

1) HERE'S TO YOU ---

Pin up your hair kinda fancy like
The nape of your neck on display
slip on a dress with a skirt
that sways - at your knees
that plays - in the early autumn breeze
The one that's saying

Everything everything everything's changing
In subtle shifts and also with grand rearrangings
Everything everything everything's changing
Let's mark the passing of time
Please raise your glass against mine

I've had this bottle for who knows how long
do layers of dust work like rings in trees
It's been waiting for years so we'll let it breathe
open up
I've decided that we have earned the good stuff

Everything everything everything's changing
In subtle shifts and also with grand rearrangings
Everything everything everything's changing
Let's mark the passing of time
Please raise your glass against mine
We were something, weren't we
yes, I think so, too -
Here's to me, my love
but mostly - here's to you

It's been my privilege
To learn the language
Of your passing clouds, furrowed brows, tiny laughs, shoulders back
Your million different smiles
Could you stay a little while longer -
a little while longer if

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2) YOU ARE (CHAMPAGNE ON A WEDNESDAY)

Champagne on a Wednesday, why not?
Give me a reason...
Well ok then!
Sit back and watch this cork go flying - it does, so

You're laughing, holding the glasses
They overflow we're high before the foam
Reaches our lips, I can't stop smiling

Oh, this is all I really wanted, everything I need
Look at you, letting go, yeah if you could see what I see
You are

Effervescent
Light as air, you're
Bright as the moon, ooh
The full kind on a clear night
A glittery hot air balloon
You are
Effervescent, Incandescent
The sparkle of a billion stars
I've never known anything
as brilliant as you are (you are)

I'm gonna put on my new dress, impress
All of the neighbors, would you do me a favor? Put on
Something that makes you feel like dancing

We'll find ourselves an empty parking lot
Turn up the volume on this old boom box
Collecting dust since we were seventeen, I mean –

This is all I really wanted, everything I need
Shrug that worry from your shoulder, travel back in time with me
You are

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I've heard the stories you tell yourself
No wonder you're not sleeping well
Let me paint you something new
Something closer to the truth
that you are
that you are
you are

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3) RUTHLESS

Your calloused fingers, my calloused heart
I bet you earned your lack of feeling by working hard
While I have been this way since the start

Your eyes are closing, mine don't blink
Your breath is slowing down, exposing more than you think
I wash my hands in the bathroom sink

You are so far, so far out of your league here
You should leave here
You should go
before you're in
So far, so far over your head
You can't find the sand
when you reach with your toes
You should know
When forced to choose between kindness and the truth
I will be
I will be
I will be
ruthless

You reach your hand out, my arms are still
I enjoyed you for a while but you have lost that certain thrill
You call my name and it sounds too shrill

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You should leave here
You should go
before you're in
So far, so far over your head
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Is it any consolation to know you're not alone
I leave a wake of devastation wherever I roam
Is it any consolation to know you're not the first
And if this hurts enough, you're skin is bound to toughen up and

Your calloused fingers will match your calloused heart
You will have earned your lack of feeling by working hard
While I have been this way since the start

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You are so far, so far out of your league here
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4) STAGGERING

It's the weight of the new-fallen snow
Combined with the handful of leaves that refused to let go
And it sends the branch bending
Low to the ground
There's a shift and a snap and the tree has less to carry now
I can't decide if I'm the tree or the branch
I can't decide if you're the snow or the leaves

It's staggering, isn't it all the ways we can fall apart
It's staggering, isn't it - how much we expect of the human heart
It's staggering, isn't it I get tired just thinking about
The relentless, the never-quit, the steady-beat beat of it

It's the sting - the first whip of winter wind
Brings a tear to your eyes, numb to your lips
And your lungs don't want to take in such cold air
Oh, you knew it was coming -but you're never quite prepared
I can't decide if I'm the chill or the skin
I can't decide if I'm the shock or the thaw to come

It's staggering, isn't it all the ways we can fall apart
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And we say things like - yeah yeah - I know you're bleeding but
I need you to give me just a little bit more and
Yeah yeah I'm sure that hurt but - It can't be worse than what you've handled before and
Yeah yeah, I see what you're seeing believe me, sometimes I want to shut it all down, too
Then once in a while a spring breeze passes through
That momentary ease, that sweetness is also true

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It's staggering, isn't it - how much we expect of the human heart
It's staggering, isn't it I get tired just thinking about
The relentless, the never-quit, the steady-beat beat of it
Magnificent, really, it's staggering isn't it?

5) YOU + I

A covered bridge
Somewhere in
The middle of nowhere
Can you picture this?
You and I
You and I
You and I

That shade of red
You only get
From weathering
The elements

Can you picture this?

You and I

You and I

You and I

Some sunny summer morning

We pack the car

with lunch and a paper map

We laugh and we laugh and we laugh

and it feels like running away

Even just for a day, I would take that

Once we're close

We start walking

It's the first moment

We're not talking

We always have

So much to say

And so little time

You and I

You and I

You and I

Quaking Aspen

Overhead

Around the bend

A wooden fence

Can you picture this?

You and I

You and I

You and I

Up this close

It's smaller than

I would have guessed

You take my hand

We step on in

You and I

You and I

You and I

The darkness offers some relief

From the July heat –

You say something sweet

There's an echo and

We laugh and we laugh and we laugh

And it feels like

maybe we've escaped

Even just for a day, I would take that

I press my body to your chest

Your back against the wood
You rest your chin on top my head
And life is good
This is good

We always have so much to do
And so little time
You and I
You and I
You and I

I whisper –
Baby, we could stay
Let's cross our fingers
Pray for rain
And my refrain is
You and I
You and I
You and I

We go back
The way we came
The trees, the fence
Look the same
Still we have changed
You and I
You and I
You and I
Can you picture this?
You and I
You and I
You and I

6) SOMETHING THAT HOLDS

Intertwined
Knit together
My worse
Your better
Over
Under
Through
All the ways I may belong to you

My tough
Your tender
Where I
Surrender
Open
Wide
Or
curl into
ever more that I belong to you

I've known love to fire up to flame out
Or someone pulled the drain out
There it goes
Slow
But I'm with you
And you're with me
And somewhere in the in-between
All the proof I'd ever need
That we have
Something that holds

Your start
my beginning
Seamless now
Never ending
Wherever you are is North, is true
Fashion me so I belong to you

I've known love to fire up to flame out
Or someone pulled the drain out
There it goes
Slow
But I'm with you
And you're with me
And somewhere in the in-between
All the proof I'd ever need
That we have
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Your better
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Through
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7) THE LONGEST NIGHT

It was the longest night
It was the darkest night
And we found ourselves by candlelight

Talked of the year that's been
Where all that time went
Prayed we had something to show for it

We asked some brilliant questions
Wrote down our best intentions
We didn't need to speak the words to make them true

Take me back to that moment
Where I didn't know
What I didn't know
Take me back to that moment
The one right before the one
Where you had to go

We let the hours slip by
Content to occupy
This little corner of the universe
That's yours and mine

Winter had just begun
We were turning toward the sun
Let our imaginations run ahead
And away with us

We made a few confessions, ooh
Shared some painful lessons, ooh
Vowed to always treat the morning as brand new

Take me back to that moment
Where I didn't know
What I didn't know
Take me back to that moment
The one right before the one
Where you had to go

I hold this memory
Like a ticket stub in
My jacket pocket
Sometimes I'm lucky and
My fingers find it
On a cold spring afternoon
When it's nice to have a little proof

Take me back to that moment
Where I didn't know
What I didn't know
Take me back to that moment
The one right before the one
Where you had to go

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8) **COME BACK**

Come back –
I see you out there wandering
Come back
Oh, I missed you so
Come back whenever you are ready
Come back
Rest a while, before of course, again you go

Come back
Tell me all your stories
Come back
Show me the world through your gaze
Come back
I'll gladly lose track of the hours
Come back
I swear, I will not count the days

Come back
If you'd like, I could hold you
Come back
My arms soft, as they are strong
Come back
I have prepared my shoulder
Come back
For the weight of you to press in and then pass over

The whisper of a dream
That you'd belong to me
Any longer than a moment
the notion you'd be satisfied
with stillness for any stretch of time -
Those illusions are not mine

Come back
Less a plea, more of a promise
Come back
No strings, the terms made clear
Come back
Should you grow weary of the constant motion
Come back
My darling I will be here

9) HELLO, MY NAME IS

Hello my name is..
Next to a marker
Pick it up, fill it in
Shouldn't be too hard

Hello my name is -
A conversation starter
Go on now, begin
tell us who you are

Ooh ooh ooh...

Hello my name is -
A slight hesitation as you
Consider if it fits
After the year that you've been through

Hello my name is -
Do you hear an invitation
To maybe shed the skin
That hides your deeper truth

Ooh ooh ooh...Hello my name is
Ooh ooh ooh...Hello my name is

a handful of letters
Strung together
Chosen by your grandma
Your Mother had another one in mind
But she was young and tired
So on that cold November night
she whispered in tandem with your first cry
sure, that'll suit her fine
sure, that'll suit her fine

Hello my name is...
Echoes in this room of strangers
Means a little less
With each offering you make

Hello my name is -
Surely there's a bar, here
Oh this evenings wearing thin
Next time you might leave that space blank

Ooh ooh ooh...
Ooh ooh ooh...

Hello my name is
A gift to your next lover
Its syllables on their lips
Before they open to a sigh
Hello my name is...
Perhaps select a new one
Figure you'll grow in
To it's opulence and shine

Ooh ooh ooh...Hello my name is
Ooh ooh ooh...Hello my name is

A rose is a rose is a rose
Everybody knows
That doesn't come close
To getting it right
A rose is a rose is a rose
The story goes
All subtlety lost
In our rush to define
By a handful of letters
Strung together
Stuck to you forever like glue - ooh ooh

Hello my name is
Hello my name is
Hello my name is
You've forgotten what you came for
Hello my name is
You're scanning for the door
Hello my name is
Gonna follow you wherever
Hello my name is
Stuck to you forever
Handful of letters
Handful of letters
Ooh ooh ooh