

Faded Letter

I'm stretchin' like a sated alley cat
'though your truck ain't even on the road
I hear you turnin' left down on Taylor
Burnin' rubber hard as you go

Chorus:

Don't be another faded letter
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Me, I like my drivin' 'round
Ain't into all that hookin' up online
Manhunt, Gay.com... no,
I like a randy random real face time

Chorus:

I'm a big fan of that ol' snail mail
You say you'll drop me a line
It might be from jail

I'm stretchin' like a sated alley cat
'though your truck ain't even on the road
I hear you turnin' left down on Taylor
Did you think about me? I don't know

From Kentucky to Georgia say
You're wanted up there
Well, I had a good time
And the good time don't care

Chorus:

Just Can't Say

It's the language that I resist
Parse I piece I cease and desist
I fail at language I freak on bliss

Dedicated to you, oh yes
More so than you will ever guess
Words themselves they just can't express

Chorus:

I just can't say 'I love you'
Even though I really do

Victim of semantics, regrets
Failed romantic out of all context
Verbal viral verily I vexed

Chorus:

I just can't say 'I love you'
Even though I really do
I just can't say 'I love you'.....

Deep Appreciation

Made of rosebud
Rough love, live tough
Deviant, detante
Del picho, you want

Chorus:

There's no need to talk about
I walk in and wear you out
Never any doubt, holla holla shout
It's a deep appreciation, deep appreciation

Black sheet, charm deep
Hands free, mean street
Game day, roleplay
Agape, mainstay

Chorus:

Filling you with gratitude
Who's your daddy latitude
I know your bottom line, what you wanna find
It's a deep appreciation, deep appreciation

White glove, breed love
You are strange love

It's a deep appreciation, deep appreciation

Goodbye

I meet you in the dark, where us like to park
How we travel, gravel know no blame
Love another phrase, life is just a phase
Scribble scrabble, unravel the same

There's no ryme or reason why
You got here just in time to say 'goodbye'

I won't castigate your expiration date
Dyin's easy - just another day

You won't ever see me cry
You got here just in time to say, 'goodbye'

Life's a tease, don't say please, yeah
Life's a tease, don't say please

I tend you like sheep, night's I never sleep
Tender bender, goin' off the deep

Another pint, another lie
We get here just in time to say goodbye

Life's a tease, don't say please

I give you a shave, watch you try to wave
Good to know you...goin' all away

You won't ever see me cry
You got here just in time to say, 'goodbye'
Every bird ain't meant to fly
You got here just in time to say 'goodbye'

Love Lost

A man trades an old dollar on a brand new dime
Lord, he lives in squalor, but the dime do shine
Along comes a woman – loves that dime too
She stays with for ten long years then leaves him blue

Chorus

Love lost, love found, lost again

Me, I went to college, I played the fool
When all I ever really wanted was a buckskin mule
All that worldly knowledge left me real glum
Should 'a stayed down in the country bareback, moonshine
dumb

Chorus

Now crack that oyster open – there's no pearl
But that's some mighty good eatin', god's in the world
Lookin' for a little rock hard, settle for the soft
Wadin' through this briney business, baby, 'til we get aloft

Chorus:

All hopped up on goofball, scared to sleep
Pray my precious stuff to do, my job to keep
A lot 'a bake to stay awake, tasks incomplete
Now I'm standing in the welfare line, livin' on the street

Chorus

Half Full

There's a correlation between then and now
A shot of cheap ass whiskey and how it's goin' down
Delivering me back to an amber summer day
We were mainly golden, you went down okay

Chorus:

The glass it was empty, then it was half-full
Why'd you come here to tempt me with all your bull?

Life it is a puzzle, I'm missing a piece or two
One of them is reason – the other one is you

Chorus:

I say I've had my great loves, that I'm movin' on
Well, I ain't goin' no where – I'm already gone

Blowin' smoke at the stars, all fixed in the sky
They've got their arrangement, well so do I

Chorus:

My momma said you were a cracker – I could not disagree
She said, 'he's a cheap shot lonely' and then she died on me

Chorus:

Take another pull and the bottle, the glass is empty again

Arriving

In the blink of an eye you're along for the ride
Arms all open – invitation denied

Failing, hailing a cab to no where
You arrive to no one there

Tell me, how do you sail,
Man of paper, made of paper and pale?

Kiting, fighting the clouds,
The foul air, billowing some new despair

The journey begun is a yarn come unspun,
Ever spinning, beginnings re-begun

Thriving, arriving at last,
It's a good laugh – say 'hello' to the past

Fireflies

You hear a lot about extinction and
the world is coming to an end,
the oceans they are rising, the temperatures
are climbing and it just won't bend

chorus:

I'm lovin' that the summer's finally here
I'm likin' how the days they fly
I'm lucky in that you keep stoppin' by
and tonight there are fireflies

I'd never try to keep you in a jar
I'd rather let you drift away
You remain a golden blinking light
on even the darkest day

Chorus:

Eventually the cosmic shoe will drop;
all of this will disappear
Starting signals coming to a stop;
we're trafficking in all that's dear

Chorus:

Standing Tall

You tell me a story, one that's mighty grim,
Scary ever gory, admit I remind you of him,
How as a child he layed his hands on you,
Formulating some equation, math you must outdo

If you wanna can call me, well, you know where I am
We can't be together, though you know I give a damn
Are you a man or some shrinking casualty?
Another victim self-embracing beneath the scary tree?

Chorus:

Wanna see you standing tall, rising up above it all
Wanna see you standing tall, rising up above it all

In some summer instant the futures all get changed
Men are ever mindless and even more deranged
Me, I'm a lotta crazy, but I'm not that guy
Lovely phoenix, gotta burn it up now, you got to learn to fly

Chorus:

Are you a man or some shrinking casualty?
Another victim, self-embracing beneath the scary tree?

Would You Even Know Me Now?

Would you even know me now?
Could you single out my face,
a chancing on the Boulevard?
Would you even know me now?

Could you even have a clue
To all the loveliness since you,
the ripening of forbidden fruit?
Would you even know me now?

Chorus:

I'd like to say I'd do it all again
I'd like to say I'd ever new pretend
Wind me up and wear me down
Would you even know me now?

No one you could recognize
I wear a cape and sail the skies
No longer that crooked smile
Would you even know me now?

Chorus:

I'd like say the candle's burning still
Flickering forever against my will
Once again to be snuffed out
Would you even know me now?

And I hope you've had a disappointing life

Would you even know me now?

Carharts

It's the blue collar, the calloused hand, the thickness and the sweat
The cornucopia of liquor, loss, of beer and cigarettes
It's the shearing sound of the zipper coming down
The smoke screen of some new regret

It's the bitter stink of asphalt fresh and big machinery
The illusion of what makes a man the man he'll never be
Ah, it's complex this opposite sex
The straightest of the straight, no mystery

Chorus:

Got a case of the carharts
Watch him brake for those carharts
Got a case of the carharts

You can find him late at night spread eagle in some driver's seat
It's a sickness, it's a sweetness and it gets him off complete
It's the cold steel, the danger ever real
He got caught once – he'll get caught again

Chorus:

Cry

I'm at the window watching the road
for the familiar site of your car headed home
Who would have thought it, what a surprise
me getting blindsided by your big ol' sweet brown eyes

Chorus:

You make a grown man cry
You make a grown man cry
You make a grown man cry

I'm from a family – we don't do tears, no southern embraces
Some of us ain't spoke in years
You got me actin' like some little girl - all clingy, needy,
give me candy greedy
Brave new codependent world

Chorus:

I'm at the airport watching your plane
What if it crashes? Am I goin' all insane
You say you're needin' to think about this
Ah, don't think too long, don't be gone,
you're doin' me wrong
I'm punchin' these walls with my fist

Chorus: