

**The Migrant Workers, “Rise”**  
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**48 Hours**

I feel a rage coming over me  
I can't hide the way I feel tonight  
Kicking in walls, spitting in the mirror  
The writing's on the wall, the day is getting nearer  
48 hours

Plenty of blame to pass around  
Flying too close to the ground  
Castigate myself and everyone around  
Escape this hell, this spell to which I'm bound  
48 hours

If only I could take control and build a wall around my soul  
No longer be the easy prey of things and people I can't sway  
No longer wasting in the wind for everybody else's sins  
It's not some game I need to win. I'm crashing in a tail spin

After the storm will I see more clearly?  
What will I receive? You know I paid so dearly.  
How will I be judged: benignly or severely?  
Will I find peace or maybe only nearly?  
48 hours

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## **The Woodwork**

Close the windows  
It's coming in through the blinds  
Seal the doorway  
It's dripping into my mind  
Oh the water  
It's coming in through the woodwork

Over my shoulder  
Running through my head  
At my feet  
Like a ton of lead  
Swirling currents  
sweep me out of bed  
Raging torrents  
leave me out of breath

Over my shoulder  
Creeping from behind  
Circumstances  
I can't nullify  
Swirling currents  
sweep me out of bed  
Raging torrents  
leave me out of breath

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## **In My Dreams**

Out in space there's no need for sleep, only dreams  
No dignity, no promises to keep and no extremes  
Oh, oh, in my dreams

Coming round the dark side of the moon is so heavenly  
There's no earth shine to muddle up the view, or gravity  
Oh, oh, in my dreams

A hovercraft heard coming through the fog, remains unseen  
Hurry on board or linger by the dock that can't be reached  
Oh, oh, in my dreams  
Oh, oh, in my dreams  
The choice is seldom left to me  
Oh, oh, in my dreams

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## **Cowardice**

Cowardice and misunderstanding left us torn in two  
All those mental confrontations, never letting on to you  
never getting back with you

I could've said the things I had to say  
Instead of hiding them away  
I knew I'd have to let them out one day  
Why do I always wait so long?

My temperature kept rising day by day  
Now, what was there to be so afraid of?  
We should've, could've, would've found a way  
Now we've gone and thrown it all away

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## Lies

Trying to fight the stifling heat, you're gasping on the floor  
You're banging at the window instead of walking out the door  
It's taking everything you've got to keep this house of cards  
From crashing down in ruins, I guess it must be hard  
Now it seems the time's at hand to step down from your spire  
to climb out of the dungeon, to jump out of the fire  
You know that I can look you in the eyes and see beyond the lies  
I'll be damned if I can't read between the lines and see through your disguise

I don't worry anymore  
Lose the battle, win the war  
Lay it at someone else's door  
I don't worry anymore

All in all it all depends on the things that you have done  
They matter more than what's been wrought on you by anyone  
And remember as you watch the flames rise higher and higher  
It's not too late to take this hand and step out of the fire

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## **If fast was slow**

Flashing lights as you soar through the sky  
Disconnected from the Earth below  
Clutching hard so you don't lose control  
Just holding on  
You're moving way too fast

Suddenly the day turns into night  
The calm out there belies your state of mind  
Always looking out for things that satisfy  
Just hanging on  
You're moving way too fast

What if fast was slow,  
if you chose to make it so?  
What if short was tall  
And big were small?  
Or didn't matter at all?

Flashing lights as you soar through the sky  
The wind in your eyes makes it hard to see  
The worthy things in life are hidden deep inside  
Stop hanging on  
You're moving way too fast

One day we may come to realize  
A deeper kind of happiness inside  
Strip away the hang-ups and the alibis  
No hanging on  
No running from  
No climbing on  
No moving way too fast

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## **All in the name of love**

Sometimes it's good to be alone  
Sometimes I flout the scraps I'm thrown  
And count the scars that I've received  
From those in whom I most believed  
And they did it all in the name of love

Sometimes the things that I have done  
Come back to haunt me one by one  
I've wounded family and friends  
Can they forgive me in the end?  
And I did it all in the name of love

Sometimes it's like I'm ten feet tall  
In spite of all the pits and falls  
I find the ones I most deceived  
Are there to sooth and comfort me  
And they do it all in the name of love

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## **Hello**

I cried at the sight of flashing light  
Can't believe it's true  
I spied the tiny heartbeat inside  
Can't believe it's you

Hello, I sure am pleased to meet you  
How do you do?  
Hello, it sure is good to see you  
safe in your womb

She glows every time she feels you kicking  
and whispers to you  
You know your pop and mama's waiting  
What's keeping you?

Hello, I sure am pleased to meet you  
How do you do?  
Hello, it sure is good to know you're  
safe in your womb

I saw a thing no words could express  
Life starts anew  
In awe of the wonder I have witnessed  
Of one came two

Hello, I sure am pleased to meet you  
How do you do?  
Hello, it sure is good to hear your  
voice fill the room

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## Somewhere

Seems to me there needs to be  
A sanctum by the road  
Asylum from the searing heat  
A place where we could go  
Somewhere along the line

Streams that lead into the sea  
We feel the undertow  
Silently we drift and seek  
A place to stay afloat  
Somehow along the line  
Someway along the line

In the end, love's the meaning and the means

Flee with me where we can be  
Secluded by the grove  
Sing for me beneath the trees  
A song that's sweet and low  
Sometime along the line  
Somewhere along the line

Me and thee will view the scene  
Playing down below  
High atop the mountain peak  
A wonder to behold  
Sometime along the line  
Somewhere along the line

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## **Rise**

Rise, rise and make a stand  
And try and understand the trouble in your head  
Rise, rise to the occasion  
And fight for your persuasion, for what gets you out of bed

Rise, we're breaking out now hold on  
We're standing on the shoulders of those who came before  
Rise, rise at all

Rise, rise and make a stand  
Stand for your beliefs, believe in what you love

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## **Start all over again**

In the end when all is done, with battles lost and dearly won  
Let me rue the things I've done, not the ones I've not begun  
Let me get back to the place where I still recognized my face  
How I'll wind up there remains unclear in many ways  
I'm trying to keep it all under control  
I want to turn into, the person you once knew, I'm coming home  
Still trying to find my feet, stumbling through the streets, but I coming home

Rising up, falling down  
Floating over hallowed ground  
Open eyes to be sure  
They may deceive you  
Tell no lies, hear no truth  
False conclusions, wasted youth  
Now's the time to be sure  
Someone believes you  
In your head feel the swell  
Ears are ringing like a bell  
All the pictures to endure  
They must aggrieve you

Shadows drifting through your dreams  
Can't you hear the silent screams?  
Calling you, begging you  
To think it over

Start all over again  
Come back again  
Let it begin

No more war no more  
All said and done  
all lost and won

The veil of lies and deceit slowly recedes, if you want  
I'm coming home