

Lyrics to "Thanks To You"

1. PERMANENT DAMAGE

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Sure, I have a set of eyes, and sometimes I can really see
the simple truth of what's around me
Other times I choose to deny reality
I get all tangled up in what I would prefer to see

These times are happening way too often for my taste-
I'm afraid if we don't start now that a lot of love could go to waste...

THERE'S A FIRE IN OUR HOUSE
THERE'S A FLOOD IN THE YARD
A TORNADO ON OUR TAIL
BROKEN GLASS IN THE ROAD
BABY, DON'T YOU SMELL THE SMOKE?
CAN'T YOU FEEL THE WIND?
LET'S PUT ON THE BRAKES BEFORE
PERMANENT DAMAGE IS DONE

Don't know how we let it go on and on for so damn long
And we would never say that anything was wrong
I'd hate if it was too late for us to change
But more than furniture is needing to be rearranged

I know that what lies up ahead ain't so easy to face
I'm afraid if we don't start now that a lot of love could go to waste...

CHORUS

Don't think I'm over reacting
' cause it's getting pretty funky in here
I can't take it another day
let alone another year

CHORUS

2. IF I RAN THE ZOO

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I'd put cruelty into a cage
I'd lock up frustration and rage
I'd throw pain to the snakes and all our mistakes to the bears

I'd cut politics up for the lions
I'd shackle injustice in irons
I'd open the roof and let hope and truth fly free

Play like a team and say what we mean
These are things I would do if I ran the zoo

I would capture corruption and greed
The needy would get what they need
Those who had more would give to the poor with a smile

Certain species would just disappear
Along with their violence and fear
Impatience would wait all day at the gate for me

Life would be fair and people would care
These are things I would do if I ran the zoo

Call me a dreamer I don't really care
' Cause I believe what we believe can happen

Wish every night on a star
Love and accept who you are
Children and fools come equipped with the tools to see

What matters most is under our nose
These are things I would do
things I would do
Yes these are things I would do
If I Ran The Zoo

3. THE SORROW WE KNOW

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Have you read the paper today
Horror on every page that you see
Have you heard the story she told
Can you imagine that?

OH, THE SORROW WE KNOW
DAY AFTER DAY
MAKING OUR WAY
ALL OF US PAY
HERE TO TOMORROW
OOOH, HOW DO WE SEE IT THROUGH?
WHERE IS THE TRAIL?
WIND FOR THE SAIL?
MILK IN THE PAIL?
ANSWER: LOVE

Have you seen what they did to them
Why does it have to happen this way
Every minute someone somewhere
Carries a broken heart

CHORUS

Questions I know you have
all the riddles of life
things we don't understand
Puzzles and too much pain
But you know what they say
sunshine always will follow rain

Take this chance to practice learning
What else is there to do?

CHORUS

4. EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON

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We all want to understand
When our life gets out of hand
So many things we can't explain away
When our fate seems so unjust
We forget we have to trust
Life will unfold the way it's meant to
Drop to our knees and begging please
Take this pain and trouble away
With every prayer demand and dare
How could this happen now? But-

EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME
WHEN YOU LOOK BACK YOU'LL AGREE
THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT FEELS SO HARD

No one knows what to believe
We would rather stay naive
So many things are not what they seem to be
We all want some evidence
When we can't make any sense
Out of things that occur that make us feel afraid
Explain to me so I can see
The logic that's working here
Help me to name what I can blame
Why did this happen now? But-

CHORUS

As if an explanation that we could get
Could make it easier to accept
That this is the path, sometimes you laugh, and sometimes you cry Don't be afraid to live,
cause you're afraid to die

With every turn a chance to learn
And look at what's going on
All we can do is see it through
In the end we'll all know why

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5. YOU JUST HAVE TO BEND

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I love to talk and ask you what you think
Tell me why some boats will never sink
You said...

It's best to take your own sweet time
But once you make up your mind
That this is what you want 'til the bitter end
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT LAST YOU JUST HAVE TO BEND

For your own sake, look closely to your heart
If it's a mistake you'll know as soon as you start
But if you think you found your lover and your friend
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT LAST YOU JUST HAVE TO BEND

Like a willow in the wind
Bowing to the breeze
Or a mountain road
Keep your eyes in front and take it real slow

My point of view
Comes with my age
' Cause so very few ever get to this stage
But here's a bit of truth that I can recommend
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IT LAST YOU JUST HAVE TO BEND

6. TIME TO GO

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I realize it's not a surprise
There were so many clues along the way
Even though I know that this is right
I know you can't go home anymore
Once you have your heart out the door

I'M CAUGHT BETWEEN A MOAN AND A SIGH
HOW WILL I FIND THE WORDS TO SAY GOOD-BYE
WHERE IS THE SIGN THAT SAYS "THE END"
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO GO?

How do you deal with all that you feel
When you see that it's not the picture you drew
Even though you know that this is right
It's not so easy to follow your heart
When you thought you never would part

CHORUS

You've got to face all those tears
You can't erase all those years
And you wonder why-
No matter how much you struggle and learn
There are pages so difficult to turn
Why is it always so painful letting go
Regardless of the things that you know

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7. DIFFERENT DEGREES

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Been away so long, it don't seem Kosher
From Big Sur to Nova Scotia
You can go near-you can go far, but wherever you go
That's where you are

Everyday I think of things you told me
At night I wish love could hold me
Faces and rooms all rearranged-the places are new
But nothing has changed

I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT I KEEP LOOKING CAUSE I
REALLY WANT TO SEE...BUT
I GOTTA TELL YOU THAT I KEEP SEEING
WE'RE JUST LIKE THAT
IN DIFFERENT DEGREES

Well, nobody knows and nobody doesn't
Christian, Jew, Hindu. Muslim
What's true in the false-false in the true-do unto others
As they'd do to you

I know we believe that we're so different
But we're all in the same position
Can you define what is success-is more really more-
And less really less?

CHORUS

What is it that we try to defend?
Is it real, or is it pretend?
Do you think you can see things as they are?

Been away so long it don't seem Kosher
From Big Sur to Nova Scotia
You can go near-you can go far-but wherever you go
That's where you are...

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8. FISTFUL OF STONES

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Was it something I said?
Why do you want me dead?
You won't even give me a clue
You don't know me and I don't know you
But you can't wait to give me the blame
And you won't even let me explain

THERE'S A FISTFUL OF STONES
COMIN' THIS WAY
WHAT DID I DO TO YOU?
THERE'S A FISTFUL OF STONES
BETTER NOT STAY
WHAT WILL YOU DO TO ME?

Why is the world a mess?
Is it the way I dress?
You won't even look in my eyes
Everything that I am you despise
You say there's nothing left to debate
But the only thing hate brings is hate

CHORUS

How will it stop? Where will it end?
Everyone has a point of view they should defend
To the death, to the death, to the death
of those who could care less...

Politics never die
All politicians lie
The sinners denying the sin
They never give up 'til they win
In safety they strike at the fuse
But it's our life they're willing to lose

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9. HAPPENS LIKE THIS

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I know it's true
You know it too
Why are we hiding?
He'll never know
come on, let's go
But don't think it doesn't show

It's clear: I've got to have you
Why wait another moment?
Passion, fire...
How many times in life do you think it happens like this?

You know we've got
something so hot
' Cause we are burning
We're wasting time and I'm
loosing my mind
Why don't we go right now?

We could try to deny it
But who would ever buy it
Love, desire...
How many times in life do you think it happens like this?

Oh, I just can't let it go
Ooooh, kisses so sweet and slow

(Repeat first verse, and chorus)

10. HOME

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THERE'S A ROOF OVER MY SOUL
I'M SAFE, CALM AND WARM
YOU GAVE ME THE COURAGE
TO GET THROUGH THE STORM
I'LL KEEP YOU RIGHT HERE SO YOU'LL ALWAYS BE NEAR
THE THOUGHT OF YOUR LOVING, WILL ALWAYS BE HOME

No matter where I will go, what I'll do, what I'll see
Whenever I need to feel that your love is around me
I'll just close my eyes
Or look to the skies
In a moment I can have what I need

CHORUS

We give and we take and we learn from mistakes how to live
It's love that will last, not the pain in our past, just forgive The more that I know Continues
to show That I always seem to have what I need

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It's true-the picture won't stay the same
But you will always be in the frame

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11. IN THE CROSSHAIRS OF DESIRE

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I'm much more than lucky for this
but I can't look at lovers when they kiss
I'm missing you so much
that when I see them touch
I fall away into a dream of how it could be...

IN THE CROSSHAIRS OF DESIRE
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIRE
IN THE SHADOW OR THE RIM
WHEN IT'S LIGHT OR WHEN IT'S DIM
ALL I SEE IS YOU
I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD
FEEL THIS LOVED AND UNDERSTOOD
BURN UP ALL THE CASH
ALL I WANT IS YOU

Millions of times in the street
I fantasize that we could meet
No matter where the place or town
It's you I want my arms around
And I fall away into a dream
of how it could be...

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12. Thanks To You

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We forget life is so precious
Like the memory of last night's dream
Get a glimpse of what is important
But choose to erase what we've seen

Everyday carries a lesson
nothing comes out of the blue
And I see the world as a teacher
Thanks To You

We are all slaves to our history
From how we watch others behave
Some never change, never question
Traveling from cradle to grave

I know some people have hurt me
But I'm sure that they haven't a clue
And I'm learning a way to forgive them
Thanks To You

Life's like a jail when blindness prevails
Everyone everywhere has to choose
Don't wait to ask why 'til you wither and die
What did you fear you would lose?

I have heard loving another
has no conditions or rules
When we start to honor what's different
We treat one another like jewels

We can find understanding and kindness
And treasure each moment like new
And I know just what this feels like
Thanks To You