

# **WORDS FILL MY HEAD**

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## **Going Going Gone**

### ***San Antonio version***

Well, I've just reached a place  
Where the willow don't bend  
There's no more to be said  
It's the top of the end  
I'm going,  
I'm going,  
I'm gone.

I've been walking lonely  
Sleeping in the dust  
Now I've just gotta go  
And you know that I must  
I'm going,  
I'm going,  
I'm gone.

I've been here too long  
And I've heard what you said  
But I just got the rope  
Oh well, I can't sleep in my bed  
So I'm going,  
I'm going,  
I'm gone.

Grandma says "Son, go and follow your heart"  
You'll be fine at the end of the line  
All that's gold isn't meant to shine  
Don't you and that long long dream ever part."

Now I'm in love with you baby  
But you gotta understand  
That you got to be free  
So let go of my hand  
I'm going,  
I'm going,  
I'm gone.

Grandma says "Son, go and follow your heart"  
You'll be fine at the end of the line  
All that's gold isn't meant to shine  
Don't you and that long long dream ever part."

I believe in you baby  
For the change of some truce  
But I just got to go

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So please turn me loose  
I'm going,  
I'm going,  
I'm gone.

[Source: tape from San Antonio, Texas, 11 May 1976, with help from Åke Jonsson]

### ***Oklahoma City version***

Well, I've just reached a place  
Where the willow don't bend  
There's no more to be said  
It's the beginning of the end  
I'm going,  
I'm going,  
I'm gone.

I'm in love with you baby  
But I think it might be too late  
So we better start again  
And get it straight  
Oh, I'm going,  
I'm going,  
I'm gone.

I've been walking on the clouds  
Sleeping in the dust  
Now I've just gotta move  
Before it's all diamonds and rust  
So I'm going,  
I'm going,  
I'm gone.

Grandma says "Son, go and follow your heart  
You'll be fine at the end of the line  
All that's gold isn't meant to shine  
Don't you and that life long dream ever part."

I'm in love with you baby  
I don't mean any harm  
But you want to be free  
So let go of my arm  
I'm going,  
I'm going,  
I'm gone.

Grandma says "Son, go and follow your heart  
You'll be fine at the end of the line  
All that's gold isn't meant to shine

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Don't you and that life long dream ever part."

I'm in love with you baby

Please understand

That you got to be free

So let go of my hand

I'm going,

I'm going,

I'm gone.

[Source: tape from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 18 May 1976, with help from Åke Jonsson]

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### If You See Her, Say Hello

If you see her say hello, she might be in North Saigon  
She left here in a hurry, I don't know what she was on.  
You might say that I'm in disarray and for me time's standing still  
Boy, you've never gotten over her, I don't think I ever will.

The evil \_\_\_\_\_ then suddenly you stole  
It's one of them wreckless situations which nobody control  
\_\_\_\_\_ eyes  
\_\_\_\_\_ do the best we can which should come as no surprise

If you're makin' love to her watch it from the rear  
You'll never know when I'll be back or liable to appear  
Oh, it's natural to dream of peace as it id for rules to break  
And right now I got not much to lose, so you better stay awake.

Sundown, silver moon, hittin' on the days  
My head can't understand no more, what my heart don't tolerate  
And I know she'll be back some day of that there is no doubt  
And when that moment comes, Lord, give me the strength to keep her out.

[Source: tape from Lakeland, Florida, 18 April 1976, with help from Rebecca Buck]

## **Lay Lady Lay**

Lay, lady, lay,  
Lay across my big brass bed  
Lay, lady, lay,  
Lay across my big brass bed  
Whatever colors you have in your mind  
I'll show them to you and you'll see them shine  
Lay, lady, lay,  
Lay across my big brass bed

Forget this dance,  
Let's go upstairs  
Let's take a chance  
Who really cares  
Why don't you know you got nothin' to prove  
It's all in your eyes and the way that you move  
Forget this dance,  
Let's go upstairs

Why wait any longer, I don't mean too complain  
You can have love but you might lose it  
Why run any longer when you're runnin' in vain  
You can have the truth but you've got to choose it

Stay, lady, stay  
Stay with you man awhile  
Til the break of day  
Love to see you make him smile  
I long to see you in the morning light  
I long to hold you in the night  
Stay, lady, stay  
Stay with you man awhile

[Source: Hard Rain album liner notes]

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### Sara

I laid on a dune, and I looked at the sky,  
When the children were babies and played on the beach.  
You came up behind me, I saw you go by,  
You were always so close and still within reach.

Sara, Sara,  
Whatever made you want to change your mind?  
Sara, Sara,  
So easy to look at, so hard to define.

I can still see them playin' with their pails in the sand,  
They run to the water their buckets to fill.  
I can still see the shells fallin' out of their hands  
As they follow each other back up the hill.

Sara, Sara,  
Sweet virgin angel, sweet love of my life.  
Sara, Sara,  
Radiant jewel, mystical wife.

Sleepin' in the woods near the fire in the night.  
Where you fought for my soul and went up against the odds  
I was too young to know you were doin' it right  
And you did it with strength that belonged to the gods.

Sara, Sara,  
Wherever we travel, we're never apart  
Sara, Sara,  
Beautiful lady so dear to my heart.

I can still hear the sounds of those Methodist bells,  
I'd taken the cure and had just gotten through,  
Stayin' up for days in the Chelsea Hotel,  
Writin' "Sad-Eyed Lady of the Lowlands" for you.

Sara, Sara,  
It's all so clear, I could never forget  
Sara, oh Sara,  
Lovin' you is the one thing I'll never regret

Now the beach is deserted except for some kelp  
And a piece of an old ship that lies on the shore.  
You always responded when I needed your help,  
You gave a map and a key to your door.

Sara, oh Sara,  
Glamorous nymph with an arrow and bow,

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Sara, oh Sara,  
Don't ever leave me, don't ever go.

[Source tape from the evening show in Boston, Massachusetts, 21 November 1975]

## **Simple Twist Of Fate**

They sat together in the park  
As the evening sky got dark  
She looked at him and he felt a spark tingle to his bones  
Twas then he felt alone and wished that he'd gone straight  
And watched out for a simple twist of fate.

They walked along by the old canal  
A little confused, I remember well  
And stopped into an old hotel with the neon burning bright  
He felt the heat of the night hit him like a freight train  
Moving with a simple twist of fate.

A clarinet some place softly played  
As she was walking on by the arcade  
She heard the melody rise and fade, the sun was comin' up  
She dropped a coin into the cup of a blind man at the gate  
And forgot about a simple twist of fate.

He woke up and she was gone  
He didn't see nothin' but the dawn  
He got out of bed and put his clothes back on, pushed back the blinds  
Found a note she'd left behind, to which he just could not relate  
All about a simple twist of fate.

He hears the ticking of the clocks  
Walks alone through the city blocks  
Hunts her down by the waterfront docks where the sailors all come in  
Maybe she'll see him once again, how long must he wait  
One more time for a simple twist of fate.

People tell me it's a crime  
To feel too much at any one time  
She should have caught me in my prime, she would have stayed with me  
Instead of goin' off to sea and leavin' me to meditate  
Upon a simple twist of fate.

[Source: tape from John Hammond Tribute, 10 September 1975, with help from Ron Mura]

## **Tonight I'll Be Staying Here With You**

Threw my ticket in the wind  
Threw my mattress out there too  
Threw my letters in the sand  
Cause you've got to understand  
That tonight I'll be staying here with you

I would have left this town by noon  
By tonight have been in some place new  
But I was feeling a little bit scattered  
And your love was all that mattered  
So tonight I'll be staying here with you  
Get ready  
Cause tonight I'll be staying here with you

Is it really any wonder?  
The changes that we run upon each others heads  
You come on to me like rolling thunder  
I left my dreams on the river bed

I can hear that whistle blowing  
Hear that sunrise rolling too  
If there's a driver on the road  
Let him have my load  
Cause tonight I'll be staying here with you

I can hear that lonesome whistle blowing  
Hear that sunrise rolling too  
If there's a driver on the road  
Let him have my load  
Cause tonight I'll be staying here with you  
Yes tonight I'll be staying here with you

[Source: The Telegraph # 7, from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 1 December 1975]