**Alicia 4:43**

**I’m the paint brush, not the painter**

**I just want to entertain her**

**Please my new friend Alicia & make her stay**

**I am just the singer, not the song**

**& all I really did was sing along**

**She said it made her day**

**I went to see the child in the manger**

**I was one in a million of strangers**

**& they made me stand in a long & winding line**

**This is just another tourist town**

**Even the rain is watered down**

**Not just the wine**

**She’s just a face in the congregation**

**Scattered in the dead of night**

**Now Alicia is moving on**

**To remain in light**

**There’s not one thing for certain**

**Not even the color of the curtain**

**Not even the promise of the great obscure**

**Oh Alicia is there anybody out there**

**Who will listen to our prayers**

**She says “for sure”**

**Solitary Company 6:08**

**It’s been a long & bumpy plane ride**

**But I made it down alive**

**Feel like a lonely honey bee**

**Returning to the hive**

**Here come the wallpaper ghosts again**

**& I’m falling under their spell**

**I see a man and a woman making love**

**At the Carlton Arms Hotel**

**Solitary Company**

**Green blanket on the queen-bed**

**Blood stain on the frame**

**Voices coming through the sink**

**I thought I heard your name**

**Raindrops on the window pane**

**I hope they never dry**

**This is the first of many days**

**The first of many nights**

**Solitary Company**

**Stardust 3:05**

**Slow me down before it’s now or never**

**Break the hands of time before I’m old**

**Hold me when I want to sleep forever**

**Let me lie beside you when I’m cold**

**Strike a match & light another candle**

**See the wick playing with the flame**

**It’s a game that only love can handle**

**It’s a phantom only love can tame**

**You are stardust**

**I’m just staying alive in a combat zone**

**You are stardust**

**I’m just flesh & bone**

**No need for enemies or allies**

**No need for ties to higher ground**

**Too far away to be on my side**

**Too close to try & come around**

**When the lights go down 5:18**

**I’m gonna take Avalon**

**To Landers Brew**

**Find me a friend & companion**

**For a drink or 2**

**Among the blind & the lame**

**The lost & the found**

**& we’re all the same when the lights go down**

**Build me a cabin**

**When it starts to rain**

**Wait for the flood**

**On the desert plain**

**Stake your claim**

**But you’re nowhere bound**

**& we’re all the same when the lights go down**

**Papa did you really try hard enough**

**Mama did you hold on to your dream when the ride got rough**

**Did you try hard enough**

**Wash the blood away**

**From your fingernails**

**Get rid of the gun**

**On Sunflower Trail**

**No one to blame**

**But the black-eyed hound**

**& we’re all the same when the lights go down**

**Beautiful disarray 3:18**

**There’s a lonely spirit at the heart of every crowd**

**& a secret parallel world behind the clouds**

**& the darkness like the shadow of a manta ray**

**Hovering above our heads on a summer day**

**Beautiful disarray**

**There’s a soft & very gentle twist in my reality**

**Comfort in the black & bare branches of the apple tree**

**Consolation in the eye of a bird of prey**

**& my bird of paradise won’t fly away**

**The waterlily & the dragonfly 2:24**

**I see the pond come alive in the moonlight now**

**In a sweet midsummer night’s dream**

**I see the willow bend & the black reeds bow**

**& the emerald water gleam**

**I’ve been listening to the fairies ‘til my ears were ringing**

**& I had to wash them in the sand**

**I would listen with my tired eyelids if you’re singing**

**Listen with the palm of my hand**

**& you go**

**I’ll be your lovely waterlily**

**You’ll be my dragonfly**

**Can’t you see it’s surely gonna kill me**

**If the pond runs dry**

**Tonight I’m gonna give in to the clatter of the crickets**

**& the gentle sting of desire**

**One step away from the shelter of the thicket**

**One step away from the mire**

**I can’t compete with you**

**& I can’t fly**

**I’m gonna wither in the heat**

**Wither & die**

**11 & 9 4:27**

**Lay with me by the levee**

**On a blanket under the pines**

**I know your dreams**

**& you know mine**

**Lay with me by the levee**

**We’ll be watching the boats go by**

**& the wandering shadows**

**Of the clouds in the sky**

**We’re gonna gamble**

**We’re gonna lay it all on 11 & 9**

**We’re gonna lose our money for love**

**& it’s gonna be fine**

**Spending the rest on a meal**

**& a bottle of wine**

**Keeping the devil in limbo**

**Beyond the waterline**

**You make me a better man**

**Lay with me by the levee**

**Until the end of day**

**Everything changes**

**Please don’t go away**

**The only child 4:25**

**I’m an only child**

**You’re lonely too**

**Lonely & wild**

**She said & she smiled**

**But only a child**

**I came so far**

**For your broken tunes**

**Diamonds & tar**

**Birthmarks & scars**

**Is what they are**

**Whatever specters are doing after midnight**

**They don’t want to do it all alone**

**Helicopters drowning out the moonlight**

**& the statues in my garden fall asleep**

**& turn to stone**

**I’m a fireman’s pride**

**A firebug’s dream**

**Liquor & light**

**There’s no wrong & right**

**In the long long night**

**The spell is tied**

**To the lead colored**

**High & wide**

**Solid sky**

**The Ferris wheel 3:55**

**The Ferris wheel is spinning round**

**Going up & going down**

**In a place where you never see the sunshine**

**Somewhere deep down underground**

**& the skeleton will take your hand**

**You’ll be dancing to the marching band**

**You’ll be walking down the alley with the dragon**

**In a cotton candy – wonderland**

**Just another shot of Maker’s Mark**

**Makes the German shepherd bark**

**& the steam trains rolling after midnight**

**& the tracks are shining in the dark**

**& the Ferris wheel is spinning round**

**Round & round & round & round**

**Going up & going down**

**Somewhere deep down underground**

**The Ferris wheel is spinning round**

**& the sky is liquefied**

**Satin steel & cyanide**

**There’s a long line for the rollercoaster**

**& the rain is falling from my eyes**

**See the white feathered pretty dove**

**Fight the magpies up above**

**You may want to cross your fingers**

**& send her all your love**

**Remember me 4:42**

**Memory lane is just a dirt road on the Mesa**

**When the daytime moon-reverie makes you relive**

**Another man’s life in a little house by the seaside**

**Where the waves will make you forget if you forgive**

**All of that dust in the air just adds to the beauty**

**& the sun’s going down behind a pink velvet veil**

**The fisherman’s daughter & son now live in the valley**

**Sending family photographs by the mail**

**A handful of sand for my son**

**& a seashell for my daughter**

**& a song from down in the deep blue sea**

**Remember me**

**Their voices still echo in the cry of the seagull**

**Their toys are still out there in the autumn rain**

**I still hear their little feet on the staircase**

**& I know in my heart I will see them again**