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1. Property 4:57

Old stray tomcat asleep in my yard  
It seems he lives pretty hard  
But he's got a story to tell for every scar  
There at the window my cat answers his cry  
I've got the door open wide

But she looks at the couch and her milk dish and stays inside

Property can get to be a habit  
that's harder and harder to break  
You see something nice, why not have it at its price  
But oh don't think that's all you pay  
Seems the more you get the less you give away

I can't even count all the keys on my neighbor's ring  
He'd lock a kite to its string  
There's too many strangers too close to his favorite things  
Just like a jailer making his rounds  
The shades all come down  
Got to bury himself with his treasure to feel safe and sound

Property...

You ever stop to wonder what you're worth  
Some folks check their wills or check their purse  
But oh darlin' you can't figure it out alone  
It's all you share not all you own

There's a whole lot of places where I want to go  
in no particular row  
I just put up my sail and I guess I just let the winds blow  
But there's a few hundred albums, my cat and my car  
and six or seven guitars  
It takes some choosing yeah to follow your star

Property...

## 2. The Favor

Got a friend near the end of his days already  
Had a lover the glow was slow and steady  
Once she test her wings  
It was just one of those things  
It was hardly a crime but he never forgave her  
Now he's just killing time til time returns the favor

See the girl with the world right there in her pocket  
Had the key to a treasure but she'd not unlock it  
She'd been schooled in how not to lose it  
She mostly learned she could never use it  
She had diamonds every size every flavor  
But she's just killing time til time returns the favor

What if the promised land's right where you stand?  
Ain't you got one work to say before you fade away?

Seems the kids back in town settle down in the same spot  
Got their own special corner, they're born right onto their grave plot

If the jobs hold out they're fine  
Safe inside that county line  
Every Sunday the chimes ring in the Savior  
As they're just killing time til time returns the favor  
They're just killing time til time returns the favor

### 3. Some Things Are Worth Saving

There was nothing my best friend's father would not save  
Their house was an ark waiting for a rainy day  
We tried to clean out the basement so our band could set up  
But his dad fought for every last piece of junk

Some things are worth saving  
Like the Earth, the sky and the sea  
Some things are worth saving  
Like the spark between you and me, you and me

I've never owned a camera, don't think I ever will  
I hate to stop a moment, force a moment to sit still  
I'd like to think this theory somehow unties me  
Let my senses sense where home is, let my memory surprise me

But some things are worth saving...

Deede and me, I don't know what we're gonna do  
She needs to be a mother and she needs to be a mother soon  
I need to finish my book, I need to finish my song  
I don't need another family where I don't belong

But some things are worth saving  
Like the love between you and me  
You and me

### 4. Stonecutter

There once was a stonecutter who lived by the mountain  
He worked cutting stone for the village each day  
He made what he needed, there was nothing that he wanted  
and the spirit of the mountain made sure he was safe

Then one day down the road came a prince's procession  
and the villagers bowed to the prince as he passed  
And the stonecutter grew ashamed of his lack of possessions  
and he prayed to the spirit to grant what he asked

He prayed ah, ah, ah, ah  
I'd be the prince and rule all that I see  
And not just to be  
Just a stonecutter

And he woke up a prince in a dazzling palace

with beautiful gardens that stretched on and on  
But the hot sun beat down and his gardens all wilted  
and he said though I am rich it's the sun that is strong

He said ah, ah, ah, ah  
I'd be the sun and rule all that I see  
And not just to be  
Just a stonecutter

And he rose as the sun and he never stopped shining  
til all of the land was left barren and brown  
But in blew a storm cloud that blocked all his blinding  
He said I shine like a jewel but the storm wears the crown

He cried ah, ah, ah, ah  
I'd be the storm and rule all that I see  
And not just to be  
Just a stonecutter

And then he was the storm, reigning terror and violence  
His thunder and his lightning made everyone run  
But the mountain was stoic, just sat there in silence  
He said the storm has many powers, but the mountain has won

He cried ah, ah, ah, ah  
I'd be the mountain, rule all that I see  
And not just to be  
Just a stonecutter

And the spirit of the mountain said, it's the last wish I can grant you  
For if you are the mountain I've nowhere to reside  
But he made him the mountain and there was nothing that he wanted  
Til the day he felt a pain cut in to his side  
And there was a stonecutter chipping away at his side

He cried ah, ah, ah, ah  
If only I could be  
Just a stonecutter

## 5. Fall Like a Rock

She's gonna fall like a rock when she falls in love  
It's gonna be something to see  
She's gonna fall like a rock when she falls in love  
I just wish that it was me  
I hope that he deserves it, doesn't throw her love away  
I hope he knows I'd love to take his place

She's gonna fall like a rock when she falls in love  
It's gonna be front page news  
She's had a few close calls but no not love  
She's got a heart she's never used

That heart's about to beat now for some new kid in town  
It won't be me, I've always been around

I'm a friend (I'm like a brother)  
A confidant  
What more could I want  
But in the end (I want to love her)  
What's done is done  
It's chemistry, biology, chronology and gravity

That make her fall like a rock...

#### 7. Turn Your Head Around

Remember walking off the train for college  
No one at school knew who you're supposed to be  
You lied a little right at first  
But no one thought the worse  
'cause you made it the truth eventually

So turn your head around, turn your head around  
Don't look at what you've lost but what you've found  
Turn your head around, turn your head around  
Don't look at where you've been but where you're bound

Remember talking all night long to strangers  
When the sun came up maybe they were friends  
The sun still comes up every day  
Some people still got lots to say  
If you'd let yourself listen to more than your own sad surrender

Why choose the sadness of the orphan with no place to call home  
You used to wish to be the gypsy  
Free to follow all the lines across your palm

So turn your head around

#### 8. Tender Lee

Who's in the shadow, I can hardly see  
Mary Ann's kid sister, think her name is Lee  
Back in the corner lookin' awful fearful  
She'd blend in to the wall but the paper's too cheerful

Look and see, you've got the key  
Just learn to turn it  
Tender Lee

You're lookin' kinda scared that people won't like you  
Well they may got teeth but they ain't gonna bite you  
You're cuter than me and you're just as smart  
With the right warm spaces down in your heart

Look and see...

Now you dance with me and you dance just fine  
Just keep on dancing with the next in line  
Kick off your shoes, don't skip a song  
'cause you know the band don't play that long

Look and see...

#### 9. That's the Way

I could always depend on my family and friends  
I could stand on them like a ladder  
But the ladder's just split right down the middle  
Every last rung has shattered  
Now I'm standing on air  
Landing scarred and scared  
I guess the taller you stand the harder you stumble  
That's the way my life crumbles

I once had a girl, guess I made her my world  
It was feeling like it'd last forever  
She never explained why her heart up and changed  
Guess she found someone she liked better  
We were perfect she said  
Now I won't let it go to my head  
Love can lift or love can humble  
That's the way my life crumbles

It used to be such a small world  
I held it in the palm of my hand  
Now this world's getting bigger  
and it's slipping through my fingers  
like grains of sand  
like grains of sand

I could always count on a certain amount  
of fun from just being clever  
But school's almost out and I'm thinking about  
This real life that I'm at the edge of  
Where my heart needs to touch  
Clever doesn't count for much  
I'm still making games out of names and numbers  
That's the way my life crumbles  
I guess the taller you stand the harder you stumble  
That's the way my life crumbles

#### 10. Pray for Rachel

Who can say how it started  
Who can say how it ends

But there's something inside Rachel's body  
God didn't intend

A cell started going crazy  
and put the rest in peril  
Now inside a battle's raging  
down to the marrow

I don't pray for my lover  
She doesn't seem to need it  
I don't pray for myself  
What God would believe it  
I don't pray for the rain  
I am not a farmer  
I pray for Rachel  
that nothing will harm her

Six long months of chemo  
Six weeks radiation  
The powers of positive thinking  
and visualization  
Rachel's using her time  
to learn about life and love  
I've been too busy using up mine  
to learn very much

I don't pray for my lover...

I can't say how it started  
but I can pray how it ends  
There's something inside Rachel's body  
God didn't intend

## 11. Deep Like a Well

Tell me, what is there to do  
when you've lost hold of all that's holding you  
Tell me, where is there to go  
when you're lost from the only place you know  
to call home

Say farewell  
to a time and a place you loved well  
Move along  
Time will tell  
There's a strength hidden deep  
like a well

Tell me, what is there to say  
when your sweet words make her turn away  
Tell me, what is there to love  
when you hate yourself for all the things you've done

to bring this on

Say farewell  
to a life and a face you loved well  
Move along  
Time will tell  
There's a strength hidden deep  
like a well

The wind that feeds the fire also blows the smoke away  
And the seeds that are survivors  
send roots down to reach the water in the ground not far away  
Not far away

Say farewell...

## 12. Take Me Blues

I've had a lifetime  
and I lived it good  
This world treats me better  
than maybe it should  
My land was green, Lord  
and my woman was kind  
But that's all passed by me  
and left me behind

Say la la la  
Say la la lo  
Say la la la la  
Say lo

Now I'm getting restless  
and it's time I moved on  
I won't find no peace, Lord  
til after I'm gone  
So Lord take me quickly  
Lord take me slow  
but Lord take me easy  
so I won't mind to go

Say la la la  
Say la la lo  
Say la la la la  
Say lo

Blues and Grace (Remastered)

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Geoff Bartley harmonica (20, 21)

### 13. Blues and Grace 2:55

Every time my feet get weary  
and my tongue gets tight from thirst  
I call out for Jesus  
but the Devil gets there first  
I don't claim to be Samson  
with faith the strength of ten  
I can count the times I've said no on one hand  
but that thirst comes back, that thirst comes back again

Deliver me from evil and grant me peace  
I'm ready to rise up to a better place  
Blues and grace, blues and grace

Now the Devil he don't bother  
to tempt me much no more  
I guess I'm no challenge  
I confess I feel ignored  
But one time I held heaven  
if I was smart enough to choose it  
Love is just one more test  
Are we strong enough, strong enough to lose it

Deliver me from evil and grant me peace...

### 14. Respecting Pleasure 2:49

You know me  
I always have to follow every tear drop's tracks til I understand its sources  
Yeah you know me  
And now I want to figure out what holds us back from laying down our crosses

Sadness commands respect  
It stabs with every breath too deep to measure  
But now you stand before a man respecting pleasure

I know you  
You always laugh and joke about the hearts that you broke  
Back when there were hearts worth breaking  
Yeah I know you  
You say love's just a spoke in a wheel but you don't seem to love  
this road you're taking

Sadness commands respect...

I crashed my luck upon the shoals  
Lost my love but found my soul  
It's just a faint flickering luster  
Craving all the joy this world can muster

You know me  
I always have to follow every tear drop's tracks til I understand its sources  
Yeah I know you  
And if you let me in I'll take your hand like a friend  
and not stirrup wild horses

Sadness commands respect...

## 15. Homesick Angel

Old Jack Fleming always brought a bottle when he came to stay  
He lived up in Canada, knew my father from the war  
And when they drank he put my dad away

Old Jack, he was famous  
He helped build the bridge on the River Kwai  
A prisoner in a jungle halfway around the world  
He got sick there and Jack Fleming almost died  
Dreaming of the wings of a

Homesick angel, see how your children roam  
Homesick angel, take these homesick children home  
Take these homesick children home

Old Jack told stories that could raise every hair on your head  
My sister and me had nightmares for weeks  
of ghost soldiers kneeling by our beds  
Praying for the wings of a

Homesick angel...

There's no fifth of Scotch from Jack this Christmas  
and my sister's been dead longer than she was alive  
and Dad won't leave the house now except in case of fire  
so we watch a movie, Bridge on the River Kwai  
as this drafty old house whispers goodbye

Homesick angel...

("Colonel Bogey March," Kenneth J. Alford, public domain)

#### 16. Love May Be Leaving Us a Warning 2:36

You're the one that I turn to when a feeling's got me down  
But this is one that concerns you so I'm all turned around  
I don't think I'm mistaken  
We don't linger when we're waking in the morning  
I can't help believing  
Love may be leaving us a warning

You're the one that I talk to when I need to find a smile  
But I can't seem to recall you laughing in a while  
We don't kiss in the kitchen  
We don't lie close and listen when it's storming  
I can't help believing  
Love may be leaving us a warning

You're the one that I lean on when I'm not sure where I stand  
But if it's just me that's leaning we've only half a chance  
There's a faint glow I'm getting  
But tell me is it setting or is it dawning?  
I can't help believing  
Love may be leaving us a warning  
No I can't help believing  
Love may be leaving us a warning

#### 17. The Angry Years 3:36

Her head's like a house full of secret rooms  
Lift a candle on the mantle the floor gives way  
She falls into the gaps in her memory  
The corners are dark but they don't feel safe  
And it makes her mad  
Knowing someone snatched that sweet sweet light away

I've watched her through the angry years  
Seen how it grew, a strength forged in tears  
I've held her hand as the door swung open  
I've watched her stand to own her fears  
Ah these angry years are the first best sign of hoping

Her heart's like the last of the underground  
Instructed not to trust 'til her final breath  
Or fall into the grasp of the enemy  
Every friendly face is a trick or a test  
And it makes her mad  
Knowing someone scratched that vow into her breast

I've watched her through the angry years  
Seen how it grew, a strength forged in tears  
I've held her hand as the door swung open  
I've watched her stand to own her fears  
Ah these angry years are the first best sign of hoping

The hand in the dream  
The face in the waking

I've watched her through the angry years  
Seen how it grew, a strength forged in tears  
I've held her hand as the sky fell open  
I've watched her stand to own her fears  
Ah these angry years are the first best sign of hoping

#### 18. Fix My Bike 3:02

Lord just get me through tonight  
Tomorrow I will fix my bike  
And I will ride and I will ride so fast and far  
And no one's getting on my handlebars

Lord just let me lose this place  
I need to feel the wind across my face  
And I will and I will climb right in tenth gear  
And fly back down with no brakes and no fear

Tonight I am pent up  
Tonight I am fed up  
My patience is spent up  
I need my life sped up  
Tonight I am lightning that's dying to strike  
But tomorrow I will fix my bike

Lord just let tomorrow come  
As I trace the rubber tread beneath my thumb  
And I will pump and I will pump my tires hard  
And feel each bump as I shoot on by the cars  
Gonna shoot on by like a shoot shoot shooting star

Somebody hand me a socket wrench...

#### 19. Arm of a Starfish 3:40

The aquarium's free every Thursday  
It's a good a break as any from the chill of the wind  
It's warm and it's dark and they leave you alone  
and there's a woman I watch teach the children

Go ahead, she says, stick your hands in the cold salt water  
That's a mussel, that's an urchin, that's a sea anemone  
Yes a starfish arm will grow back, no just take my word  
They've got feeling just like you and me

Oh I wish my heart was like the arm of a starfish  
but I think it's gone for good  
I need a volunteer to watch over how I'm handled  
to explain my strange behaviors  
to help this heart grow back if it could

She says life begins in the ocean  
We're rocked by the rhythms of the waves and the tide  
I think about a starfish holding fast through the storm  
and I remember just how hard I tried

She asks are there any questions  
Is there room for one more creature found tangled in the net  
Would she say here's a human, he's pretty far gone  
but we're hoping there's hope for him yet

Oh I wish my heart was like the arm of a starfish...

20. Just Can't Seem to Give Up on the Diamond 3:55

She said we'd be married when the Red Sox won the Series  
When the Red Sox won the Series she would be my bride  
I should have faced the race was over in fact if not in theory  
When at the All-Star break my heart was twenty games behind

It seems like Fenway Park is full of guys like me  
Whose future hangs on every long fly ball's trajectory  
We're hopeful in the springtime, bitter by the fall  
But we just can't seem to give up on the diamond

I said I'd be waiting til the last at-bat's retired  
When the last at-bat's retired I'd retire too  
Now the dugout's getting swept out and the manager's been fired  
And I'm sitting here with Babe Ruth's ghost, yeah he got sold short too

It seems like Fenway Park is full of guys like me  
Whose future breaks with every breaking ball's velocity  
We're hopeful in the springtime, bitter by the fall  
But we just can't seem to give up on the diamond

I am loyal, I am dogged  
I believe with all my heart

Each letdown's a complete surprise  
I never said I'm smart, no I never said I'm smart

It seems like every stadium is full of guys like me  
Whose future hangs on every long fly ball's trajectory  
We're hopeful in the springtime, bitter by the fall  
But we just can't seem to give up on the diamond  
We just can't seem to give up so easily  
We just can't seem to give up on the diamond

#### 21. Vodka for Crying (Wine to Make Love) 3:14

I drink vodka for crying, wine to make love  
Need a fire in my belly to melt the ice up above  
Don't know who slipped this lock on my head and my heart  
But a sip on my lips and I feel that key start to jiggle

I guard my tongue like the Tower of London  
No stray words can escape that dusty dungeon  
Outside is the night with its sky full of stars  
Press my soul to the window and I feel those bars start to wiggle

When I drink vodka for crying, wine to make love  
Need a fire in my belly to melt the ice up above  
Don't know who slipped this lock on my head and my heart  
But a sip on my lips and I feel that key start to jiggle

Who would have think I'd have to get myself drunk  
To take advantage of you and me all alone  
I'd have you think it was all just the drink  
And I can manage just fine on my own

Drinking vodka for crying, wine to make love  
Need a fire in my belly to melt the ice up above  
Don't know who slipped this lock on my head and my heart  
But a sip on my lips and I feel that key start to jiggle  
Drinking vodka for crying, wine to make love

#### 22. The Darwin Stomp 3:23

We're so smart and they're so dumb  
Said the hairless ape to his opposable thumb  
Flex that grip now let's go prove it  
Let's find a mountain and then let's move it  
The birds just chirped and the bees just buzzed  
They liked the mountain just where it was  
But if man can change it why leave it alone  
'cause a rock is not a rock until it is thrown

You're so dumb and I'm so smart  
Said the three-lobe brain to the two-bit heart  
It's survival of the fittest so you'd best pump faster

There's a great big world for us to master  
For what's a beast without a burden  
Let's crank the speed the planet's turning  
Nothing's broke but we can still fix it  
After all it's not a ball til somebody kicks it

Specie order phylum kingdom  
See all God's creatures and the smiles they bring him  
'cept one bad apple that he never could trust  
Who are we to think this world evolves around us?

Was it Charles Darwin who sailed around the world in a Beagle? Or was it Charlie Brown who had the beagle? Maybe Darwin took the train, chooglin' around the globe with his sketch pad in one hand and his box of Good'n'Plentys in the other - no, that was Choo Cho Charlie. I get so confused...

'Cause I'm so dumb but if he's so smart  
He's show us the ending not just the start  
'Cause a little bit of knowledge is a dangerous thing  
On the tongue of some monkey who just learned to sing  
The birds still chirp and the bees still buzz  
But if we love this earth the way it was  
We've got to keep evolving, we better not stop it too soon  
'cause it's not a balloon til somebody pops it

Bonus Track:

23. I Will Finish (The Boston Marathon Song) 3:46  
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