

## **A PAWNSHOP LOVE AFFAIR**

### POOL OF LOVE

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, published by New Road Publishing, 1998)

So far it's been a winter I'd better call a fall  
I built a wall of ice around my heart  
Even at the break of the new year all I'd want was disappear  
I couldn't stay nor part  
Hey hey hey hey  
I've been uptight got strung so high I was the kind of guy I thought  
You would never see  
I've done you wrong pushed you aside I was so blind I couldn't see  
All the time you were here  
Hey hey hey hey

And if I ever fall I fall into a pool of love  
Looking at the stars above I stare into your face  
And if I ever fall I won't drown no I will crawl  
Back into your arms and all those funny things you say  
Like "how are you today?"  
Hey hey hey hey

Slow down I pull the car aside  
The station's closed but that's alright  
There's no one here this time of night  
Turn on the radio I hear a lady sing  
And then I cry and drive along  
Hey hey hey hey

## ONLY LOVERS KNOW

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, 2003)

She had a kid he was married they were yearning to be free  
Had a rendezvous at a motel room on Highway 63  
He took a long hot shower she was sound asleep  
And left her with a bittersweet future memory

Heartbroken barely had a hard time getting over a love untrue  
When she kissed him on the mouth it actually felt good  
She let him to the door out on the street and took his hand  
He shivered as he felt her warm and soft breast

What lovers know lovers know alone  
It may be for a moment the next it may be gone  
Where lovers go only lovers know  
It's not that big a secret it's just the way it goes

So long they'd been together nearly 14 years  
They'd sit down on the couch have a nice cold beer  
She pinched him they whispered she knew him getting hard  
And just how good it felt right there from the start

What lovers truly know is when they get it when they don't  
Whether sad you are or happy when a real thing comes along  
It may be for a moment the next it may be gone  
It's not that big a secret it's just the way it goes

## WHAT A SONG CAN DO

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, published by New Road Publishing, 2001)

There's a song on my radio at 15.02 I am listening to

Nothing really special just an ordinary tune

But something's in the air now too

It's a sound that I hear in my mind

But there's a gate that just won't let it through

Do you know what a song can do

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

A little broken statue that couldn't be glued suddenly meets the eye

Brings back a picture that's oh so true

No longer can it be denied

It's a feeling I know deep inside

This sensation here I never quite knew

Do you know what a song can do

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

Now the cards are on the table what can I do

I ain't feeling too good

For the first time in years I cried out the blues

I cried over you

Do you know what a song can do

Doo doo doo doo doo doo doo doo

## CRY

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, published by New Road Publishing, 1998)

She said we should be ending this before the night is through  
But first let us lay down and kiss just like old couples do  
I don't know what's good or bad I'm looking right inside  
Am I happy or am I sad I'd like you to be mine

And it made you cry  
This welcome kiss goodbye  
It made you cry  
But it opened up your eye

I said I don't believe it's good to be closer now or kiss  
We'll be in a haze baby then I'll be in a mist  
It takes more than a gentle breeze to clear the air right now  
Once again I'm waiting for the rain to pour on down

She said I don't believe that there is trouble on the way  
We're tracking down old feelings but this old road is paved  
With one too many heartaches to get somewhere anyhow  
We've missed the point of no return we're on a roundabout

## PROMISE OF A BROKEN HEART

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, published by New Road Publishing, 1999)

You say you want me I believe it's true

What good is a lie if the truth will do

Many a good thing's gone to waste

The best is mostly used

I could want you and I think I will

I'm all fed up but I hunger still

Many a good thing's gone too far

The best is kept at heart

So are you really in for something deep

'cause there's just one promise I can keep

I'm telling you right from the start

A promise of a broken heart

I have been waiting but I made no move

For all I know I need no prove

Many a good thing I've seen begin

The best still kept within

Now I am really tired but I'm hyped up too

If I fall asleep will you see me through

Many a good thing's taken me down

But the best is still around

And baby I'm not scared of you

But I don't know what my heart will do

## THE OTHER GUY

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, 2005)

If you ever see my dark side will you like me just as well  
Yes I know you think it's alright to keep a part all too yourself  
A dirty mind is a joy forever

If you ever unexpectedly meet the darker part of me  
One too many times neglected claiming its identity  
Come see what's mine  
Or yours forever  
Baby I no longer hide  
I want you so bad but can I leave you with that other guy

Seeking thrills I'm doing hard times  
Kissing sad girls till it hurts  
Making up too clever songlines  
Little lies too many words  
I will write  
Write them down forever  
Baby I no longer hide  
I want you so bad but can I leave you with that other guy

## ENOUGH OF A BAD DAY

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, published by New Road Publishing, 2001)

Let's stay inside and lay our heads to rest  
We'll ease on wine, sometimes I think it's best  
To look away from things you just don't have to face  
It's been enough of a bad day

I know this face I have seen it many a times  
You have your ways of making bad lines rhyme  
The way you twist and sing things you cannot say  
It's been enough of a bad day

It's been enough of a bad day  
I've seen how it begun  
How it dragged on and on  
And now I want to see the morning sun

This trouble came and it took so much of you  
You're not toom blame but now I'm troubled too  
Can you believe that things don't have to be this way  
It's been enough of a bad day

## OPEN SKIES

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, published by New Road Publishing, 1998)

Outside in my garden  
There's a sweet tiny sparrow  
She's rather busy  
Seems her world became too narrow  
Down here in my room  
Lots of plants and a small tree  
Have made her decide  
That's where she wants to be

It surely's exciting  
And it's right before her eyes  
She cleans up her wings  
The next thing she flies  
Now what is that substance  
She's bumping into  
Looks like open skies  
But won't let her through

Now I have been watching her for an hour or two  
On and off she went  
It made me think of you  
Just before you flew  
And left the sky Broken Blue



BILLIE J.

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, 2004)

Who's hiding in that little house way over there in town  
That's hiding all the secrets that forever can be found  
Where common folks are growing up work breed and die  
Answers lie within a truth or lie who knows why

You can read it in the bible or hear it on a bus  
It's all over the internet or maybe just because  
Them brothers and them sisters gettin older younger now  
Trying to dig it up or forever nail it down

What do say Billie J  
Don't you think it's time we made a change  
What do you say Billie J  
Let's step into the light today

You're talking to a dog making love to a street cat  
Staring at a goldfish it forgot where it just went  
Stop eating all those cookies about to make you sick  
Dr. Phil's on the cable beware of all his tricks

What do say Billie J  
Don't you think it's time we made a change  
What do you say Billie J

Now the Eiffeltower's just a day away  
Paris at our feet what can I say  
Let's step into the light today

## COUNTING THE HOURS

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, 2004)

You walked out this morning, left me in a shock  
Returning a key to what's never been locked  
Well that's what I thought of what it was like  
That I'd let you in each and every time  
You may have been clean girl, maybe too young  
You had it all right there, much more from there on  
But it gets so intense dear in this hard headed shell  
'till it leaks out uneven, not quite the intent  
Now I look through a shield, there's a road up ahead  
Whatever lays up there won't be what we had

Right now I just want you but I can't have you back  
I'm counting the hours while years lay ahead  
Right now I just want you but I can't have you back  
I'm counting the hours while years lay ahead

I may take the blame girl but things can't be undone  
It started out different and you sure didn't run  
We danced we were flying on top of ourselves  
Lord knows I've been tryin to hold on to your halve  
Of what made us as one, we were so alike  
You won't tell me no more now what I feel like inside

## DADDY'S EYES

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, published by New Road Publishing, 2001)

Jeffrey and Mickey I miss you both

That's what daddy wrote on a little note

Down by the schoolyard there's a dustbin of stone it's pasted on

This token of guilt and remorse

But those days are gone

They settled the cause

He should have cared long ago

Mama's real proud of the kids

But when trouble begins

That's where daddy comes in

She looks in the eyes of the boys and they're his

And then there is this air that she knows all too well

Like somekinda spell

It's somewhere in there

The boy she would love until death

Is a man

The man that she left

It's a man

A man deep in debt

Mr. and misses Redemsky built

A house out of trust right on top of Parrish Hill

Hearts full of hope but their heads full of sin

Then the devil walked in And took the young man by the hand

That's where the money went

Supply and demand

He ended up deep into debt

DO ME RIGHT DO WRONG

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, 2001)

If you want to make it last love me when I'm dead  
Boy I need a cigarette he said  
If you want to let it flow dump me into sea  
If there's any unknown waste it's long lost chemistry  
Or hold me in your arms tonight  
I'm lost between your thighs  
Another day in hell will come to rest  
In Paradise

This heart is gonna kill me in the end  
This heart it's gonna beat me and it's in your hands  
Baby it is big enough  
Big enough to scare you off  
Little does it take for you to break  
For you to break it

If you want to make me fly put me on a silver bird  
Kiss me 'till I'm riding high don't crash on me  
If you want to make me come leave and start me off  
If you want to do me right do wrong  
Or hold me 'till it's quiet dear  
I'm lost between your thighs  
Another day in hell will come to rest  
In Paradise

Put me on the morning train  
From Nowhere Land to Judgement Day  
This time it came and blew me all away

## HOTEL

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, 2015)

The night porter is smiling I can't believe my luck  
When I hear a room is vacant even though I'm stuck  
My devils are free done with hide and seek  
They come as they please come to make a fool out of me  
Or is it just that I don't wanna face them  
I'd better be sweet or man enough to embrace them  
Just let 'm go

Here's a room that's suited to crash or hang yourself  
Or start some holy reading from the bible on the shelf  
Devils come and go come searching for my soul  
They're digging a hole make themselves at home  
Or is it just that I don't wanna face them  
I'd better be sweet or man enough to embrace them  
Just let 'm go

I may have found it... Elvis' last hotel  
Where broken hearted lovers sing or ring them bells  
The angels pour me drinks and offer some more  
Whatever's in store I'll show them the door  
Or is it just that I don't wanna face them  
I'd better be sweet or man enough to embrace them  
Just let 'm go

## JENNY AND FRANK

(w&m: BJ Baartmans, 2004)

The kitchen table's cleared all the dishes done it's free  
To give his arms a hand to hold his head  
Jenny's pouring him a coffee smiles a little smile  
Prettier than ever pretty lies

It used to be so bright  
The sparkle in their eyes  
Just about to take you by surprise  
Now it's gone with all its beauty and its grace  
Gone and left a mark upon their face  
And it's been late again

Frank's been on the road with some lady from the North  
She sings and all the kings fall from their thrones  
Though it's been a blast temptation in the end  
Nearly killed him hey it's hard to deal with that

It's quiet now he's back  
No words need to be said  
She and him amongst the best of friends  
Drink to a new life make sure they'll be alright  
Think that they could fall in love again