



lyrics

## 1. PRAYING MANTIS

I am reaching for a hand to hold me tightly while I gently go to sleep,  
While away the shadows of a dream, a lacework tapestry so delicate and sweet.

And you, are you alone with a single knitting needle,  
Trying to weave your way across the sands of time?

And we, are we just waves down beneath a soaring eagle,  
In an ocean made of secrets that will drown before they ever reach the land.

Wondering, the droplets of the morning dew, reflections of the present or the past?  
Longing to let my lips embrace you in a kiss, whether or not love's meant to last.

And, if I gave you of myself would you return me like a gift unwanted,  
Pick another from the shelf?

Or if I gave you everything you see within my eyes,  
Could I let you in, give you the key, or do we all need some place we can hide?

Steal the stars to light the way, mark the sky where there was once an airplane,  
Warm the night and cold the day, quiet while the praying mantis kneels to pray.

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## 2. KILLER WHALE

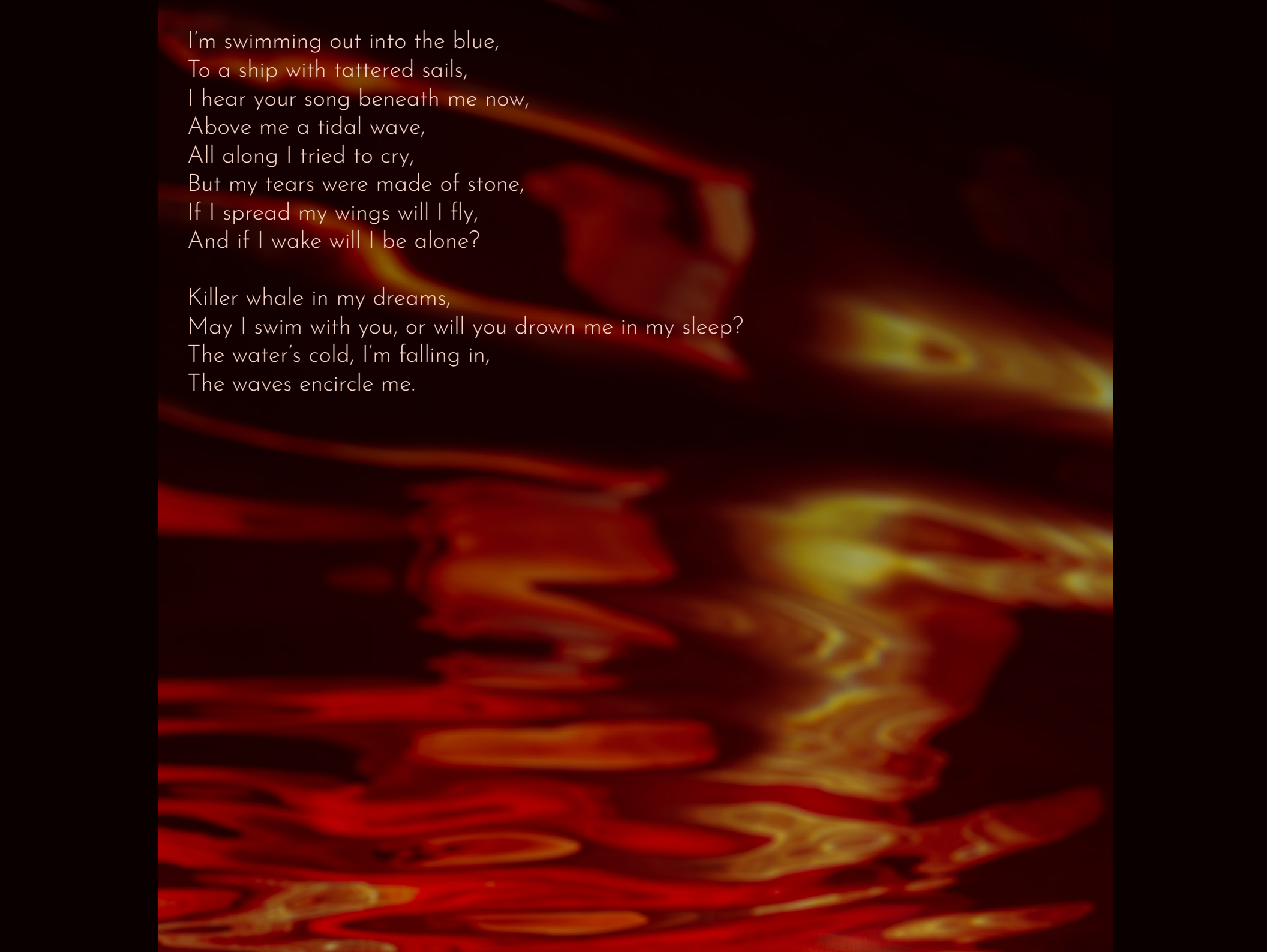
Killer Whale in my dreams,  
May I swim with you, or will you drown me in my sleep?  
The water's cold, I'm falling in,  
The waves encircle me, it's like they're peeling off my skin,

Oh, I wanna be with you,  
Tonight can we pretend that  
Oh, our love will make it through,  
Tonight can we suspend time,  
And never wake up.

On the edge of a cliff,  
The wind embraces me and whispers secrets in my ear,  
Tells me to step into the abyss,  
Below you wait for me, I see you swim into the distance,

Oh, I wanna be with you.  
Tonight can we pretend that,  
Oh, our love will make it through,  
Tonight can we suspend time?

On the tip of my tongue,  
Fading words I could not find,  
In a memory lost,  
As the sun begins to rise,  
There's a door without a key,  
At the bottom of a well,  
I throw my three wishes in,  
And listen for the echo,

The background of the image is an abstract, fluid pattern of swirling colors. It features deep reds, oranges, and yellows, creating a sense of movement and depth, similar to a marbled paper or a liquid fire effect. The colors are more concentrated on the right side and fade into darker tones towards the left.

I'm swimming out into the blue,  
To a ship with tattered sails,  
I hear your song beneath me now,  
Above me a tidal wave,  
All along I tried to cry,  
But my tears were made of stone,  
If I spread my wings will I fly,  
And if I wake will I be alone?

Killer whale in my dreams,  
May I swim with you, or will you drown me in my sleep?  
The water's cold, I'm falling in,  
The waves encircle me.

### 3. ALL IN TIME

Whisper sweet silence in the darkest room,  
Keeper of life itself as it softly blooms,  
Where the ocean meets the moon.

Shaper of the cypress trees,  
As they reach revealing time,  
Bending with the ocean breeze,  
Do you see it through my eyes?  
Gently travel on 'til your hand's in mine,  
All in time.

Weaver of the wildest dreams,  
Catching clouds and painting with the air.  
Sower of countless seeds,  
Cast your net and know that I'll be there,  
Standing on the shore til your wave comes in,  
We'll meet there and then,  
With your hand in mine,  
All in time.

Drifting through these hours I wonder who you're going to be,  
Wandering through the waters of your very own sea,  
Though you are all of your own, you'll always be a part of me,  
From the branches to the roots, the river's tributaries.

Whisper sweet silence in the darkest room.



#### 4. DESERT WIND

Steal across my heart like the desert wind,  
Ignite the way while you're here,  
Before you're gone again.

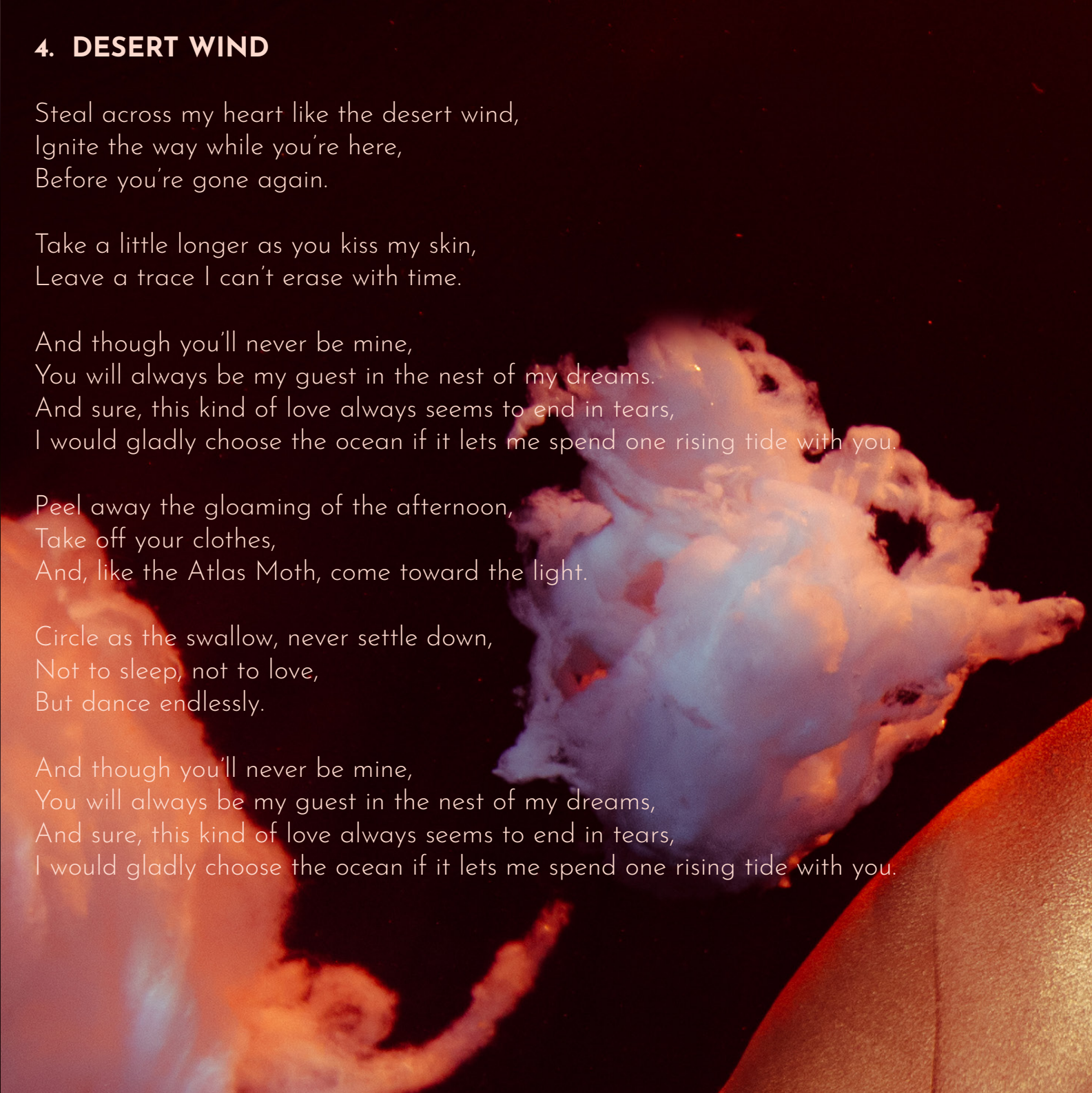
Take a little longer as you kiss my skin,  
Leave a trace I can't erase with time.

And though you'll never be mine,  
You will always be my guest in the nest of my dreams.  
And sure, this kind of love always seems to end in tears,  
I would gladly choose the ocean if it lets me spend one rising tide with you.

Peel away the gloaming of the afternoon,  
Take off your clothes,  
And, like the Atlas Moth, come toward the light.

Circle as the swallow, never settle down,  
Not to sleep, not to love,  
But dance endlessly.

And though you'll never be mine,  
You will always be my guest in the nest of my dreams,  
And sure, this kind of love always seems to end in tears,  
I would gladly choose the ocean if it lets me spend one rising tide with you.







## 5. UPRISE SKYWARD

Picture the walls within that you can't break down,  
Now, pick up an axe and begin to send it falling,  
Step on the gas and lean in, raise your voice,  
It's time to uprise skyward.

Send in the clowns and their kings,  
The jesters in the courtroom, the rubies and rings,  
The ravens will not let you forget about a thing,  
So lift your voice,  
It's time to uprise

Skyward, oh the fire's raging now,  
Skyward, yeah the tides are changing now,  
Skyward.

If we never try we'll never know how it feels to step out,  
Shed the dead cells,  
Inhale a breath, exhale a shout,  
And cast a spell to banish all the anger and the doubt,  
So lift your voice, it's time to uprise skyward.

Open your palms, invite your friends,  
Your neighbours and the strangers that you don't wish to offend,  
Just drop your guard, there's only one thing left to defend,  
And that's peace on earth,

C'mon now, lets uprise skyward,  
Oh the fire's raging now,  
Skyward, yeah the tides are changing now.





Skyward.

Icarus flew too close to the sun,  
His wings of wax were done and gone,  
But if we work as one, we may just fly.

Skyward, oh the fire's raging now,  
Skyward, yeah the tides are changing now,  
Skyward.  
If we never try we'll never know.

## **6. UNITED BY THE RAIN**

Have you seen the boy with no name?  
He walks the streets of LA,  
Upon the stars we see everyday.

He has a house that he calls home,  
The roof is card, the carpet is stone,  
When he dreams, he dreams mostly alone.

And we, you and me,  
Just a paycheck away  
Or so they say, yet we refuse to see.  
And you, us and them,  
Walking side by side,  
But sides are different when you're on the wrong side of hell.

There's a child her fingers are small,  
And in her palm the memory of war,  
A fallen nest, not a remnants of straw.

Between two lands where monarchs fly,  
A fence full of faces trying to fight the fear they hide,  
But in their eyes there is love, there is pride.

And we, you and me,  
No we can't explain the pain away or justify it on TV,  
And you, us and them,  
Three words built to divide this world united by the rain,  
We are united by the rain.

Have you seen the boy with no name?  
That father, son, brother staring through your window as you come off the 110,  
It could be you,  
It could be me.

## **7. SOMETIMES I'M SAD FOR NO REASON**

Sometimes I'm sad for no reason,  
Pay lip service to holiday seasons,  
Make up stories I want to believe in,  
And bathe in all these tears.



Sometimes I cry because I want to,  
Pretend that the sky has never been blue,  
Eat ice-cream for breakfast 'cause I miss you,  
I wish that you were here.

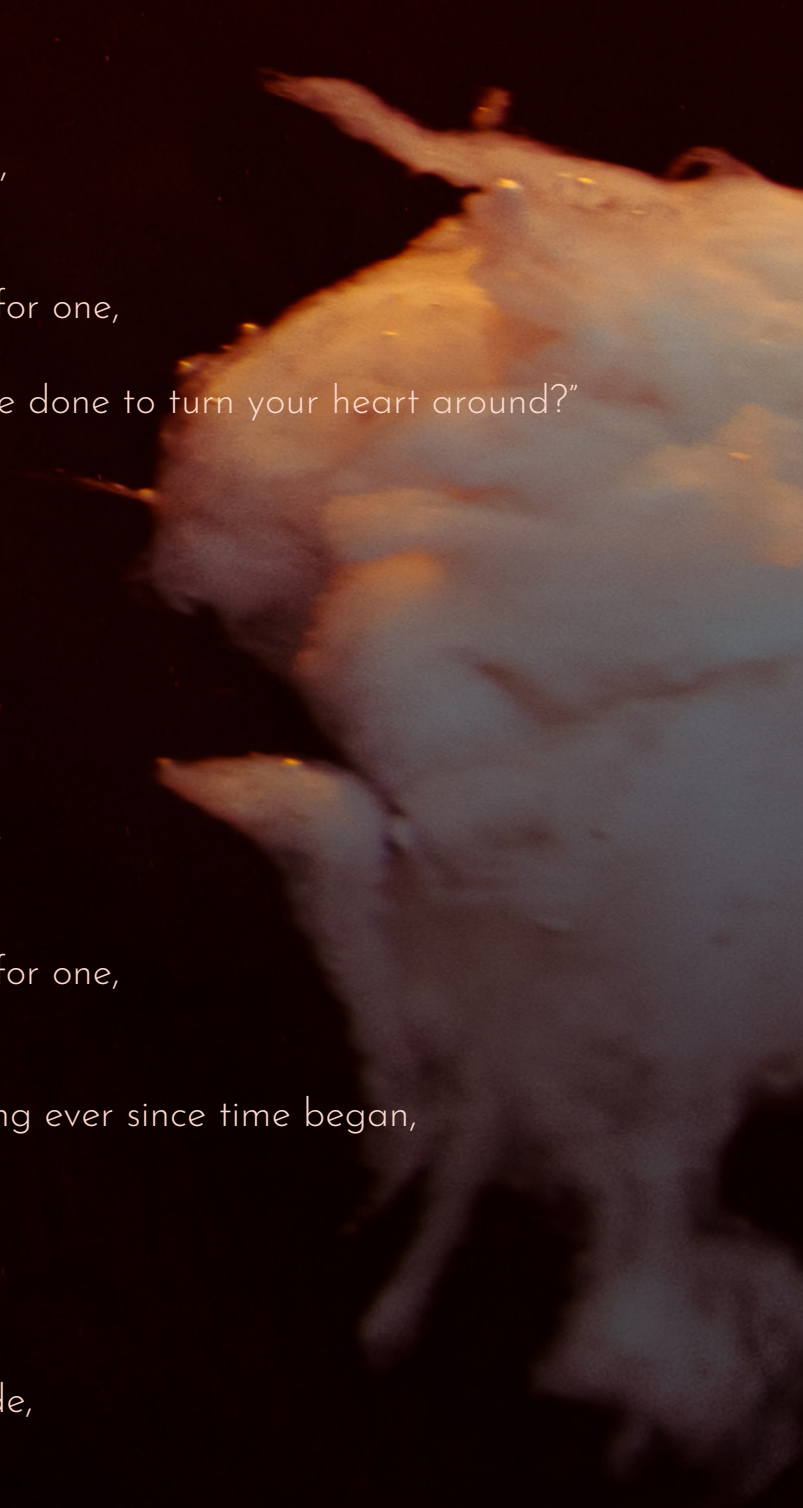
Ever since you rode off on your horse made for one,  
I've been thinking that life is a little less fun,  
And I wander around, ask, "what could I have done to turn your heart around?"

Sometimes I'm sad for no reason,  
Consider committing high treason,  
Avoid all the autumn leaves on the ground,  
Their sound too much to bare.

Sometimes I laugh at something tragic,  
All in pursuit of finding magic,  
A fragment of hope where only shadows fall,  
Oh, won't you please come home?

Ever since you rode off on your horse made for one,  
I've been thinking that life is a little less fun,  
And I wander around, ask,  
"What could I have done to change everything ever since time began,  
Is it too late to ask for a little more sun?  
Once more chance is better than none."

Sometimes I'm sad for no reason,  
Throw open the doors to let the breeze in,  
And blow away the cobwebs that I hide inside,  
That say I still love you.



## 8. ONE WISH

Please can we slow down time,  
'Cause it's running too fast and I can't keep up.  
Send me a note in the post, let the words trail behind in the wind,  
I'll be listening with pen ready to catch every passing day  
We spent together laughing in the rain,  
And I'd do it all again,  
If I could.

Let's take back the no's and the worries,  
The unnecessary sorry's that we know've been forgiven.  
And give back the time that we lost, cause we often forgot that we're only human.  
So, sometimes we lack,  
And sometimes we're everything that we dreamed of when we were but a child,  
Running wild with pure imagination.

If I had one wish, I'd make a wish that this wish could be two,  
Then I'd give my wish to someone who needed their wish to come true,  
Then I'd make a wish that I'd see you real soon.

So please can we slow down time,  
Cause it's running too fast and I keep falling down.  
I'll sing to the wind and I'll cling to this memory of when I last clung to you.  
Do you recall?  
That ordinary day the sky was clearing after such a lot of rain,  
And I'd do it all again,  
If I could.



## 9. PONT LUIS PHILLIPE

Early in December I walked along the river,  
The cobbles and the puddles under my thin souled shoes.  
The sun was barely shining, but it was warmer than November,  
And the wind brought a song to me over the cold slate roofs,

*La di da di da*  
And I followed like the blind behind the blind  
*La di da di da*  
Not knowing where I'd go or what I'd find.

The cafe spilled with laughter under an emerald awning,  
And cigarette smoke swirled above steak tartar.  
Wicker chairs and red wine, no more work til morning,  
On the corner by the street lamp he played guitar.

*La di da di da*  
And the pigeons and the seagulls asked for more,  
*La di da di da*  
Until the cafe closed and locked it's door.

I stood there by the railing above the roving river,  
And waited, and wondered if he saw me there,  
Though no-one else was passing, he played another number,  
His Appalachian steel resounding in the cold night air,

*La di da di da*  
And I listened as I closed my weary eyes,  
*La di da di da*  
Was he singing to me, or to the skies?

Then he gathered up his money and fake flowers in his suitcase,  
Tipped his porkpie hat as if to the moon,  
His jacket sleeves were fraying, he only had one pocket,  
As his shoes kissed the cobbles he sang his tune,

*La di da di da*  
Leather upon the stone  
*La di da di da*  
And soon his footsteps became my own.

I followed as his shadow fell beneath the street lights,  
Then disappeared again like in a phantom dream,  
My fingers cold and gloveless, buried in my pockets,  
And the wind in my eyes rolled down my cheeks,

Behind the Notre Dame, to the willow in the water,  
Up the steps onto the bridge where east meets west,  
Past the shuttered store fronts, the smell of baking croissants,  
And Piaf singing from Père Lachaise,

*La di da di da*  
Every living soul was fast asleep,  
*La di da di da*  
The melody from Pont Louis Philipe,  
*La di da di da*  
As we walked up canal Saint-Denis,  
*La di da di da*  
To the Sacré-couer, the heart of the city,



Then his footsteps fell silent,  
And he stood there like a statue,  
I stood just three feet away,  
He took his right hand from his pocket,  
Removed his pork pie hat,  
Then slowly turned around and as if to say

*La di da di da*  
He reached out and put his hand in mine  
*La di da di da*  
Just as the church bells began to chime,  
*La di da di da*  
We slowly danced, two strangers in the night,  
*La di da di da*  
But in his eyes I saw a child lost in time.

Then, as if the spell was broken,  
Not a single word was spoken,  
He spun around and ran toward the station there,  
His guitar and his suitcase, his hat and single pocket,  
Disappeared as if they were never there,

And I lost him on the metro, 'cause I didn't have a ticket,  
And I didn't have the nerve to jump the gate,  
All I had was his song hidden in my locket,  
So I sang above the train's screaming breaks,  
*La di da di da di da di da di da di da...*

