

51 **A FAMILY OF FRIENDS**

**The time has come to say good-bye
The season is now at an end
The sky gets cloudier every day
Patches that we'll never mend**

**The leaves are turning green to brown
Summer sun has faded them
Soon they'll descend to the ground
A rustling mass a withered stem**

**The wind blows coldness through the air
Sleeping trees shiver in its breeze
Our cottage soon will alone stare
Again it has expired its lease**

**And we'll all leave and go our way
Snow will come and take our place
Weary wandering every day
In and out of life's maze**

**May be someday we'll meet again
Somewhere in a happy place
The sun will fall and rise again
Keeping our friends and family safe**

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You and I

Treasuring Islands

of thoughts

of you

And longing for

Hair

in the Breeze and I

53 FOUR VERY DIFFERENT PLACES

From the bombs of Belfast

And the tourists of Torre (Torremolios)

To the openness of Mykonos

And the Delos of peace

54 PARADISE BEACH IN MYKONOS

Paradise Beach Paradise Beach

Where you can learn and where you can teach

Where there is lying golden hair

Where you can leave your bottom bare

You can leave your morals on the rocks above

And fly down with freedom to that sunny cove

One thing you must remember to keep in your head

Or else you may well get your bottom red

And make sure that it will not fail

And the next day you'll wake up with a lovely tanned tail

55 A KNIGHTLY BLACKBIRD

**A blackbird sits on a dying tree
Not knowing you
Not caring ...
Free**

**He plucks at his feathers
In many pride
Peering out on every side**

**He sits on the highest branch around
Listening to every solitary sound**

**It makes me sad when I look and see
That stately bird on that old old tree**

**Cos he won't know how I felt for him
Sitting by himself on that aged limb**

**I'm sad to know that I can't say
What I felt for this bird today**

**So if dear fellow I should see you again
I'll struggle a line with my laconic pen**

**So please don't laugh at us below
cos we wish you well where 'ere you go.**

56 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUNGER AND LOVE

**I think of you
Regular
Like a meal
Except when I'm finished
I'm hungry
For you.**

57 WHEN WE WERE ALMOST HAND IN HAND

**When we were almost hand in hand
I photographed your hidden mind
Wondering what simple wonderful things
I would on my negative find.**

**A tree a river ... a trickling stream
A wave a glance ... a distant dream
A twig a branch ... a darkening sky
Or simply you just waving goodbye.**

**When we were almost hand in hand
I felt you very near
Wondering what simple wonderful things
I might from you then hear.**

**A rustle of leaves ... a rumbling car
A whistle ... a song A strummed guitar
A word a sentence ... a laughing thought
Feelin' something that can't be bought.**

**When we were almost hand in hand
Watching the wind pass by
Wondering what simple wonderful things
We would someday together try.**

**A creeping cloud a peeping sun
A walk a jog ... a slippery ski-run
A kite watching us for the top of a tree
Wanting like us to be always free.**

57 A SHORT SONG FOR YOU

**Until I see you
I know not when
A little while longer
And then I'll send**

**A song to you
To let you know
It's time for me
To come say hello**

58 SITTING AT HOME TRYING TO FEEL SOMETHING

**Sitting at home
Alone one day
Thinking a lot
Nothing to say**

**T.V. on
Deadens my brain
Keeps out the sun
Keeps out the rain**

***Trying to feel something
Forgetting things too
Can make me feel down sometimes
Just forgetting felling you.***

**It snowed to day
Covered all of the ground
It left things white
Painted the town**

**Fade away
Just like a dream
Flowing down
Like water in a stream**

***Trying to feel something
Forgetting things too
Can make me feel down sometimes
Just forgetting felling you.***

**Night came down
Sleep entered my head
Made me want
To go to bed**

**Alone one day
Sitting at home
Missing you now
That I'm on my own.**

***Trying to feel something
Forgetting things too
Can make me feel down sometimes
Just forgetting felling you.***

59 THAT LITTLE TOWN

**I look up at the moon
The full it just can't last
I look into your eyes
But cannot see a past**

**I sing then to the stars
They are so far away
I sing into your eyes
Please remember what I say**

***That little town that I now know
But I really ... have to go.***

**I reach up to the sky
It seems so very bright
I read into your eyes
An ever-loving sight**

**I feel that loving warmth
From the sun every day
I fell you brightening eyes
Wandering down my way**

***That little town that I now know
But I really ... have to go.***

**I see that morning come
When light shines all around
I see those caring eyes
I leave without a sound**

**I'll take my guitar and songs
And sing again to you
I'll take those giving eyes
And send you something new.**

***That little town that I now know
But I really ... have to go.***

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PORRIDGE WITH NO SALT

Porridge mi amiga

No salt therein

Was it really such a sin?

But I could go on

Like this forever

Cos ties like ours are hard to sever.

61

IN A STRANGE ZOO

I no more know

What I'm doing here

Than an animal lover does

In a zoo

Surrounding himself

With all those bars.

62

JUST AS WE ARE

As I stilled my way around Torre

(Torremolinos Spain)

I kept meeting my past and

Losing my present

Time is PERFECT

There is no way of filling in the gaps

It leaves us

Not as we were

Not as we will be

But as we are.