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Beneath The Willow

Mount up, head out,

My horse and me.

Open to a gallop,

Wild and free.

Scared to be emotional,

Not wanting to get attached.

Love to you seems irrational,

Only friendships get latched.

Slow to a trot,

Take a look around,

Find a shady spot,

I have a lot to think about.

Always it was you,

My closest, dearest friend,

It was you I told all to,

But your fear of love, filled me with dread.

I dismount, sit down,

Beneath the willow,

Roots and boughs surround,

My thoughts will be thorough.

For always it was you,
That gave me advice,
The one that I ran to,
My love for you, will never suffice.

Gazing up with my eyes,
Cattle grazing nearby,
Under bird filled skies,
like a lullaby.

As I drift to sleep,
I decide a chance you'll have to,
While secretly my heart you keep,
Silently, I'll keep loving you.

Grass for a bed,
Roots for a pillow,
My thoughts are said,
As slumber falls, Beneath The Willow

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Getting There (Song)

got my head so far up my ass
don't know what to do
just don't wanna think
bout it any more

cuz im back in my corner
running from my fears
don't know what to do
but run away

cuz i got my head so far up my ass
i don't know what to do
just don't wanna think
bout it anymore

been running so long
just getting tired
don't wanna slow down
An let it catch me

cuz i got my head so far up my ass
i don't know wat to do
just don't wanna think
about it anymore

been hurt to damn many times
don't wanna slow down
don't wanna get caught
cuz ive been runnin a way to long

cuz i got my head so far up my ass
i don't know wat to do
just don't wanna think
about it anymore

im backed up in my corner
my head hangin low
tears come a knockin
and i don't wanna let go

cuz ive got my head so far up my ass
i don't know what to do
just don't wanna think
about it anymore

my past is chasin me down
im running out of breath
gotta keep going
but i wanna cathc my breath

but ive got my head so far up my ass
i don't know what to do
just don't wanna think
about it anymore

im slowin a down
trying to catch my breath
they're all catchin up
im scared to a death

my heads comin out my ass
im findin what i gotta do
gotta start thinkin
gotta get it over with

shit they got me
now im a hurtin
but hey its about time
that i do some thinkin

cuz my heads comin out my ass
im findin what i gotta do
Its goin fast
They're givin me a second chance

hey they're a leavin
no more a runnin
im slowin down to a walk
just enjoyin what im seein

cuz my heads out my ass

found what i gotta do
i started thinkin
and now got you

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Ode To Patricia

Upon my back, I do look,

Gazing, upon passing clouds.

My childhood, from me you took.

My soul, you shook.

Upon my ear, I do hear,

The sound of a trickling stream.

Quiet the cross you made me bear,

Jesus with me, the cross we shared.

Upon my body, I do feel,

Course, thick grass upon my back.

Happiness from me, you did steal,

Beating me till i could not feel.

Upon my tongue, I do taste,

The flavor of the morning dew.

God, his love for me he did not waste,

Along the way, my past, together we faced.

Upon my nose, I do smell,
The heavenly musk of the day.
You always told me I couldn't tell,
But to the world, I will yell...

His Paradise i can envision,
His Home, we call Heaven.
On heart and soul, you left...many an incision.
But to forgive you...has been my decision.

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Used To Be Hero

Patricia,

Do you know? Do you remember? Things from long ago? Do you know that you used to be my hero? The person I thought I could always talk to? Do you remember when I called you mom?

I wish this letter was addressed to her; the woman I called mom; my hero. I used to think about asking dad where did you go; then I realized he was never there. So instead I realized the appropriate question for him is 'where have you been'. It was my hero who left me. It is you I must ask 'where did you go'. You used to be my hero.

Once upon a time,

You lived in Newell; Dad lived in Nisland. Matt and I we were at your house for the night. Mattie slept in our bunk in the back room. I slept on the floor in the livingroom. To raised voices I awoke. Daddy was drunk and you were fighting. You told him to leave and he grabbed Mattie. He took him out to his truck and you locked him out. To the door I ran screaming for Mattie, scared for my little brother. Not caring for my safety. You locked the door and pulled me back. Daddy soon was at the door screaming and pounding at the door for you to let him get his stuff. You ignored his rants and raves and called the police. I watched from the door as they arrived and Daddy, he put up a fight. The cops asked once, they asked twice, soon he was on the ground and put in vice. On his wrists they slapped the cuffs and dear little mattie was brought back to us. In the back of the police car Daddy went.

The End

That night you were my hero. You kept Mattie and me safe from Daddy when he was drunk. I only have one question for you now. Where did that Mommy go? My hero.....the person who was supposed to teach me everything in life. Your life seemed to fall apart in front of my eyes, but I did not see your pain. Only the pain inflicted on Mattie and me. I wish you could still be my hero, but that was lost a long time ago.

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You Say (Song)

You say that you love me
You say that you need me
But you want to know something baby

I don't need you
I can live without you
Watch me turn and walk away
From the one I love

You say that you love me
You say that you need me
But you want to know something baby

Its been two years
Going along, moving along
Hoping that ill see you again, but
Ill put one foot in front of the other

You say that you love me
You say that you need me
But you want to know something baby

Once I'm gone
Your going to wish
You took that chance
Once I'm out a here, out a here

You say that you love me
You say that you need me
But you want to know something baby

I don't need you
I can live without you
I never really cared
Cuz it was just an obsession

You say that you love me
You say that you need me
But you want to know something baby

Now that I'm gone
You realize you need me
You realize you love me
Now that I'm gone on with someone new

You say that you love me
Say that you need me
But you want to know something baby

I'm long gone
You'll never get me back
Not even on bended knee
Cuz I've moved on

Even though you love me
Even though you need me
Now you know....that I'm long gone babyyyy

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