

The Migrant Workers, “Rise”
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48 Hours

I feel a rage coming over me
I can't hide the way I feel tonight
Kicking in walls, spitting in the mirror
The writing's on the wall, the day is getting nearer
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Plenty of blame to pass around
Flying too close to the ground
Castigate myself and everyone around
Escape this hell, this spell to which I'm bound
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If only I could take control and build a wall around my soul
No longer be the easy prey of things and people I can't sway
No longer wasting in the wind for everybody else's sins
It's not some game I need to win. I'm crashing in a tail spin

After the storm will I see more clearly?
What will I receive? You know I paid so dearly.
How will I be judged: benignly or severely?
Will I find peace or maybe only nearly?
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The Woodwork

Close the windows
It's coming in through the blinds
Seal the doorway
It's dripping into my mind
Oh the water
It's coming in through the woodwork

Over my shoulder
Running through my head
At my feet
Like a ton of lead
Swirling currents
sweep me out of bed
Raging torrents
leave me out of breath

Over my shoulder
Creeping from behind
Circumstances
I can't nullify
Swirling currents
sweep me out of bed
Raging torrents
leave me out of breath

In My Dreams

Out in space there's no need for sleep, only dreams
No dignity, no promises to keep and no extremes
Oh, oh, in my dreams

Coming round the dark side of the moon is so heavenly
There's no earth shine to muddle up the view, or gravity
Oh, oh, in my dreams

A hovercraft heard coming through the fog, remains unseen
Hurry on board or linger by the dock that can't be reached
Oh, oh, in my dreams
Oh, oh, in my dreams
The choice is seldom left to me
Oh, oh, in my dreams

Cowardice

Cowardice and misunderstanding left us torn in two
All those mental confrontations, never letting on to you
never getting back with you

I could've said the things I had to say
Instead of hiding them away
I knew I'd have to let them out one day
Why do I always wait so long?

My temperature kept rising day by day
Now, what was there to be so afraid of?
We should've, could've, would've found a way
Now we've gone and thrown it all away

Lies

Trying to fight the stifling heat, you're gasping on the floor
You're banging at the window instead of walking out the door
It's taking everything you've got to keep this house of cards
From crashing down in ruins, I guess it must be hard
Now it seems the time's at hand to step down from your spire
to climb out of the dungeon, to jump out of the fire
You know that I can look you in the eyes and see beyond the lies
I'll be damned if I can't read between the lines and see through your disguise

I don't worry anymore
Lose the battle, win the war
Lay it at someone else's door
I don't worry anymore

All in all it all depends on the things that you have done
They matter more than what's been wrought on you by anyone
And remember as you watch the flames rise higher and higher
It's not too late to take this hand and step out of the fire

If fast was slow

Flashing lights as you soar through the sky
Disconnected from the Earth below
Clutching hard so you don't lose control
Just holding on
You're moving way too fast

Suddenly the day turns into night
The calm out there belies your state of mind
Always looking out for things that satisfy
Just hanging on
You're moving way too fast

What if fast was slow,
if you chose to make it so?
What if short was tall
And big were small?
Or didn't matter at all?

Flashing lights as you soar through the sky
The wind in your eyes makes it hard to see
The worthy things in life are hidden deep inside
Stop hanging on
You're moving way too fast

One day we may come to realize
A deeper kind of happiness inside
Strip away the hang-ups and the alibis
No hanging on
No running from
No climbing on
No moving way too fast

All in the name of love

Sometimes it's good to be alone
Sometimes I flout the scraps I'm thrown
And count the scars that I've received
From those in whom I most believed
And they did it all in the name of love

Sometimes the things that I have done
Come back to haunt me one by one
I've wounded family and friends
Can they forgive me in the end?
And I did it all in the name of love

Sometimes it's like I'm ten feet tall
In spite of all the pits and falls
I find the ones I most deceived
Are there to sooth and comfort me
And they do it all in the name of love

Hello

I cried at the sight of flashing light
Can't believe it's true
I spied the tiny heartbeat inside
Can't believe it's you

Hello, I sure am pleased to meet you
How do you do?
Hello, it sure is good to see you
safe in your womb

She glows every time she feels you kicking
and whispers to you
You know your pop and mama's waiting
What's keeping you?

Hello, I sure am pleased to meet you
How do you do?
Hello, it sure is good to know you're
safe in your womb

I saw a thing no words could express
Life starts anew
In awe of the wonder I have witnessed
Of one came two

Hello, I sure am pleased to meet you
How do you do?
Hello, it sure is good to hear your
voice fill the room

Somewhere

Seems to me there needs to be
A sanctum by the road
Asylum from the searing heat
A place where we could go
Somewhere along the line

Streams that lead into the sea
We feel the undertow
Silently we drift and seek
A place to stay afloat
Somehow along the line
Someway along the line

In the end, love's the meaning and the means

Flee with me where we can be
Secluded by the grove
Sing for me beneath the trees
A song that's sweet and low
Sometime along the line
Somewhere along the line

Me and thee will view the scene
Playing down below
High atop the mountain peak
A wonder to behold
Sometime along the line
Somewhere along the line

Rise

Rise, rise and make a stand
And try and understand the trouble in your head
Rise, rise to the occasion
And fight for your persuasion, for what gets you out of bed

Rise, we're breaking out now hold on
We're standing on the shoulders of those who came before
Rise, rise at all

Rise, rise and make a stand
Stand for your beliefs, believe in what you love

Start all over again

In the end when all is done, with battles lost and dearly won
Let me rue the things I've done, not the ones I've not begun
Let me get back to the place where I still recognized my face
How I'll wind up there remains unclear in many ways
I'm trying to keep it all under control
I want to turn into, the person you once knew, I'm coming home
Still trying to find my feet, stumbling through the streets, but I coming home

Rising up, falling down
Floating over hallowed ground
Open eyes to be sure
They may deceive you
Tell no lies, hear no truth
False conclusions, wasted youth
Now's the time to be sure
Someone believes you
In your head feel the swell
Ears are ringing like a bell
All the pictures to endure
They must aggrieve you

Shadows drifting through your dreams
Can't you hear the silent screams?
Calling you, begging you
To think it over

Start all over again
Come back again
Let it begin

No more war no more
All said and done
all lost and won

The veil of lies and deceit slowly recedes, if you want
I'm coming home