

HUNTER'S PRAYER

IT'S THAT VELVET HORNED BUCK
TELLING ME TO MEASURE UP
HE LOCKS MY EYES
AND I KNOW JUST WHAT I'M HERE FOR.

LOVE BE SWIFT LOVE BE KIND
WHILE YOU'RE MAKING UP YOUR MIND
YEAH I KNOW I DON'T DESERVE IT
BUT I NEED SOMETHING TO SPELL ME

IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT EVERYTHING'S SHUT DOWN
CAUSE EVERYONE AROUND HERE IS BROKE AND
TIRED
STEAM IS RISING FROM AN AUGUST STORM
IT'S LIKE I JUST GOT BORN

SO LIFE BE HONEST LIFE BE FREE
WHILE YOU'RE POURING OUT OF ME
OR SWELLING UP
CAUSE I KNOW THAT I GET GREEDY

AND I KNOW THIS CREEK IS GONNA RISE
AND SOMETIMES IT WILL RUN DRY
YEAH PLEASE DON'T LET ME WASTE IT
BUT PLEASE DON'T LET ME DROWN

GIVE ME A MOON TO KEEP MY FEARS AT BAY
GIVE ME A DOG THAT DON'T RUN AWAY
GIVE ME A LOVE THAT DON'T FADE
OH LET ME WALK IN DECENCY

DEATH BE GENTLE DEATH BE PROUD
BUT MOST OF ALL JUST BE ALLOWED
OH LET ME PULL THE KNIFE
ACROSS FOR MERCY'S SAKE NOW

AND IF I JUST DON'T HAVE THE GUTS
WILL YOU COME AND PROP ME UP
YEAH I KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT
OH BUT I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO DO IT

GIVE ME A MOON TO KEEP MY FEARS AT BAY
GIVE ME A DOG THAT DON'T RUN AWAY
GIVE ME A LOVE THAT DON'T FADE
OH LET ME WALK IN DECENCY

TIME ZONE

BABY I'M IN YOUR TIME ZONE NOW BUT I'M CALLING TO LET YOU DOWN
CAUSE IT DON'T MEAN WHAT I THOUGHT IT WOULD HON,
YOU AND ME GOT THE SAME SETTING SUN
AND WHAT IF DARLING THAT'S ALL WE GOT AFTER ALL WE GAVE TO LOVE

I SEE YOUR CITY LIGHTS, BUT I WON'T BE STOPPING BY
EVERY ROAD STILL LEADS TO YOU,
EVERY HAUNT WE KEPT STILL MAKES ME BLUE
WHAT IF I NEVER LEARN TO BE SOMETHING MORE THAN YOU AND ME

THERE'S A MILLION STARS IN THE TWINKLING SKY
I WONDER WHY YOU WERE THE ONE I WAS WISHING ON
ONCE UPON A LONELY TIME

BABY I'M ALMOST OUT OF SIGHT BUT I'M CALLING TO SAY GOOD NIGHT
ONE MORE TIME BECAUSE IT'S TRUE, I BEEN COUNTING DAYS
BUT NOW I'M THROUGH

THERE'S A MILLION STARS IN THE TWINKLING SKY
I WONDER WHY YOU WERE THE ONE I WAS WISHING ON
ONCE UPON A LONELY TIME

OYSTER AND PEARL

I'M JUST A SOUTHERN GAR NO SPAR LEFT TO BE HAD
DRIFTING ON A CURRENT IN THE RAIN IN A RIVER BED
I BEEN SO LONG IN THIS WORLD
WHAT I GOT LEFT IS ALL I NEED NOW

THEY FEEL YOU IN THE TILL UNTIL THE TILL RUNS DRY
THERE'S A WATERDANCE GOING ON AND
I WANNA BE THERE TONIGHT
I WANT TO SKIP TO MY LOU TO THE DUB STEP SOUND
COUNTRY KIDS GATHER ROUND

YOU WANT ME TO BE THE OYSTER THAT HAS THE PEARL
OYSTER AND PEARL, OYSTER AND PEARL
BUT THERE AIN'T NOTHING LIKE THAT IN THIS GIRL

BABY ALL I NEED IS A CREEK AT DUSK AND DAWN
OH THEM MUDDY WATERS IS WHERE I WANT TO BE
FOUND
OH WON'T YOU BUILD A FIRE WITH THE SAPPY PINE
BURN THIS VESSEL, SCATTER ME AROUND

I WANNA FEEL THE RUSHES IN MY HAIR
I WANNA SEE THE BLACKBERRIES IN THE SUN
I WANNA HEAR THE OWL SINGING AT NIGHT
I WANNA KNOW MY SWEET LORD BY AND BY

I'M JUST A SOUTHERN GAR NO SPAR LEFT TO BE HAD
DRIFTING ON A CURRENT IN THE RAIN IN A RIVER BED
YEAH I BEEN SO LONG IN THIS WORLD
ALL I GOT LEFT IS ALL I NEED NOW.

YOU WANT ME TO BE THE OYSTER THAT HAS THE PEARL
OYSTER AND PEARL, OYSTER AND PEARL
BUT THERE AIN'T NOTHING LIKE THAT IN THIS GIRL
YEAH THERE AIN'T NOTHING LIKE THAT IN THIS GIRL

THE GIG THAT MATTERS

I'M PRACTICING FOR THE GIG THAT MATTERS
IN THE SKY, IN THE SKY
I'M SINGING FOR ALL MY FRIENDS TO GATHER
WHEN THEY FLY, WHEN THEY FLY
GONNA SAY HEY ST. PETER, LISTEN TO MY SONG HERE
I BEEN WRITING ALL MY LIFE
I KNOW YOU'VE HEARD EVERY GOLDEN-THROATED ANGEL
BUT I HEARD REDEMPTION, IT KNOWS NO BOUNDS

TOO MANY DAYS, I LIVED A LIFE OF LEISURE
WHILE FOLKS WERE STARVED FOR FOOD AND REST
AND IT'S TRUE, I DRANK FROM THE CUP OF THE
RIGHTEOUS
WHILE THE DEVIL'S SONG PLAYED IN MY HEAD
BUT MY REDEEMERS THEY HAVE BEEN MANY
AND I CAN'T HELP BUT CHANGE MY TUNE
SO I'M PRACTICING FOR THE GIG THAT MATTERS
SO I CAN SING THIS WORLD OF TRUTH.

EVERY DRUNK THAT I PLAYED FOR
KEPT ME RIGHT, KEPT ME RIGHT
EVERY WAYWARD PREACHER AND AIMLESS SOLDIER
KEPT ME IN LINE, KEPT ME IN LINE
THIS IS A SONG FOR ALL THE SINNERS
WHO NEVER KNEWED THEY MADE THE DIFFERENCE
AND THE WORKING SAINTS ABANDONED IN THE
TRENCHES,
THE LAMB OF GOD LOST IN THE WOOD

I'M PRACTICING FOR THE GIG THAT MATTERS
I WANT TO SEE MY SAVIOR'S FACE
WHEN ST. PETER SAYS SING YOUR SONG CHILD
AND I'LL LET YOU THROUGH THESE PEARLY GATES
GONNA SAY HEY LORDY I'M HERE TO BEAR SOME
WITNESS
NO DISRESPECT BUT, JUST IN CASE YOU MISSED IT
THERE'S SOME LONG HAUL SUFFERING BROKEN FOLKS
THAT NEED MENDING
AND THEY AIN'T SEEN YOUR HELP YET

ANYHOW

THAT OL COPPERHEAD, HE'S HUNG FOR SURE
WITH HALF OF ITS BEING IN THE JAW OF MY CUR
THE OTHER HALF WAVING ITS HEAD IN THE DIRT
WITH JUST ENOUGH VENOM TO DO SOME HURT
I CAN'T SAVE IT NOW, SO I WATCH IT DIE
AND I THANK THE LORD FOR BETTER TIMES

LITTLE BOX TURTLE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD
HALF OF ITS SHELL IS GONE AND BROKE
THE OTHER HALF GOT WHERE IT WAS GOING
IT MADE JUST ENOUGH ROAD TO KEEP IT HOPING
I CAN'T SAVE IT NOW, SO I WATCH IT DIE
AND I THANK THE LORD FOR BETTER TIMES

MAYBE WE'LL WRITE
MAYBE WE'LL CALL
MAYBE WE'LL FALL IN LOVE AGAIN
I CAN'T SAVE IT NOW, SO I WATCH IT DIE
AND I THANK THE LORD FOR EVERY TIME

HALF OF MY LIFE IS GONE FOR SURE
THE OTHER HALF-GOD WILLING OCCURS
WITH JUST ENOUGH LEFT TO HOPE AND HURT
AND JUST ENOUGH SENSE TO KNOW
THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT I CAN'T SAVE NOW
BUT I THANK THE LORD ANYHOW

DUANE ALLMAN

SHE CAME ON UP FROM WAYCROSS YEAH . . .
FROM A WHISKEY SWAMP AND A VAGABOND CLAN
WITH HER TUNE IN HER BUCKET AND HER HEAD HELD HIGH
AND A BOOK ABOUT HER GRANDPA FLYING THE SKIES

SHE SAID, MAN IT AIN'T NEVER GONNA BE THE SAME
YOU KNOW I'LL GIVE 'EM A CHANCE BUT
NO ONE CAN PLAY LIKE DUANE

NOW IT WAS BACK IN THE FALL OF '71
DUANE MET A FLATBED COMING HOME
WITH HIS SONG IN THE CHARTS AND HIS HARLEY FLYING THROUGH THE AIR
NOW HE WAS JUST HITTING HIS STRIDE WHEN THE ANGELS WEPT

THEY SAID, MAN IT AIN'T NEVER GONNA BE THE SAME
YOU KNOW WE'LL GIVE 'EM A CHANCE BUT
NO ONE CAN PLAY LIKE DUANE

WE LOSE THE BEST, WE LOST THE REST, WE LOSE IT ALL ALONG THE WAY
WE LEARN TO DIG DOWN DEEP, WIPE OUR HANDS, AND WALK AWAY FROM THE GRAVE

SHE SAID, NOW, I GOT A HOLE THAT JUST WON'T FIX
AS DEEP AS A SKY THAT WON'T BE LIT
THE SPAN OF A WING THAT JUST WON'T FLY
AND I BEEN CARRYING THIS TUNE SINCE THE ANGELS CRIED

SHE SAID, MAN IT AIN'T NEVER GONNA BE THE SAME
YOU KNOW I'LL GIVE 'EM A CHANCE BUT
NO ONE CAN PLAY LIKE DUANE

BROKEN RECORD

WHEN THE SNOW COMES, I DON'T LEAVE NO TRACKS
I STAY INSIDE UNTIL YOU GET BACK
I LEAVE IT VIRGIN, HONEST AND PURE
LIKE MY HEART WHERE YOU'RE CONCERNED

CAN YOU GET HERE BEFORE IT'S MELTED?
CAN YOU LISTEN TO THIS BROKEN RECORD AGAIN?

NOW I'M LOOKING AT THE MONTANA SKY
IN THE DEAD OF WINTER IN MY LIFE'S TWILIGHT
SOME THINGS JUST WANT TO PRY YOU RIGHT OPEN
BUT MY HEART JUST WAITS PROUD AND FROZEN

CAN YOU GET HERE BEFORE IT'S MELTED?
CAN YOU LISTEN TO THIS BROKEN RECORD AGAIN?

HOW DID YOU GET YOURSELF GONE SO MUCH?
OR IS THAT ROAD THE ONLY SONG YOU CAN LOVE?

IN MY DREAM I'M WORKING LATE AT THE BAR
I'M SWITCHING THE CHANNELS ON THE TV
LOOKING FOR YOU BABY OR SOME KIND OF SIGN
BUT WHEN I AWAKE I'M JUST SNOW BLINDED.

CAN YOU GET HERE BEFORE IT'S MELTED?
CAN YOU LISTEN TO THIS BROKEN RECORD AGAIN?

MORE PILLS

IF I HAD MORE PILLS, I'D TAKE 'EM
IF I HAD MORE SONGS TO SING
MORE DAYS FOR DAY-BREAKING
MY HEART IS ACHING FOR YOU

IF I HAD THE STRENGTH TO STAY THIS
IF I HAD THE WILL TO FINISH
SOME WAY TO GO THE DISTANCE
MY HEART IS BREAKING FOR YOU

IF I COULD STAND IN THE RIVER
WALK BY THE SEA
BE ON THE MOUNTAIN
SLEEP UNDER THE TREES
MY OLD SONG AND DANCE IT MIGHT STAND A CHANCE
MY HEART IT ACHES FOR YOU

SO WHEN ALL THIS WORLD LAY DREAMING
AND THE STARS HAVE SET THEIR COURSE
HOW COULD I EVER THINK OF SLEEPING
MY HEART IT ACHES FOR YOU

IF I COULD STAND IN THE RIVER
WALK BY THE SEA
BE ON THE MOUNTAIN
SLEEP UNDER THE TREES
MY OLD SONG AND DANCE IT MIGHT STAND A CHANCE
MY HEART IT BREAKS FOR YOU
MY HEART IT ACHES FOR YOU

GOODNIGHT TENDER

GOODNIGHT SWEET TENDER, THE VEIL IS ON THE LOOM
THE COYOTES ARE YIPPEE YI YAYING, THEY SING A LONESOME TUNE
ALL OF MY LIFE I'M A-RAMBLING SO YOU'RE IN MY STEAD
I LIKE AWAKE AND WONDER AT EVERY BEDTIME TALE
SO KEEP THE COALS A-GLOWING AND KEEP MY TRUE LOVE DREAMING
GOODNIGHT SWEET TENDER, GOODNIGHT

I MET A MAN WANDERING DOWN IN HARBORTOWN
HE BEGGED FROM ME A DOLLAR, HE DRANK THE DOLLAR DOWN
HE SAID I AM A SAILOR SWALLOWED BY THE WAR
A SOLDIER DRENCHED AND SALTY CAST BACK TO THE SHORE
AND NOW I'M GOOD FOR NOTHING EXCEPT TO DRINK AND DREAM

GOODNIGHT SWEET TENDER, THE VEIL IS ON THE LOOM
THE COYOTES ARE YIPPEE YI YAYING, THEY SING A LONESOME TUNE
ALL OF MY LIFE I'M A-RAMBLING SO YOU'RE IN MY STEAD
I LIKE AWAKE AND WONDER AT EVERY BEDTIME TALE
SO KEEP THE COALS A-GLOWING AND KEEP MY TRUE LOVE DREAMING
GOODNIGHT SWEET TENDER, GOODNIGHT

I MET A MAIDEN WIDOWED IN A COALMAN'S TOWN
SHE SAID ONCE I HAD A TRUE LOVE THEN CAME THE MOUNTAIN DOWN
AND ALL MY RELATIONS SWALLOWED BY THE MINES
WE WORKED FOR THE NICKELS WHEN WE NEEDED DIMES
THEY FED US FOR A WHILE BUT TOOK US BEFORE OUR TIME

GOODNIGHT SWEET TENDER, THE VEIL IS ON THE LOOM
THE COYOTES ARE YIPPEE YI YAYING, THEY SING A LONESOME TUNE
AND I'LL LIKE AWAKE AND WONDER AT EVERY BEDTIME TALE
GOODNIGHT, GOODNIGHT

MY DOG

**MY DOG, HE DON'T BITE.
MY DOG, HE DON'T EVEN BITE,
BUT HE BARKS ALL NIGHT.**

**MY HEART, IT DON'T BREAK.
MY HEART, IT DON'T EVEN BREAK,
BUT IT SURE DOES ACHE.**

**COME ON AND TAKE A RIDE WITH ME,
AND YOU WILL SEE**

**THIS LIFE, IT AIN'T LONG.
THIS LIFE, IT AIN'T EVEN LONG,
BUT IT SURE IS STRONG.**

**COME ON AND TAKE A RIDE WITH ME
AND YOU WILL SEE.**

LET THE SPIRIT

**AIN'T NO BODY CAN HOLD THIS JOURNEY
AIN'T NO MORTAL CAN HOLD THIS SONG
SO BE HUMBLE AND BE WORTHY
LET THE SPIRIT TAKE A HOLD**

**LET THE SPIRIT, LET THE SPIRIT
TAKE A HOLD
BE HUMBLE AND BE WORTHY
LET THE SPIRIT TAKE A HOLD**

**NON-BELIEVER I IMPORE YOU
WHAT YOU CALL IT MATTERS NONE
WHEN YOU FEEL THERE'S SOMETHING STIRRING
LET THE SPIRIT TAKE A HOLD**

**LET THE SPIRIT, LET THE SPIRIT
TAKE A HOLD
WHEN YOU FEEL SOMETHING STIRRING
LET THE SPIRIT GET A HOLD**

**NOW THAT PULPIT, IT WON'T RECONCILE YOU
FIRE AND BRIMSTONE WILL SURELY TAKE THEIR TOLL
ARE YOU WILLING TO BE FREE NOW
LET THE SPIRIT TAKE A HOLD**

**LET THE SPIRIT, LET THE SPIRIT
TAKE A HOLD
ARE YOU WILLING TO BE FREE NOW
LET THE SPIRIT TAKE A HOLD**

WHEN YOU COME FOR ME

**LAY ME DOWN EASY, IN THE VALLEY OR THE PINES,
THE GREEN RIVER GORGE ABOVE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LINE.
FIELDS FILLED WITH GOLD AND JUNKYARDS AND THE ROWS -
LAY ME DOWN EASY WHEN IT'S MY TIME TO GO.**

**MAMA, I DREAMED THAT I HAD NO HAND TO HOLD
AND THE LAND I CUT MY TEETH ON WOULDN'T LET ME CALL IT HOME.
SO LAY ME DOWN EASY, IN THE VALLEY OR THE PINES,
TELL ME THAT YOU'LL BE THERE WAITING,
STANDING IN THE LIGHT.**

**WHEN YOU COME FOR ME,
LET THE MOUNTAINS HOLD MY BONES.
THERE'S A PLACE FOR ME,
LET ME LIE DOWN WITH YOU IN THE COVE.**