

Good Thing - Lyrics

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1. Play For Me

riding this train to a foreign land
i got no place to sleep
got my home on my back my guitar in my hand
i'll play for you if you play for me
i'll do fine if you play for me
i'm not lonely but i need it bad
play for me
i got my head in the clouds mountain high breath the air
green as life to me
i'm looking down on a beautiful world
but it's not for me
i'll do fine if you play for me
i'm not lonely but I need it bad
play for me

wet in the dark drying off in the day
i play the streets for free
the people stare like they've never seen
I'm a fool but i'll never be ashamed
i'll do fine if you play for me
i'm not lonely but I need it bad
play for me

2. Good Thing

how do you write a song
where do you find inspiration
did you take lessons
is that a martin or an ovation
and I wish I could play guitar like you
when I was 8 i played the piano
spoke crayon sank my hands in wet clay
hang it up on the refrigerator
hang it up if you want to grow up
and i don't want to grow up
my friend it ain't no secret
leap of faith is your best bet
my friend speak the truth say your say
fill yourself up with the good things
good things will come from you
and i don't know why I listened to second grade teacher
she told me my colors were all wrong
i could have been
i should have been
some day i'd like to be
i wish i could be just like you
my friend it ain't no secret
leap of faith is your best bet
my friend speak the truth say your say
fill yourself up with the good things
good things will come from you
woke up in a book about the universe
jump start my brain

everybody's got to take a little time to think about it now
look around
look around
my friend it ain't no secret
leap of faith is your best bet
my friend speak the truth say your say
fill yourself up with the good things
good things will come from you

3. Carmelita

i know a place where we can go
about 2 miles south of a town I know
where the blue stream flows and the silence sings
and a starving mind finds anything
everywhere you turn there's a question answered
and everywhere you turn there's a lesson learned
you don't have to pray for a miracle
you don't have to pay anyone to care
the voice you have is your vehicle
to lift you up and take you there
lift you up and take you there
won't you come with me to Carmelita
take a ride to paradise
you've never seen a sweeter sight than Carmelita
together we can find the light
come with me let's find salvation
you can leave your pain and worries behind
there's a wise old man in Carmelita
it's in your head if you've got the time
honey I've got mine
and everywhere you turn there's voices calling
everywhere you turn there's a million stars
the road is long but worth the hauling
when you find the answers round the turn
and if you listen close you'll hear your calling
when you open doors you'll never return
you might never return

won't you come with me to Carmelita
take a ride to paradise
you've never seen a sweeter sight than Carmelita
together we can find the light

4. Charity Knows

charity dares me to play another song
she says what's wrong are you afraid
i say why would i be afraid
and i look at her and wonder where she learned to talk that way
charity knows
charity already understands
she has no real name and probably never will
she may be right
she may be right
charity knows where she stands
she says give me fifty cents
throws an ice cube at a store-front window
moves a little closer
whispers in my ear do think i'll be a princess someday
charity knows
charity already understands
she has no real name and probably never will
she may be right
she may be right
charity knows where she stands
she punches my guitar
laughs at the sound
looks around but nobody notices
stares me dead straight
old soul young eyes
can you guess my real name
she says can you guess my real name
i want to take you home with me like a butterfly
i'll be your cocoon
i'll be your father
tuck you in sing you a lullaby

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5. I Go By Myself

i go by myself
sipping red wine late at night under candlelight
and incense to understand
i write about life
life as i see it lonely but not alone
i'm fine with solitude i always will be
sometimes i feel so far away from anyone
and sometimes that's where i'd prefer to be
i read my paper
sip my coffee
i go by myself
greasy spoon on the road they're all the same
zombie waitress broken back
i ask twice hear the same reply again
what time is
what time is it
she's tired and ashamed
i say it's not too late
it's never too late
sometimes i feel so far away from anyone
and sometimes that's where i'd prefer to be
i read my paper
sip my coffee
i go by myself
i walk around my neighborhood
i see children play where i used to play
and i remember what they used to say and what i used to do
i'm an only child taught the only way to do things right

was to do it myself
i don't know if i agree but sometimes i understand
i go by myself

6. Kay

kay's a young woman about 65
spends her life making fried chicken
in a restaurant in a small town in ohio or indiana
i don't know but i met her one day when my car broke down
cooking away and singing a song
something about sunshine on a rainy day
and a little boy playing on a swing somewhere
thinking about nothing
thinking about everything
laughing like a kid laughs
hey kay can you give me a smile
i sure could use a little hope today
hey kay is it gonna be all right
i'd sure like to feel like you
i'd sure like to see things the way you do
i'm so tired of running
running away
and i sat there staring at kay
thinking i'd rather die than grow old
cause i'll never learn to smile like her
i'll never be satisfied doing one thing
or doing anything for that matter
so i listen to men talk like boys
act like i understand what they're saying
i take directions from a stranger in the night
i drive on and on from town to town
and don't know where i'm going
i don't see any finish line
hey kay can you give me a smile
i sure could use a little hope today
hey kay is it gonna be all right
i'd sure like to feel like you

i'd sure like to see things the way you do
i'm so tired of running
running away
everywhere i go i see your face
a different smile or a different place
but it's always the same
i'm driving down this long dark road tonight
i don't know where i'm going but it's just as well
cause i'm just holding on to you tonight kay
i'm holding on
hey kay can you give me a smile
i sure could use a little hope today
hey kay is it gonna be all right
i'd sure like to feel like you
i'd sure like to see things the way you do
i'm so tired of running
running away
it's gonna be all right

7. Good For Me

i want to walk with you down the autumn path
leaves golden green and burgundy
and talk to you about the strange things
conversations we've had and places we've been
people we've learned to love
your smile warms my world
you change my direction for a second
you give me the details
passion and clarity
good truth so good for me
let it all come back to you
you're so good for me
i want to walk with you
and tell you we've just started
show you the wildflowers
vivid colors and perfume
gently caress your sweet sweet skin

make you tingle and recall
the time you laughed so hard you almost lost your head
the time you let love make you lose control
your smile warms my world

8. Don't Want to See So Clear

the time is here
and i'm stoned just like i always am
the time is near and i still don't know
they say you better hurry or you'll never make a buck
better make a move or you'll never go nowhere
well i'm a songwriter and i just like to sing
god knows i really don't want to know about what's happening
if i'm lucky i'll make a thousand bucks
if i work hard this year
don't blame me if i'm stoned
i don't want to see so clear
well i'm so lost i can't remember what i'm looking for
i have a purpose and i've got to find out
i'll keep on searching keep on beating on this six string
i've got faith that i'll make it somehow
well i'm a songwriter and i just like to sing
god knows i really don't want to know about what's happening
if i'm lucky i'll make a thousand bucks if i work hard this year
don't blame me if i'm stoned
i don't want to see so clear
i'm gonna leave this place and drive as far as i need to
i must forget what i've been taught to be right
i want to question where i'm going what i'm doing
i don't need an answer but it'd sure be nice
i've got a place inside where i hide myself where my mind can be free
i sit back and laugh at this world that usually frightens me
and i'd make a change if i thought i could
i'm not satisfied here
don't blame me if i'm stoned
i don't want to see so clear

9. Gravity

why don't you let me sleep
let me eat
let me wake up on time
stand up stand up
rise above myself
who am i
who am i really anyway
hold my breath
hold my chest
hold my head
hold me down
take my choice
take away my brain
take my pain away
steal my heart
suck my soul from my head
from my head
hold my breath
hold my chest
hold my head
hold me down
feed me
infect me with your voice
see me crawling
fading
falling down for you
i'd fall through the earth
follow you anywhere
fall out of myself
hurt me bad
make me want to hurt myself
hold me up on a phone call to an old friend
to a dear friend
hold my breath
hold my chest

hold my head
hold me down

10. Bosses Suck

got my eyes glued to the back of a speeding truck on the highway
somewhere between chicago and 2am
and i'm still wondering what you meant when you said
i'm doing fine but i might hurt myself
and he got you down like a damn disease
made you believe you were dead weight
and the stale smell of coffee in my car
and the tears you cried make me sick inside
don't take it word for word
from just a stranger
just a small man
don't take it word for word
when you know the truth is just a mile away
from what he says
and i'd gladly give my share for a little respect
when the check hits the table
had a terrible day
i'd like to forget where i've been
only one in ten seem to give a damn
to get it right for the first time
and i'd count on you over and over again
ain't it funny how a little cut can turn your world upside down
stings like a pin prick make you want to cry
so you pull yourself together
get direction in a different place
you fake it if you need to
if that's what it takes to get you by
don't take it word for word
from just a stranger
just a small man
don't take it word for word
when you know the truth is just a mile away
from what he says

11. Just Like Me

such a secret held so long from me and for me
a deviant you saw yourself then
sacrilege and ashamed
but you were young
a little girl smooth skin and anxious
just like me
i should have known
just like me
even you slipped once or twice
in his arms in his head
warm and needed
you let him touch you where you'd never been
the girls wowed at the sparkle stone on your hand
and your mother never saw you as you will never see me then
and a lifetime later in the basement i find pictures
beneath nothing just on top like a giant diamond ring
just like me
i should have known
just like me
even you slipped once or twice
in his arms in his head
warm and needed
you let him touch you where you'd never been
did he hurt you
did he disappear
am i your only
and if i ask you would it all come back again
am i your only
and i do trembling and prefacing
waiting for the hammer
ready for the meltdown
but you turn with a smile and no surprise
you say mistakes happen at eighteen
and i know just what you mean

just like me
i should have known
just like me
even you slipped once or twice
in his arms in his head
warm and needed
you let him touch you where you'd never been
someday I'll have my own secret
someday I'll have my own secret too
someday I'll have my own secret
someday I'll have my own secret just like you do

12. Go Away

do i have to be a guy
do i have to be cruel
what do i have to say to make you understand
i've tried i've tried to talk straight
but you bounce back like some kind of superman
there's a part of you that should be angry as hell
there's a part of me that almost cares
if we never speak again it's just as well
but something tells me it won't turn out that way
go away
go away now
go away go find yourself
go away
go away now
go away
go find someone else
when i said never you said please say for now
you'd rather dream about possibility
and i don't want to hurt you but i hope you're crying
hope you slam the phone
feel like you're dying
call your best friend say you hate me
never want to talk to me again

cause in the long run your anger will carry you
you'll thank god it turned out this way
go away
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go away now
go away
go find someone else