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Smile

The old man cried
Why did this happen in my time
We pushed the line
But only two of us survived
You can take away the friends I made
We trusted in each others lives
You can take away a hundred thousand heroes
But you cant take away my smile

The young girl cried
Why does this happen in my life
Tried to survive
When all the doctors said I'd die
You can take away the friends I made
Just leave me with a bedside light
You can take away an army of forgiveness
but you cant take away my smile

The policeman cried
Why does this happen in my life
Shot in the eyes
A miracle that I survived
You can take away the fields of green and looking in my childrens eyes
You can take away a fathers sight and vision
But you cant take away my smile.

The princess cried
Why did this happen in my life
Did I survive
All of those other peoples lies
You can take away the gift I gave
For changing other peoples lives
You can take away a mother of two children
but you cant take away my smile

Drums: Andy Dovey

Bass, Guitars & Vocals: Russell Leak

Start Again

I don't know how we start again
I don't know who we are within
I don't know where we played when we were young
I don't know how you show me how you tell me how

I wont believe in heaven til I have been through hell
] wont believe in love till love has gone again
I wont believe in goodness cause goodness doesn't last
Can I believe in you
The secrets and the past

I don't know why I try to lie
I don't know why we try to hide
I don't know who I am when I lose you
I need to know what's true
I don't know what you'd say
if you could see all that I've been through

I wont believe in heaven til I have been through hell
] wont believe in love till love has gone again
I wont believe in good times
Cause good times never last
Can I believe in you
The secrets and the past

Bass: Allan Burls

Backing Vocals: Claire Light

Guitar, Vocals, Turntablism, Programming: Russell Leak

Wishing I Had Tried

Look into my eyes see the hurt inside the smiles just a disguise
I'm jovial and keen upfront but hurting hear inside
Cause I have wasted time and watched life from the side
I realize right now I should have tried
Now I'm lying on my death bed wishing
wishing I had tried

Watch the silver screen, all the people that are living out my dream
A dream I've often thought of as I lie hear it would seem that my
only chance has been and gone and been and gone and been

And now I'm lying on my death bed wishing
wishing I had tried
Wishing all those days away
wishing I had tried.

All around the world, all the people
but especially that girl I've seen her walking here before
but never said a word I just hope she'll smile
You never know but I've been here for quite a while

Drums: Brue McGrath

Bass: Allan Burls

Piano : Selina Gibsone

Guitars and Vocals: Russell Leak

Time

Time, goes on more and more each night
I wait for darkness to be light
And I'm holding on to hope that we can find
Time to live within this night
As the dawn replaces night
I can turn to you and say to you

The more I see the more I do the more I'm holding on to me and you
The more I give the more I find I'm holding on and then I'm losing time

Time, we treat it like we never die
Don't wanna face the call to light
But you know your through when your called to

And in our dream our silent scream
Holding in our never ending needs
We reach for gold forget our soul
Too late to see that all we are is a light in a light

The more I look the more I see the more I'm holding on to you and me
The more I try the more I find I'm holding on and then I'm losing time

Time, goes and more each night I wait for darkness to be light.

Drums: Andy Dovey

Bass: Barry White

Piano: Selina Gibsone

Cello: Elle Radford

Vocals & Guitars: Russell Leak

Hang the Stars In Her Hair

She'll make you see your own destiny
She'll make you see your own god
She'll make you see to the heart of me
She'll make you see what you want

Hang the stars in her Hair

She'll make you bless everyone but me
She'll make you walk land and sea
She'll take away all the ecstasy
She'll take away what you needed.

Hang the stars in her hair

*some cost, ghost lost
time to walk this path of gold*

Drums : Andy Dovey

Turntablism: FireProof Skratch Duck

Programming, Bass Guitar, Guitars and Vocals: Russell Leak



Make It Last

Just got here don't want to go
It's getting faster I want to slow
Everyone else is heavy but I am light
The sun comes down and its already night

*Id like to make it last just a few more nights
The curtains come down far to quick in our lives*

Stop this moment so we know
Capture sunlight and freeze the snow
Images flashing by like I'm in flight
The sun comes down and its already night

*I'd like to make it last just a few more nights
The curtains come down far to quick in our lives*

*I'd like to make it last just a few more nights
The curtains come down far to quick in our lives*

Can we make it last
Can we make it last

Bass: Allan Burlls

Drums, Guitars, Keyboards & Programming: Russell Leak



A Love I Can Survive

Do I let hold on tight forever blind
Feel me cast away in a sun drenched island lie
I know it I feel it
In this love there's much to hide

Chorus

Gotta let you know gotta get you slow do I hold you down and try
Gotta be the one who is on the run from a love I can survive

Do I let you down and fly away
Forever lost in doubt this cut will make me shout
I want it I need it
Its just the bleeding I deny

Everyone is falling, everyone is falling out
Everyone is calling to a better

Piano: Selina Gibsone

Cello: Ellie Radford

Guitar, Vocals, Bass and Programming : Russell Leak

Besides

Alone again
Night is lost to day did I survive the end
Fear again
I feel it creeping up inside its here again

I see the sadness in your eyes
You're falling for me
I see your naked and your wise and whispering to me
Besides, besides, besides
I'm here by your side

Looking up
Is it you that rescues me as I look up
I feel so lost
Damage done together we can count the cost

I see the sadness in your eyes
You're falling for me
I see your sacred and your wise and whispering to me
Besides, besides, besides
I'm here by your side

And I feel it once again
Your falling for me
And I see it all again
I'm here by your side
Besides, besides, besides

Alone again, nobody in the house and I can breath again.

*Backing Vocals: Mark Breese & Lisa Stibbs
Vocals, Keyboards, Bass & Guitars: Russell Leak*

Lonely Now

I saw the silence and I know we'd never be
I know I wanted more than I could ever dream
Will the daybreak lead me on without the light
I need the light
I need the light
And she was calling me back home
She said she was tired of being out there all alone
She said get it right get it right
Never believe in something til you find you self

Lonely now all your dreams are calling
But your holding out
All the lives you're living are now falling down
gonna have to leave those dreams behind

She was a devil and she taught me how to sin
And all of those clubs I left she got me straight back in
Am I the loner who always takes the fall
Am I the only one to say what this is called
I wanna try something to get us some relief
I wanna go out but I don't know who I might see
She called me something I don't know if it was real
But then you closed your mouth and turned away from me.

Never going away
Never had so much that I could say
Know its cause I really don't believe
I'm the only one who wants to leave

Drums: Andy Dovey

Piano: Selina Gibsone

Bass, Guitars and Vocals: Russell Leak

When you don't smile

*I don't know who you are when you don't smile
I don't know where you're from when you go away*

I don't know where you turn
when this darkness shields your eyes.....
Who are you?
Who were you then?

I want to be alone with you
To talk about where it all went wrong
I'd like to take you outthe ocean side
And watch the tides unfold
Try and let go now

*I don't know who you are when you don't smile
I don't know where you're from when you go away*

You give me that blank stare – what is it in there
You seem to be so lost
Who are you to say that you can't come back

Can you really say that all your thoughts are true

*I don't know who you are when you don't smile
I don't know where you go when you go away*

I want you to return now
Come back to me
Come back to me and smile
I'll wait for you
whether it's another day a year or a lifetime

Bass: Allan Burlls

Drums, Guitars, Keyboards, Programming: Russell Leak

Who Am I

Who am I to believe in love
Something I wasted so much of
Who am I to believe that you could set me free
Who am I to make believe

Who am I to believe in you
After all the things that I said I'd do
Who am I to believe the sun is on our side
Who am I to feel false pride

Who am I and who are you
Who am I to believe we'd lose
Who am I and who are you
Who am I to decided to choose

Who am I to believe in this
A strangled hope on a wishful kiss
Who am I to say this could be my time
Who am I to fight to try

Who am I and who are you
Who am I to know the truth
Who am I and who are you
Who am I to decided to choose

Who am I to believe in this
A strangled hope on a mislaid kiss

Cello: Elle Radford

Vocals & Guitars: Russell Leak

Credits

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Authors Album Notes

Smile

Its amazing isn't it how people still keep smiling. That universal language for "hello...everything is ok". This song is as old as me picking up the guitar. I just wrote the riff while fiddling and it's that long ago I don't remember how I wrote it. The 3rd verse was added recently after seeing a policeman on the news who had got shot in the face and blinded, his life had been destroyed by the event but he was still smiling and doing something positive.

Start Again

This was written pretty much stream of consciousness except for some fiddling with the chorus after coming home from an argument with my girlfriend. Its a very personal song, all about not really believing that something can be good until you've seen all the bad side of it.

Wishing I had Tried

This is ages old. I used to play it with Bruce, Allan and Selina as The Promises so it's great to have them all on this recording. Originally there was a much longer guitar solo at the end but my brother suggested it was too long and self indulgent...killjoy! For the lyric I remember reading about someone who had been on their deathbed and said they wished they had tried to do things and regretted not doing things etc. I think that would be a nightmare. I'd much prefer to leave this planet with something like Oscar Wildes last words "Either this wallpaper goes or I go"

Time

This was basically written at Tom and Selinas house while we were all jamming one day. I then went away and finalised the arrangement and added the hold at the end of the verse. I imagined this would be a good song for some boy band but alas none has come forward so far.

Barrys bass line is great and I seem to remember him being there as well when we jamming so its good to have him on the record.

Authors Album Notes Continued

Hang The Stars In Her Hair

This all came out in one go and just built it up around the vocal and guitar. I think the lyric was inspired after reading some Mike Mignola. Andys brilliant percussion added to the atmosphere and I loved making that mandoliny type sound with my Takamine. Good to have fpsd on here too, he always finds something on those decks that fits the song.

Make It Last

Another older song which came from noodling with an acoustic guitar. I've always liked songs and themes about time disappearing, living in the moment, holding on to a sunset etc...All the world is a stage and eventually the curtains have to come down don't they.

Love I Can Survive

Originally I wrote this as a upbeat faster song and had made a demo. I asked Selina to come in and record some piano on the break and as she started playing I just suddenly heard it all as a softer piano ballad. We've done it live a few times over the years. Elles cello is beautiful here and adds so much atmosphere. The end with the long guitar outro was a late addition. Tom played drums and inspired that. I took what he'd done and programmed it into what it is now. I wanted Allan to play some fretless on this but he was too busy so I picked up the fender and I'm pretty pleased with the result.

Lonely now

This was also stream of consciousness written with Selina playing along on piano. Really love the lead guitar in this song and the harmonies.

Besides

This was all done at my brothers studio. Mark Breese and Lisa Stibbs harmonies sound great in the choruses and break.

Authors Album Notes Continued

When you don't smile

I was sitting with my girlfriend and she was unhappy and feeling depressed about something and her face looked so lost. That happy person that I loved was gone temporarily and I had the guitar and started playing the chords and it all just came out in one go. Next day I went home and recorded it.

Who Am I

Really simple and gentle song. I'm really pleased with the lyric. Its so confusing being a person sometimes, and wondering if you actually have any say in whats going on. The guitar sound is my old yamaha and I did think about redoing it with the takamine but I liked the immediacy of the performance.

Start Again acoustic

I put this on because I liked that it was all done in one performance except adding the lead lines.

Well thank you for buying my album, thank you for listening.

Russell

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