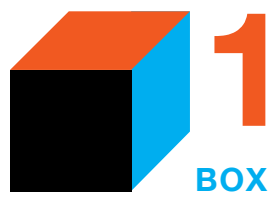


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BOX

you used your wings for shelter
and found out too late
that missing out on embarrassment
won't pay the wait

and every year the candles
burn without a cake
you chose the pond over the ocean
by mistake

be careful with that box, pandora!
don't you dare come near!
hey! you forgot your box, pandora!
you just can't leave it here!

you hear the word
you wear that shirt
you sneak a peek
you take the torch
you leave the porch
you kiss the freak

you close your eyes
you find those guys
you ride that ramp
you own the track
you break a leg
you get the amp
be careful ...

if caution is a myth
and vice a plain invention
then ease is not a lie
seems they just forgot to mention

be careful ...
oh! she forgot her box
she just left it here!

words & music **eff**
acoustic guitar **bob koala**



2

STEAL AWAY

words **eff**
music **loupoe & eff**

jet lagged at jfk on a morning in spring
sitting right behind me waiting for a flight home to berlin
you got all worked up talking to your friend
about some "greedy refugees invading our fatherland"

"they're cheating and robbing everyone and everywhere"
(miraculously you still had the money for long distance airfare)
so keen on stealing everything away from you
your suburban house and your fake LV speedy, too

i could've turned around, i could've yelled
i could've puked right into your lap, yeah
i could've ranted and raved, at least i could've ruined your day
but instead i stole away

i can't believe that anyone would want to take that bag of yours
or your alcoholic husband slowly losing consciousness
but you kept talking bullshit and you seemed so fucking serious
i think i've rarely found anyone so hideous

i didn't try to tell you how to wake your brain from coma
or talk you into emigrating to oklahoma
i can't decide who's more pathetic, who's the prick?
you and your verbal diarrhea? or me, the gutless hypocrite?

i should've turned around, i should've yelled
i should've puked right into your lap, yeah
i should've ranted and raved, at least i should've ruined your day
but instead i stole away

to all you people out there with some love in your heart
and an operational brain, yeah
do better than me, laugh in their face or take them apart
but i urge you, i pray: don't steal away

and whenever...

and whenever i see you today
it seems the phantom pains have gone away
oh i wanna get a glimpse again of our wicked joy
but i can't find that girl no more and you're not that boy

but whenever they play the cure
we're back in your room, so messed up and so pure
and whenever i see this sickening shade of blue
we're tangled up again (so young and so untrue)

(na na na)

and whenever they play the cure
we're back in your room, so messed up and so pure
and whenever i see this sickening shade of blue
we're tangled up again

(na na na)

you told me: this mornin'
the sun had just come out
and you had this peculiar dream
you thought you woke up
but you saw me right there
as weird as it may seem

my eyes asked for somethin'
you couldn't quite understand
we seemed so far apart
but then for some reason
you knew that you had the key
to a chamber in my heart

and when you tried it the door sprung open
but you didn't find a room
you found a palace
full of colorful balloons, yeah

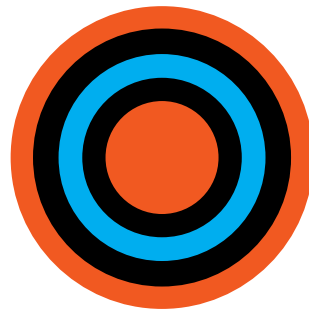
hundreds and thousands
pouring out, flying happily
hundreds and thousands
of balloons (breaking free)

and when you finished
i didn't know
just what to say to you
i felt some tickling
i felt some rumbling
and all knew was: it was true

and then i giggled
cause they were squeakin' and squeezin'
deep down in my chest
and i was laughing out loud
with hundreds and thousands
on their merry quest

and now every time it's just the three of us
me, your guitar and you
i see balloons floating out of my heart
and out of yours, too

B



1

GARDEN

words & music **eff**

here in this garden i can
wander with my hands loose
in here the trees and dreams grow
and there's no need to choose

i see tentousand colors
here's where my eyes glow
the tough are healed by the gentle
the past has let go

in here the seconds turn to moments
no redundancy
i am struggling to learn
how to bear its full abundance

rich are the owners
lucky, too
and i am blessed cause i got you

here all the words have meaning
and every step counts
although the paths are endless
this garden has bounds

in here i trade my things
for wisdom and peace
and when the times turn quiet
here is where i will cease



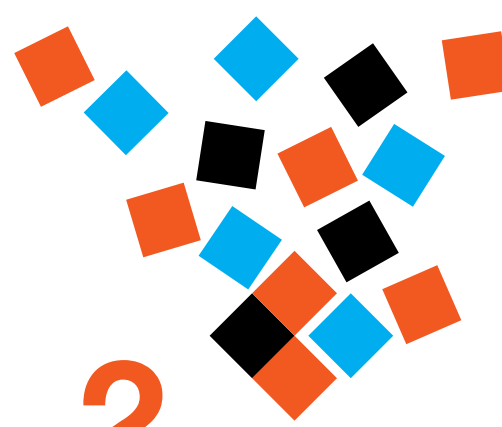
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BEAR AT SEA

we were fifteen when my mother sent me down to the docks
to bring my little brother a dry pair of socks
you were fixing a motor without any luck
and when you hurt yourself and madly yelled ,fuck!
i watched from the quay above
and i knew that i was in love

i said: hey, i'm your mermaid, a fisherman's friend
set your sails and leavly and the mainland!
be my bear at sea
in your arms i'll be free
we didn't know you'd always be ... twenty-three

with rollo the viking we went for a ride
you carried your baritone coffin with pride
you could set a spinnaker and slam dunk with grace
your hands would trim pirates and send a girl into space
your vinyl tastes were impeccable and steady
the lamb lied down before supper was ready



2

200 HORSES

i know a guy
his mind is racing
speeding on the fly

i know a girl
pacing and chasing
her head's in a swirl

she looks young in the dim
she's got a nice rack
has a crush on him

two hundred horses
getting off track
centrifugal forces

she lent him her wings
attached with strings
ready to miss her
never gonna kiss her

she said
things will be much clearer
in the rearview mirror
but that's just a lie
from some other guy

i know a woman
seeing through her own lies
and taking none

i know a good man
wary and wise
stickin' to the plan

slowly keep on driving
with grace
keep on thriving
for life is no race

so careful on the edge
ready to catch
each other's soul
in rock and in roll, ha!

and at the end of their ways
all those nights
and all those days
they're gonna
see things clearer
together
in the rearview mirror

words **eff**
music **loupoe & eff**



3

LIMINAL

words & music **eff**
all sounds **loupoe**

there you are, standing still
silent in the dark
and here i am, dancin' round
tryin' to catch a spark

i can't be quiet cause i am
afraid to look into your eyes
and if i did i might see things
we're so desperately tryin' to hide

hang on just a little while
and revel in ambiguity
savor all the meanings of a smile
transmitted to infinity

let's linger in the liminal
where everything is possible
let's gravitate and stop the talking
let flying be our normal way of walking

linger in the liminal
where everything is possible
let's gravitate and stop the talking
c'mon, baby, let's fly

don't come closer closer closer
don't go deeper deeper deeper
let's just linger
in the liminal

i promise not to be afraid
i give in and i shred the plan
i don't believe in force of fate
c'mon let's capture what we can

and others won't understand
cause there's no name for what we have
this odd unsettling land
where we can cry and laugh

words **eff**
music **loupoe & eff**

and again you'll stare at me
with your needy eyes
i can't wait to see, ha!
your surprise

i'll bait you first
with a gracious smile
oh build up the thirst
well, this might take a while
then i'll mock you on the fly
and let the silence take care
and when you turn away to cry
i'll grab your hair
and then i'll rip it

one day you might find
some dignity for you
don't know whether that's ever gonna happen
but even if you do

i'll just say oops
i didn't mean to
i didn't mean to
mean

i just can't stand you getting in my hair



4

4

words & music **eff**
backing vocals **loupoe**

(na na na)

i'd walk along the muted corridor
in the dim light to the metal door
the weirdest place to live for anyone i knew
completely fucked-up and outrageously cool

(na na na)

i'm gonna court you, you said and i said ok
you came up with this insane game and we began to play
you had made up your mind and i failed to comply
i knew that we'd screw up but i didn't know why

and whenever they play the cure
we're back in your room, so messed up and so pure
and whenever i see this sickening shade of blue
we're tangled up again

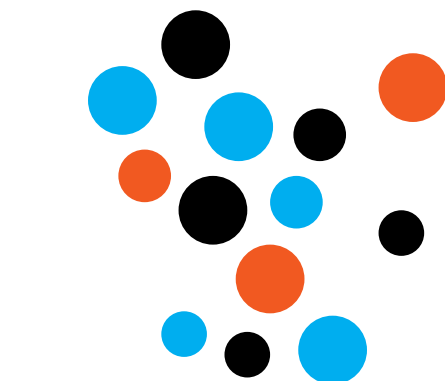
(na na na)

i'd put on the white shirt to fake innocence
you would brush up your lines for brilliance
we'd argue our way in and out of love
in the creepy light from the lamp above

(na na na)

and though we never kissed (yeah we never kissed)
i swallowed all the things i'd missed
dizzy taste of million ways to thrive
promise of everything

words **eff**
music **loupoe & eff**



6

THE KEY

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HAIR

take your time
get ready for me
i'll drink your excitement
with my rooibos tea
your kind little heart
is on the way to me
i'll be in the shower when you come
just wait for me and see

i'll bait you first
with a gracious smile
oh build up the thirst
well, this might take a while
then i'll mock you on the fly
and let the silence take care
and when you turn away to cry
i'll grab your hair
and then i'll rip it

it always takes some time
for you to recoup
if i moan about how bad i had it
i get back in the loop
i offer a biscuit
i knit you a skirt
i talk some bullshit
oh you get over the hurt



unless stated otherwise
all songs
vocals **eff**
guitars **loupoe**
bass **pet**
drums **lars LD**