Nature's silver seed
To a new home (in the sun).

Somewhere Only We Know

Keane

I walked across an empty land
I knew the pathway like the back of my hand
I felt the earth beneath my feet
Sat by the river and it made me complete

*Oh simple thing, where have you gone?
I'm getting old and I need something to rely on
So tell me when you're gonna let me in
I'm getting tired and I need somewhere to begin*

I came across a fallen tree
I felt the branches of it looking at me
Is this the place we used to love
Is this the place that I've been dreaming of?

Oh simple thing . . .

(bridge)
And if you have a minute, why don't we go
Talk about it somewhere only we know?
This could be the end of everything
So why don't we go somewhere only we know?
Somewhere only we know

Instrumental verse

Oh simple thing . . .

And if you have a minute . . .
. . . So why don't we go? (X 2)

Oh, this could be the end of everything
So why don't we go somewhere only we know?
Somewhere only we know (X 2)

Alto: Ooh – aah – an empty land
Ooh – aah – beneath my feet

*Simple thing, where have you gone?
Tell me when you'll let me in –*

Ooh – aah – a fallen tree
Ooh – aah – we used to love

Simple . . .

(Bridge) If you have – why don't we – this could be
Somewhere

Tenor: Walked across an empty land
Felt the earth beneath my feet

*Simple thing, where have you gone?
Tell me when you'll let me in –*

Came across a fallen tree –
Is this where we used to dream of

Simple thing . . .

If – you have – the time –
We could – go some – where on-ly
We - know

Bass: Empty land, and
I felt the earth there beneath my feet –

*Oh simple thing – where have you gone?
Getting old, and
Please tell me when – you're gonna let me in
Getting tired, and –*

. . . . Fallen tree, and
Is this the place we've been dreaming of?

Oh simple thing

If – you – could – we –
This – could – be – the –
End (*overlaps with start*)

Winter Sunshine

CHORUS

TOP

Oh winter sunshine, oh winter light, oh (X 2)

MID

Winter sunshine, winter light – shining low, shining low, shining bright

BASS

Winter sunshine – low and golden (X 2)

VERSE

Top, Alto, Bass

Year by year, old winter comes again – calling us again to come in –
Year by year the seasons roll around – frost is on the ground, like a skin.

Tenor

Year by year old winter comes calling to us/ winter sunshine (X 2)