

My Old Friend

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda — July 2, 1998

Intro

D Dadd9/B Cadd9D Dadd9 Dsus D (twice)

Verse One

G Bm C D
My old friend, how are you doing today?
G Bm C D
Take it slow my friend, you've been hard working the day away.
Em C G
Now I know that you've been there before,
Em C D
Struggling away with no food at your door.

Verse Two

My old friend, been watching you for a long, long time.
Patience waiting with the skill of your rhythm and rhyme.
My old friend, can't your children seem to see,
That you and them can never be like me.

Chorus

D G D
Because the birds in the trees, and you're on your knees,
C D
watching the time roll by.
G D
A new day is found, you rise without a sound,
C
trying to make the world go round.
G D C D
Way down in Africa, always trying to do your best.
G D C
The time has come, my old friend, to lay your head down and take a rest.

Intro

Verse Three

My old friend, why are your hands tremblin'
Sun in your face and your eyes are growin' dim.
My old friend, I remember long ago,
When you told me we will always know.

Chorus

That the way of our time may never change, that's the way it is
So come with me, and you will see, how to live in harmony.
Way down in Africa, always trying to do your best,
The time has come, my old friend, to lay your head down and take a rest.

Intro

Verse Four

My old friend, been missing you for a long, long while.
The rains have come, and the land is now fertile.
The children are astray, since you have been away,
Seems like everyone's trying to make just one more day.

Afterward

D Dadd9/B Cadd9D Dadd9 Dsus D
Yeah, I know, it's a very, very long way to go, oh ho
D Dadd9/B Cadd9D Dadd9 Dsus D
Yeah, I know, we will get there some day, hey, hey.

C G D
Any which way, you're trying to say, I'm going to find you.
C G D
Any which way, you're trying to say, I'm going to find you. Because
C G D
Each and every day, you're trying to find a way to make the world go round.
C G D
Each and every day, you're trying to find a way to make the world go round.
C G D
Each and every day, you're trying to find a way to make the world go round.

Repeat Intro

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Sometimes

Suez, Egypt — March 1998

Verse One

G CaddG
Living in a place, we all called our own.
D CaddG
Up in the mountains, in a world our home.
G CaddG
Living today, not thinking about anymore.
D CaddG
And chasing our souls in the wind.
D CaddD G
Sometimes you are there,
D CaddG G
And sometimes you are not there, anymore.

Verse Two

Summer comes and throws our thoughts adrift.
Some that we had, and others we'd missed.
One of those days a fine June afternoon,
Sitting on my porch in good old Bonny Dune.

Bridge

Am C G D
We all woke up one morning feeling fine.
Am C G
Wanting to live our lives that way.
Am D Am D Am C G
And live our lives, and live our lives, and live our lives that way.

Verse Three

Got on board our ships and sailed far away.
Drove down that highway for four nights and three days,
And when we finally got there, we were so far away.
How did we ever get so far away from our dreams?

Everyday

Los Angeles, November 1997

Verse One

A G D
I know which way I am going today,

A G D
been travelin' on for so long now.

A G D
And I know which way I am headin' today,

A G D
'cause I've been down that road before.

Bm C G A C D
I woke up this morning, I felt the sun shine down.

C G D
Down by the river flowing/ocean waves/lakeside,

C G D
that's where you'll find me.

C G
And I'll be singing, dancing,

D
living my life the way I want to,

C G D
That's the way it will be.

C G D
I'll be living, loving, giving my friends compassion,

C G D
Each and every day.

C G D
La, la, la, la, la, la, la, etc.

C G D G A C Dsus D

Verse Two

A G D
And I know which way I am driftin' today,

A G D
been sailing on for so long.

A G D

And I know which way I am flowin' today,

A G D
gonna take it one step at a time.

Bm C G
The afternoon grew old and cold,

A C D
the rain started falling down.

C G D C G D
Up in the mountains, that's where you'll find me.

 C G D
And I'll be hiking and climbing up to the top of the world.

C G D
Watch the sun go down.

 C G
I'll be giving thanks for things I do

 D G
and the people that I know,

A C Dsus D
Each and every day.

C G D
La, la, la, la, la, la, la, etc.

C G D G A C Dsus D

17 to 24

The Arava, Negev Desert, Israel — October 1996

Verse One

From seventeen to twenty-four, one of those times your made to fly
All the places I have been, coming back one more time
I took a walk around the lot and found my lost friend

Chorus

He's coming around
One more time again
He's coming around to find you

Chorus

Verse Two

Now I remember those days with the boys
Wandering and streaming until the days due end
I know my time has come
But maybe yours from mine

Chorus

Verse Three

The road is a long, long white
Eternal run of dreams
Catch that bird if you want to
But it'll be back once again

-for Jerry

Lake Kariba

Matusadona National Park, Zimbabwe — October 1998

Verse One

I'm sitting here on Lake Kariba
I'm feeling a bit like an amoeba
Mama don't know which way I'm going
Lord only knows which way I'm flowing

Verse Two

Heading on over to Lake Malawi
Locals they gave me this stuff they called the wowwie
My head started spinning, sun so hot
Don't even know if I'm ever going or not

Chorus

But I know that if I go that
I will be fine
I keep on trying, keep on flying
To the place I know
Woo-ho-ho

Verse Three

Headed on up to Lake Turkana
Started feeling a bit like an iguana
Lots of people with beads around their necks
Everyone having all sorts of crazy sex

Verse Four

Now I'm going back where I belong
So I know that it won't be long
I know one day I'll be back
Don't you see it's just a matter of fact

Repeat Chorus

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Angola

Caprivi Strip, Namibia — November 1998

Verse One

You told me that the grass is greener on the other side
Well for once, I disagree.
I went down to the River and sat beside
And there was a boy looking across to me.
Lives in a place we want to dismiss,
Still it is a place that others miss
And this boy could have easily been me,
Trying to set his soul free, trying to live his life free

Verse Two

As I gaze across the black muddy river.
That separates him from me.
Beyond his huts and holy roads I see,
War, starvation, corruption and pain
With nothing, nothing ever to gain
Just one thing I find so very hard to believe.
That this damn river is the only thing, that separates him from me.
That this damn river is the only thing that lets him from ever being free

Chorus

Have you ever seen what life is like over there
Have you ever seen their like
It is a place where the sun does shine
But its always night
I know one day I will be there (x3)

Verse Three

Two men are fighting a war
Got so many resources behind their doors.
And when they feel they got no more
They push their people down furthur to the floor
And just one thing I can't seem to understand
Hey Mr. Leaders please tell me if you can
Why are you fighting this war?
What are the people dying for?
Hey Mr. Leaders please tell me if you can,
When will there ever be no more?

Around the World Blues

Porter College, UCSC — April 8, 1996

Chorus

A A7 D D7 A A7 D D7
The world has gone around the sun, one more time today

 A A7 D D7 A A7 D I
I said the world has gone around the sun, one more time, agai

 A G D A G D
I ask, "How can this be, where is the time, where did it go?"

Verse One

A A7 D D7
I live in the mountains and the spirit.

A A7 D D7
Hoping the sun will shine down

A A7 D D7
Summer has come and winters gone

A G D
Listen closely and you'll hear it...

 A G D
Where is the time, oh where did it go

Chorus

The world has gone around the sun, one more time today
I said the world has gone around the sun one more time, again
And I ask, "How can this be, where is the time, where did it

Fianarantsoa

Madagascar — January 1999

Verse One

It was late one evening in a malagasy diner when I met you
You had me so sprung up I just didn't know what to do
All in a town, the locals they call Fianarantsoa

Chorus

Fianarantsoa, Fianarantsoa, Fianarantsoa

Verse Two

So I went down town and got me a plate of grilled zebu
Now this, my friend is somethings you never wanted to do
Cause you spend next mornin' hunched down in the loo
All these things in a crazy old town, they all call Fianarantsoa

Chorus

Fianarantsoa, Fianarantsoa, Fianarantsoa

Verse Three

It was late one evening in a malagasy diner when I met you
You had me so sprung up I just didn't know what to do
All in a town, the locals they call Fianarantsoa

Chorus

Fianarantsoa, Fianarantsoa, Fianarantsoa

(to be continued...)

Feelings Blue

Santa Monica — 1996

Chorus

I'm feeling so blue,
about what to do,
'bout where to go.

Verse One

I got my friends, over here.
Saying, "stay here!
Before they make you change your mind;
'fore they make you change your way"

Verse Two

But I got the man, over there.
Saying, "Be ware...
If you don't do what we say,
We're gonna take you away."

Chorus

So I'm feeling so blue,
about what to do,
'bout where to go.

Bridge

Just one things I've got to say,
And I would do it any old day.
Just one things gettin' in my way,
Me and my baby and the way we play.

Chorus

So I'm feeling so blue,
about what to do,
'bout where to go.

Verse Three

This law has got me down;
I walk around with a great big frown.
Ain't nothin much of what they found,
All it is is just one big pound.

Chorus

So I'm feeling so blue,
about what to do,
'bout where to go,
about how to be.

End

I got my friends, over here.
Saying, "stay here!
Before they make you change your mind;
'fore they make you change your way"