

# Out of this Game

Spill out your heart in tiny whispers

You're caught up in this crowd

Are you waving or sinking?

(you) Storm out of this life, your hopes and dreams have gone away but you belong in me

I call out your name

Cause I'm out of this game for good, my dear

I'm holding on to you, I fear

Slow down, slow down, your world is spinning

You come out of the ground still waiting on something

You crawl out of this town with thoughts of missing me and all these lies

I call out your name

Cause I'm out of this game for good, my dear

I'm holding on to you, I fear

Hey, hey

I call out your name

Cause I'm out of this game

I'm holding on to you, I fear

To you my dear, to you my dear, to you my dear

To you my dear

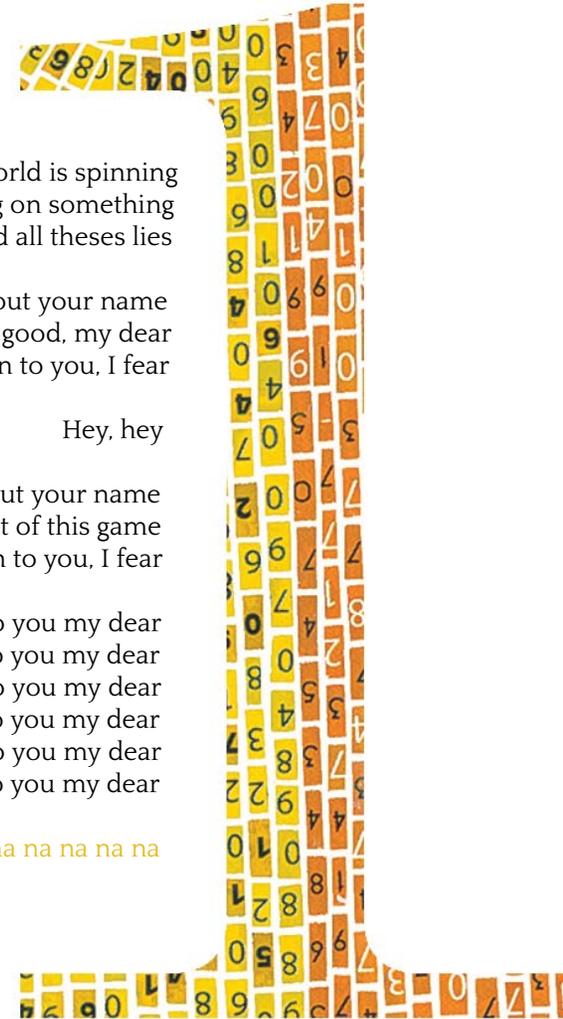
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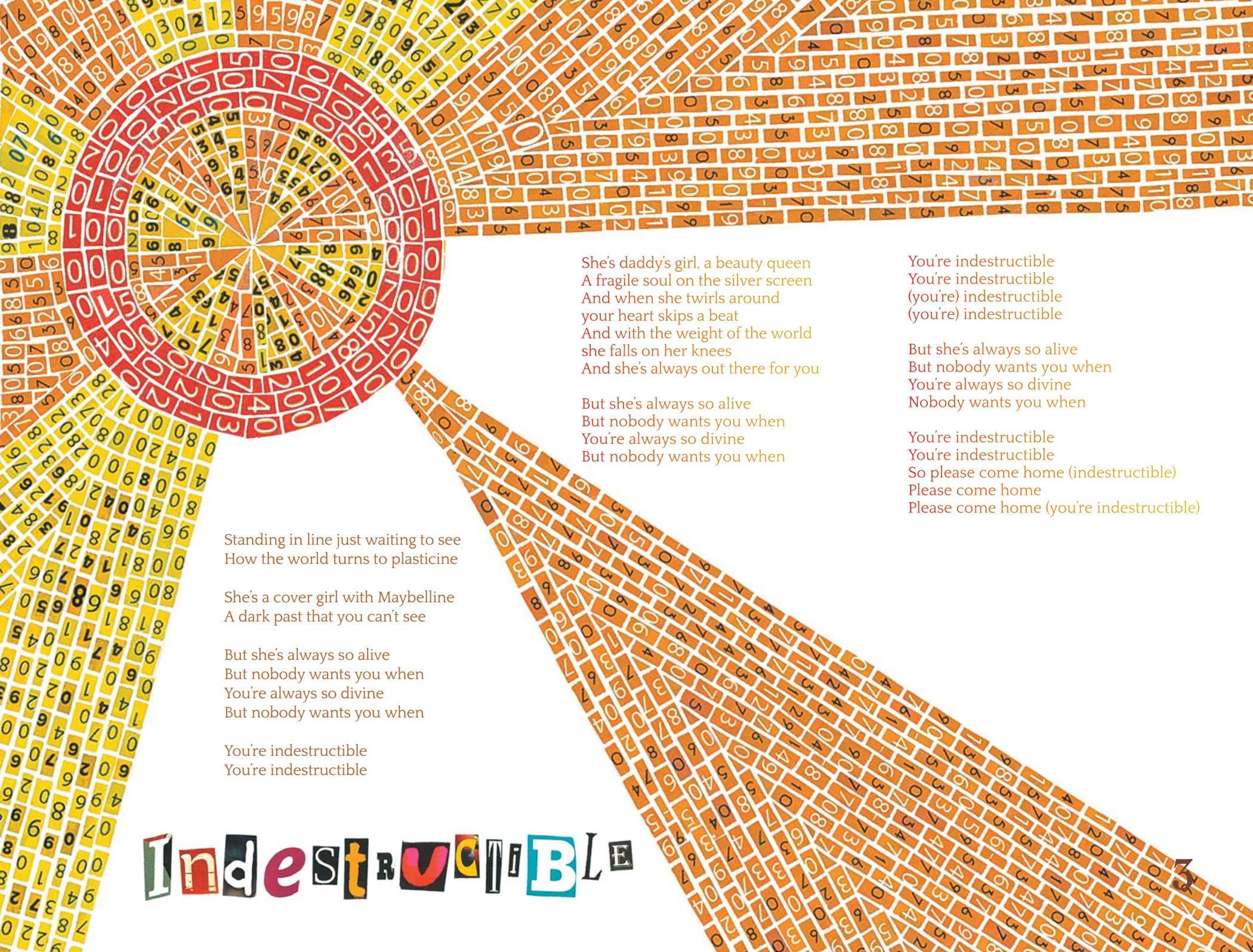
To you my dear

To you my dear, to you my dear, to you my dear

To you my dear

Na na na na na na





She's daddy's girl, a beauty queen  
A fragile soul on the silver screen  
And when she twirls around  
your heart skips a beat  
And with the weight of the world  
she falls on her knees  
And she's always out there for you

But she's always so alive  
But nobody wants you when  
You're always so divine  
But nobody wants you when

You're indestructible  
You're indestructible  
(you're) indestructible  
(you're) indestructible

But she's always so alive  
But nobody wants you when  
You're always so divine  
Nobody wants you when

You're indestructible  
You're indestructible  
So please come home (indestructible)  
Please come home  
Please come home (you're indestructible)

Standing in line just waiting to see  
How the world turns to plasticine

She's a cover girl with Maybelline  
A dark past that you can't see

But she's always so alive  
But nobody wants you when  
You're always so divine  
But nobody wants you when

You're indestructible  
You're indestructible

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Slowly the day keeps spinning

Quite something to be told  
Don't it make you look silly?  
(the) Sparkles and gold  
that I've owned

I won't let you know  
(that) I won't let you go  
I won't let you know  
That I'm here on my own

I can fly like a jet plane  
Over hills and mountain tops  
Throw me out of these engines  
Cause I'm dancing with the moon again

Stand in fields of fire  
See the water turn to smoke  
Carving souls out of wire  
You breathe when you're alone

I won't let you know  
(that) I won't let you go  
Won't let you know  
That I'm here on my own

I won't let you know  
(that) I won't let you go  
I won't let you know  
That I'm here on my own

(whoa, baby)  
I won't let you know (come on, baby)  
I won't let you go  
I won't let you know  
That I'm here on my own  
I'm here on my own again  
Here on my own  
I'm here on my own again

Casting spells out of bibles  
Sign above says you're afraid  
Blery eyes or disciples  
Beneath the silver threads

Trouble is the only way  
Sorrow is the only game  
But it all starts tumbling down  
And it all starts spinning around

TROUBLE

I struggle but I don't even care  
Cause tomorrow is just another day  
But we all just sit on the wall  
And one by one we fall

Cause, honey, when you're in pain  
When you're to blame  
It's just the only thing

Cause, honey, when you're in pain  
When you're to blame  
It's just the only thing to me

I tell you about the things I know I shouldn't dare  
The hurt, the love, the loss I didn't care  
When trouble is the only way  
and sorrow is the only gain

I gave you all the love, the lust, I gave you pain  
And destiny is a soul I could not train  
When struggle is the only way, so hollow but I still remain

Cause, honey, when you're in pain  
When you're to blame  
It's just the only thing

Cause, honey, when you're in pain  
When you're to blame  
It's just the only thing to me

Holding on, holding on

Cause, honey, when you're in pain  
When you're to blame  
It's just the only thing

Cause, honey, when you're in pain  
When you're to blame  
It's just the only thing

Cause, honey, when you're in pain  
When you're to blame  
It's just the only thing

And, honey, when you're in pain  
When you're to blame  
It's just the only thing to me

I give all my love to you  
And every single time I do  
It seems I'm falling apart  
as you just walk right on through

(so) Tell me what you see  
Is it the man I used to be?  
Pulling the puzzles apart  
and crawling back to the start

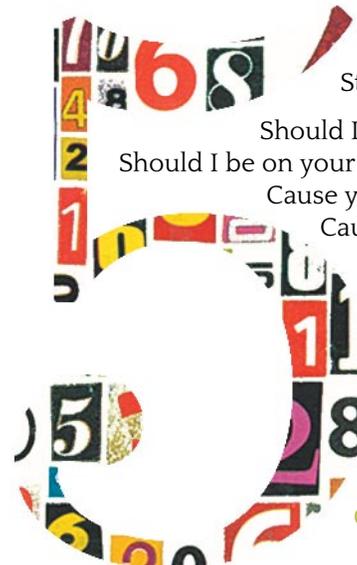
Should I give up or should I just keep away?  
(or) Should I be on your side and wait?  
(cause) You talk to me  
(cause) You talk to me

So tell me where you sleep  
Is it somewhere where you can breathe  
Pulling your arrows and bows so far away from me?

(and I said)

Should I give up or should I just keep away?  
(or) Should I be on your side and wait?  
(cause) You talk to me  
(cause) You talk to me

TALK

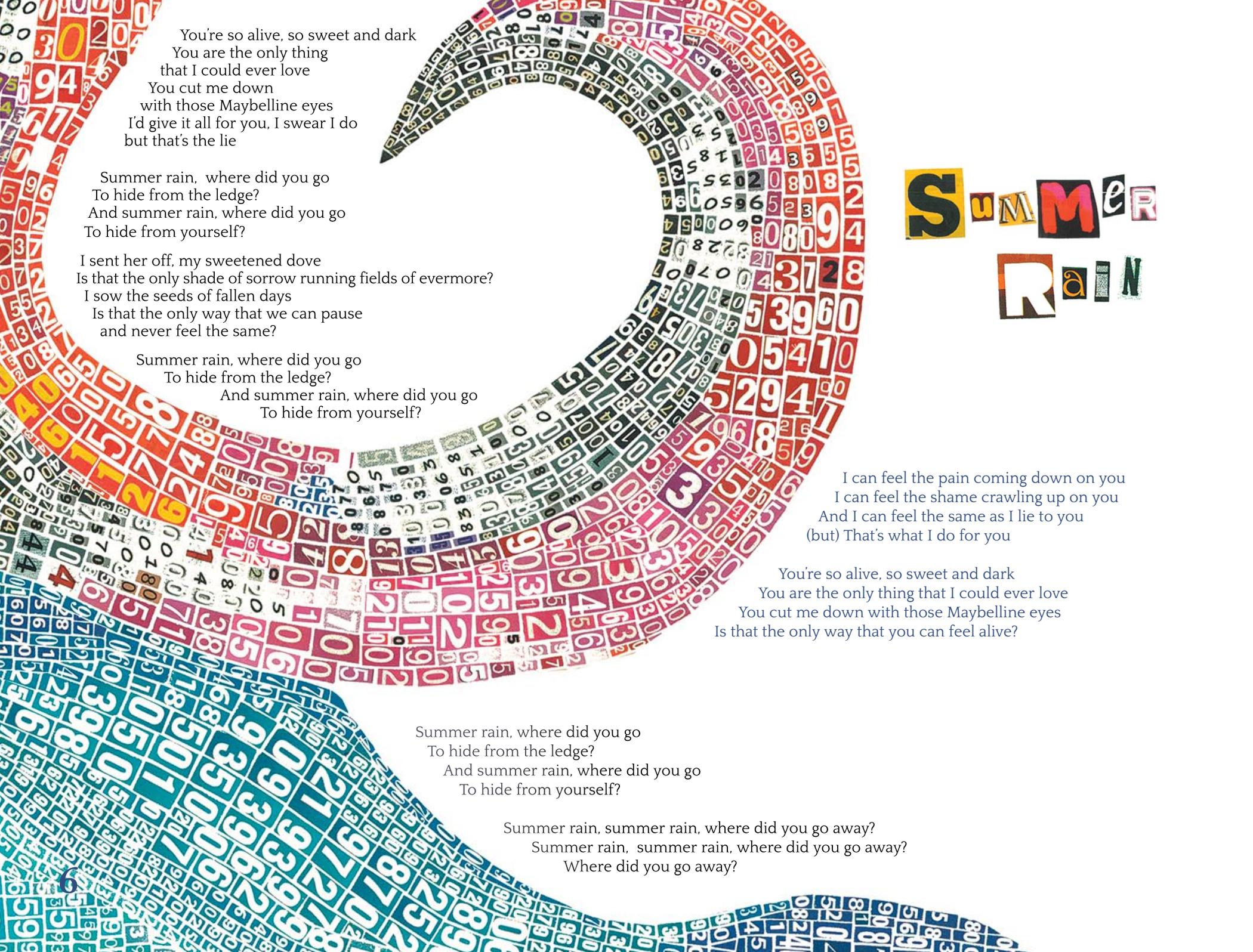


These words are mine, these words are yours  
Stop chasing time cause you're doing fine

Should I give up, should I just keep away?  
Should I be on your side and wait?  
Cause you talk to me  
Cause you talk to me

Should I give up, should I just keep away?  
Should I be on your side and wait?  
Cause you talk to me  
Cause you talk to me

Should I give up, should I just keep away?  
Should I be on your side and wait?  
Cause you talk to me  
Cause you talk to me



You're so alive, so sweet and dark  
You are the only thing  
that I could ever love  
You cut me down  
with those Maybelline eyes  
I'd give it all for you, I swear I do  
but that's the lie

Summer rain, where did you go  
To hide from the ledge?  
And summer rain, where did you go  
To hide from yourself?

I sent her off, my sweetened dove  
Is that the only shade of sorrow running fields of evermore?  
I sow the seeds of fallen days  
Is that the only way that we can pause  
and never feel the same?

Summer rain, where did you go  
To hide from the ledge?  
And summer rain, where did you go  
To hide from yourself?

I can feel the pain coming down on you  
I can feel the shame crawling up on you  
And I can feel the same as I lie to you  
(but) That's what I do for you

You're so alive, so sweet and dark  
You are the only thing that I could ever love  
You cut me down with those Maybelline eyes  
Is that the only way that you can feel alive?

Summer rain, where did you go  
To hide from the ledge?  
And summer rain, where did you go  
To hide from yourself?

Summer rain, summer rain, where did you go away?  
Summer rain, summer rain, where did you go away?  
Where did you go away?

**S**u**M**Me**R**  
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The alcohol and broken bones have come around to see you, my friend  
(and) All around the leaves are brown and your the only one that can't swim

But all these roads they come around  
And all these words they bring you down, hey, hey

(you) Say you will, say you will  
But you don't even know about it  
Say you will, say you will  
But you don't even know about it

SAY YOU WILL

The saddest day in modern day  
is how the world just took your chance  
And by the way I've seen those bruising arms  
and the pain in your veins

Stuck on like glue, I said to you  
You are the love, the need and devotions

But all these roads they come around  
And all these words they bring you down, hey, hey

Said alright, this can't be right  
You are the hate, deceit and the vultures

(you) Say you will, say you will  
But you don't even know about it  
Say you will, say you will  
But you don't even know about it  
But don't you try so hard  
Cause you don't have to try so hard

So lay your hands down on me  
Lay your hands down on me  
And lay your hands down on me

Starlight you're in the spotlight  
You've got to stay low in each moment  
You stumble out of a doorway  
Into the cold air of an alleyway

Cause you don't have to worry  
Cause you don't have to worry  
Cause the world is in your hands  
Cause the world is in your hands  
Cause you don't have to worry, oh no  
Cause you don't have to worry  
Cause the world is in your hands  
Cause the world is in your hands

(so) Lay your hands down on me  
Lay your hands down on me  
And lay your hands down on me

So lay your hands down on me  
Lay your hands down on me  
And lay your hands down on me

(so) Say you will, say you will  
But you don't even know about it  
(so) Say you will, say you will  
But you don't even know about it

So lay your hands down on me  
Lay your hands down on me  
And lay your hands down on me

Say, say, say, oh na na na na  
Say, say, oh no, oh no

LAY YOUR HANDS



So lay your hands  
Lay your hands  
Lay your hands down on me

You got it (cause) love is all around  
You got it (the) love is all around  
You got it love is all around  
Love is all around

So take these broken wings and turn them to something that can take me away  
But you take all that you wanted and all that you needed and threw me away

But, oh, I can't go on thinking nothing's wrong  
So tell me why can't this be love?  
Tell me why can't this be love?

All the little things that come from above  
But, oh, I can't go on thinking nothing's wrong

And all the things you hold they don't turn me  
You know they don't hurt me, you should already know  
And all the things untold they don't come around  
The world just don't stand around, baby, I should go

But, oh, I can't go on  
Cause I'm not that strong  
So tell me why can't this be love?  
Tell me why can't this be love?  
All the little things that come from above

But, oh, I can't go on thinking nothing's wrong  
I can't go on thinking nothing's wrong

So tell me why can't this be love?  
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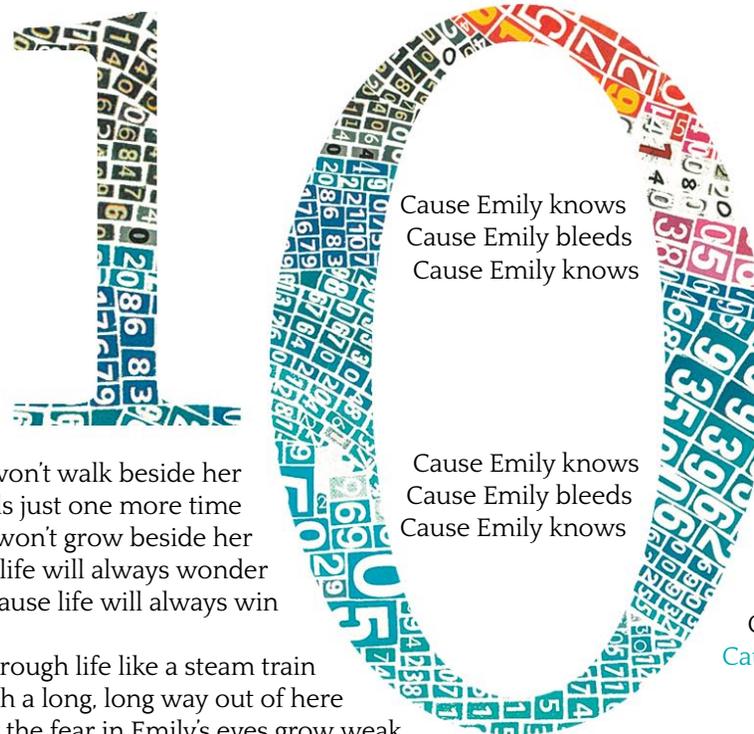
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WHY CAN'T THIS BE LOVE

# Emily

I put you up up in my heart  
And showed you love so pure  
Some tears like hollowed soldiers  
That will starve for you

The common life some years away  
Running down these open roads and boulevards and alleyways  
I can see you drowning in your sorrowed fate  
That's how I feel



Cause Emily knows that you won't walk beside her  
Cause Emily bleeds just one more time  
Cause Emily knows that you won't grow beside her  
Cause life will always wonder  
Cause life will always win

You go through life like a steam train  
That took you on such a long, long way out of here  
I took her by my side and saw the fear in Emily's eyes grow weak

Days are long when undecided  
Your tiny heart keeps fighting  
You wear your soul on these pavement streets  
Is that how you breathe?

Cause Emily knows  
Cause Emily bleeds  
Cause Emily knows

Cause Emily knows  
Cause Emily bleeds  
Cause Emily knows

that you won't walk beside her  
just one more time  
that you won't grow beside her  
Cause life will always wonder  
Cause life will always win  
Cause life will always wonder  
Cause life will always win

that you won't walk beside her  
just one more time  
that you won't grow beside her  
Cause life will always wonder  
Cause life will always win  
Cause life will always wonder  
Cause life will always win

And I break from my mould with nowhere to go  
But hide from all my fears  
And you break my fall  
Here on your own stuck in the atmosphere

And you're so far away  
So far away I just can't stand another day  
And you're so far away  
So far away I just can't stand another day

And I take what I'm told  
And throw what I hold

Cold as the air I breathe  
And I bend and I break  
To fix my mistakes  
These are the best ideas

And you're so far away  
So far away  
I just can't stand another day  
And you're so far away  
So far away  
I just can't stand another day  
And in the throw away  
you turn and look around  
and then you run away  
And you're so far away  
So far away  
I just can't stand another day

And we all wait to start again  
We all wait down here

So I sing you a song  
A song for your heart  
Words like the crumbs that feed  
And I fear what I know  
Turning dust into bones  
Out here in the atmosphere

And you're so far away  
So far away  
I just can't stand another day  
And you're so far away  
So far away I just can't stand another day  
And in the throw away you turn and look around  
and then you run away

And you're so far away  
So far away I just can't stand another day

And you take all my tears  
And you take all my fears

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# MICHAL ATKINS life in numbers

## The musical family

MICHAL ATKINS: Vocals  
JOHN BLEASE: Drums  
RORY DEMPSEY: Bass and Double Bass  
MATT CALVERT: Acoustic guitar, Nylon guitar and electric guitar  
BEN TRIGG: Cello, Acoustic guitar, Electric guitar, Harmonium,  
Percussion, Piano, Hammond, Backing vocals, Wurlitzer, Mandolin

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MARIANNE HAYNES: Violin (Track 4,6,7,8 and 11)  
RUSTY POMEROY: Violin and Viola (Track 4,6,7,8,9,10 and 11)  
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ATHENA ANDREADIS: Vocals (Track 10)

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