

Rock and Real

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**I saw them on the tv
It seemed like just yesterday
I went and bought myself a guitar
And taught myself to play
Now some people do it money
Some people do it for love
Well I do it because I like it
For me that was always good enough**

**Rock and Real
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I can't explain
The way I feel
Just your touch gives me a thrill
I love you still
Rock and Real**

**Now if I ever get some money
I'm gonna kiss this town goodbye
Mama she was born here
And she says that's where she'll die
It's where her man is buried
Where she raised her family
But when she looks outside her window
Well there is nothing left to see**

**Rock and Real
Rock and Real
Something inside**

**That time can't kill
Just your touch helps me to heal
I love you still
Rock and Real**

**The songs are ringing out
They're still pounding in my head
The things that mean the most to me
Are better left unsaid**

**The old man rides the bus to church
He prays in the very last row
And he walks the streets alone at night
Dressed in a cloth of gold**

**Rock and Real
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The ties that bind
That time can't kill
Just your touch helps me to heal
I love you still
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MEMPHIS QUEEN
(JOE GRUSHECKY)

JOHNNY, JOHNNY LIVES BY THE RAILROAD TRACKS
HE PACKED UP HIS BELONGINGS IN AN OLD ARMY SACK
HE LEFT THE PORT OF PITTSBURGH BOUND FOR NEW ORLEANS
DOWN THE MUDDY WATER ON THE MIGHTY MEMPHIS QUEEN

FIRST STOP WAS CINCINNATI LOADING IRON ORE BY THE TON
JOHNNY GOT RESTLESS AND WENT SEARCHING FOR SOME FUN
HE DRANK A LITTLE WHISKEY AND RAISED A LITTLE HELL
HE SPENT THE NIGHT IN LOCK-UP DOWN AT THE COUNTY JAIL

MEMPHIS QUEEN, OH MY MEMPHIS QUEEN
THE PRETTIEST LADY I'VE EVER SEEN
SAILING ACROSS THE WATER LIKE A SILVER STREAM
DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI ON THE MEMPHIS QUEEN

SHE TOOK HIM TO ST. LOUIE OUT IN THE GREAT HEARTLAND
JOHNNY WENT SEARCHING FOR THAT BROWN-EYED HANDSOME MAN
HE TRACKED DOWN A GIRL NAMED LITTLE MARIE
WHO SAID, "YOU CAN FIND MY DADDY DOWN IN THE PENITENTIARY."

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THE PRETTIEST LADY I'VE EVER SEEN
SAILING ACROSS THE WATER LIKE A SILVER STREAM
DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI ON THE MEMPHIS QUEEN

STANDING OUTSIDE THE MANSION WITH THE GUITARS ON THE GATE
JOHNNY PAID THE TOUR GUIDE TO VIEW THE ESTATE
HE SAID A SILENT PRAYER FOR THE BOY WHO BROKE THE RULES
LYING BURIED IN THE BACK YARD BESIDE THE FAMILY POOL

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**THE BIDDLE MINE
(JOE GRUSHECKY)**

**I TOOK ONE LAST LOOK AROUND AND KISSED MY TATA GOOD-BYE
I'M GONNA START A NEW LIFE IN THE HILLS OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE BOTTOM OF A STEAMER SHIP ACROSS THE OCEAN I DO RIDE
ME AND MY BRAND NEW BRIDE TO THE HILLS OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**THE SUN DON'T SHINE DOWN IN THE BIDDLE MINE
AND THAT DEEP DARK HOLE EATS AWAY YOUR SOUL
LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME**

**WELL IT'S TWO LONG YEARS GONE BY
AND I CAN HEAR MY LITTLE ONE CRY
SHE'S GOING HUNGRY TONIGHT IN THE HILLS OF PENNSYLVANIA
AND I'M SO TIRED THAT I CANNOT STAND
TO WASH THE DIRT OFF OF MY HANDS
IT'S A HARD, HARD LAND - THESE HILLS OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**AND THE SUN DON'T SHINE DOWN IN THE BIDDLE MINE
AND THEY OWN YOUR SOUL DOWN AT THE COMPANY STORE
(SERBIAN) LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY,
LORD HAVE MERCY ON ME**

**AND THE SUN DON'T SHINE DOWN IN THE BIDDLE MINE
I DON'T WANT TO WORK NO MORE DOWN IN THAT DEEP DARK HOLE
LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY,
PLEASE HAVE MERCY ON ME**

**(SERBIAN) LORD HAVE MERCY, LORD HAVE MERCY
HAVE MERCY ON ME**

HOW LONG
(JOE GRUSHECKY)

I WAS SITTING HOME AT NIGHT WATCHING MY TV
THERE'S A MAN WITH A SMILE TRYING TO MAKE A FOOL OF ME
HE SAID, "WE JUST GOT CAUGHT SELLING BOMBS TO TERRORISTS
BUT DON'T WORRY PEOPLE, BIG DADDY KNOWS WHAT'S BEST"

MEANWHILE ... JACKIE'S WORKING IN A 7-11 STORE
HE USED TO BE A FACTORY MAN, BUT IT AIN'T THERE NO MORE
AND I HEARD THAT MARKET CRASHING, WELL, THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME
IF YOU TAKE AWAY THEIR MONEY, IT JUST MIGHT SET THEM FREE

I SAID "GOD, CAN YOU HEAR MY PLEA?"
"GOD, I'M GONNA GET DOWN ON MY KNEES"
"GOD, THIS TIME LET'S GET IT RIGHT"
ANOTHER DEAD END STREET. ANOTHER LONELY NIGHT."

HOW LONG DO THEY EXPECT US TO TAKE IT?
HOW LONG? IS THIS AS GOOD AS IT GETS?
HOW LONG DO THEY EXPECT US TO TAKE IT?
ANOTHER DAY OLDER AND DEEPER IN DEBT

ANGIE GOT TWO KIDS AND ANOTHER ON THE WAY
HER HUSBAND MADE A DOPE DEAL AND THEY BLEW HIS ASS AWAY
SHE MADE HERSELF A PROMISE NEVER TO REGRET
BUT THERE ARE THINGS IN LIFE THAT JUST ARE BETTER TO FORGET
SHE'S LIVING IN THE PROJECTS, TAKING WHAT SHE CAN GET
WAITING FOR THE POSTMAN AND HER MONTHLY WELFARE CHECK

SHE SAID, "OH NO! I AIN'T GOT NO EDUCATION"
"OH NO! I CAN HARDLY READ OR WRITE"
"OH NO! IT'S A NO WIN SITUATION"
ANOTHER DIRTY DEED, ANOTHER LONELY NIGHT"

HOW LONG DO THEY EXPECT US TO TAKE IT?
HOW LONG? IS THIS AS GOOD AS IT GETS?
HOW LONG DO THEY EXPECT US TO TAKE IT?
ANOTHER DAY OLDER AND I'M DEEPER IN DEBT

WHEN I GET HOME FROM MY JOB THERE'S AN ANGEL WAITING THERE
I SHUT OFF THE LIGHTS AND THEN I CLIMB THE STAIRS
I TRY NOT TO WAKE HER WHEN I GET INTO THE BED
SHE'S GOT THE TV ON AND A BLANKET OVER HER HEAD
BUT SUDDENLY SHE HEARS ME SHE GETS UP TO SAY,
"HONEY ARE YOU HOME? DID YOU GET ALL OF YOUR PAY?"
I SAID "YEA BABY I GUESS WE DID ALL RIGHT"
BUT THERE WEREN'T THAT MANY PEOPLE DOWN AT THE CLUB TONIGHT"
THEN SHE GIVES ME A LOOK I NEVER CAN RESIST
AND SHE HOLDS ME SO TIGHT AND THEN WE START TO KISS

I SAID "GOD, CAN YOU HEAR MY PLEAS?"
"GOD, I GET DOWN ON MY KNEES"
"GOD, IT TOOK SO LONG TO GET IT RIGHT"
BUT THERE'S NO DEAD END FOR ME AND NO MORE LONELY NIGHTS"

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ANOTHER DAY OLDER AND I'M DEEPER IN DEBT
HOW LONG?

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**UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED
(JOE GRUSHECKY, BILL TOMS)**

THE TELEPHONE'S RINGING IT'S 1 AM
A MAN SAYS, "HEY FREDDY, ARE YOU READY FOR ME?
ARE YOU READY FOR ME TONIGHT?
BECAUSE I'VE GOT SOME GOOD THINGS FOR YOU
WAITING FOR YOU- WAITING FOR YOU TONIGHT"
SO I PUT ON MY JACKET AND SLIDE OUT THE DOOR
I DRIVE TO MEET LOUIE TO MAKE MY BIG SCORE

UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED THE HUNGER I HAVE TO FEED
I JUST DIDN'T HEED MY OWN ADVICE
IT'S A SLOW SLOW DEATH A MATTER OF LIFE OR BREATH
UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED

IT'S 2:05 I'M STANDING IN THE RAIN
AND I'M SWEATING IT OUT IS IT READY FOR ME TONIGHT?
HERE COMES THAT FAT GREASY LOUIE GOD I HATE HIM SO
BUT PLEASE LET ME KNOW THAT IT'S READY FOR ME TONIGHT
SO I PAY HIM MY MONEY AND I PRAY I'M NOT SEEN
SOME PEOPLE SAY IT'S ROMANTIC BUT I KNOW IT'S JUST OBSCENE

UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED THE HUNGER I HAVE TO FEED
I JUST DIDN'T HEED MY OWN ADVICE
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UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED

AS I CLIMB INTO MY CAR I SWEAR THIS WILL BE MY VERY LAST DEAL
I DON'T LIKE WHAT I'VE BECOME AND I HATE THE WAY I FEEL
THERE'S A DEVIL IN MY POCKET THERE'S A DEMON HERE TO PAY
I JUST WIND DOWN MY WINDOW AND I THROW IT ALL AWAY

UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED THE HUNGER I HAVE TO FEED
I JUST DIDN'T HEED MY OWN ADVICE
IT'S A SLOW SLOW DEATH A MATTER OF LIFE OR BREATH
UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED - UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED

FREEDOM'S HALL
(JOE GRUSHECKY)

THERE'S A FIRE THAT'S BURNING ON A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT
WHEN WE'RE NOT LOOKING SOMEONE TRIES TO
TURN OUT THAT LIGHT
AND THERE'S A PLACE WHERE A CHILD IS HUNGRY
YOU CAN HEAR HIS MOTHER CRY
WHEN THE GOON SQUADS GET OUT THEIR GUNS
ANOTHER GOOD MAN WILL DIE

FREEDOM, FREEDOM, FREEDOM
DO WE ANSWER THE CALL ONE AND ALL DOWN TO FREEDOM'S HALL

NICKY WORKED THE MINE FOR TEN LONG YEARS
DIGGING THE COAL OUT OF THE CLAY
THEN THE COMPANY SHUT DOWN - HIS WIFE GOT BORED
AND THEN SHE RAN AWAY
YOU CAN SEE HIM ON THE STREET BY ST. MARY'S
STANDING IN LINE FOR SOMETHING TO EAT
HE SLEEPS IN A BOX CAR DOWN 'NEATH THE TRACKS
UNDER SMITHFIELD STREET
DO WE LISTEN TO WHAT THEY SAY
OR SHOULD WE JUST BLOW THEM ALL AWAY?

DO WE ANSWER THE CALL ONE AND ALL DOWN TO FREEDOM'S HALL
FREEDOM, FREEDOM, FREEDOM
DO WE ANSWER THE CALL ONE AND ALL DOWN TO FREEDOM'S HALL?

BROTHER JACK HE WAS A GOOD OLD BOY
HE WEARS HIS HEART OUT ON HIS SLEEVE
HE'LL TELL YOU HOW HE LOST EVERYTHING
AND HOW HE WAS DECEIVED
HE SITS OUTSIDE THE GOLDEN EAGLE
DRINKING WINE FROM A PAPER CUP
HE BEAT HIS HEAD AGAINST THE WALL UNTIL HE JUST GAVE UP
IS THE CALL TOO GREAT TO RESIST
OR SHOULD WE PRETEND THEY DON'T EXIST?
DO WE ANSWER THE CALL, ONE AND ALL, DOWN AT FREEDOM'S HALL?

FREEDOM, FREEDOM, FREEDOM
DOWN AT FREEDOM'S HALL DOWN AT FREEDOM'S HALL
FREEDOM, TALK ABOUT FREEDOM, FREEDOM, TALK ABOUT FREEDOM

OUT OF MY HEAD
(JOE GRUSHECKY, BILL TOMS)

YOU WERE ONLY SIXTEEN, SO PRECIOUS, SO FAIR
GIRL, YOU LOOKED SO FINE
AND I KEPT MY PROMISE JUST LIKE I SAID I WOULD
TO GET YOU TO THE CHURCH ON TIME
AND YOUR MOMMA WAS MAD BECAUSE WE WERE SO YOUNG
BUT LIFE'S NOT OVER GIRL IT'S JUST BEGUN
I'M GONNA GET YOU BACK AGAIN. I'M GONNA GET YOU BACK AGAIN

THIRTY DAYS AND THIRTY NIGHTS WHAT CAN A POOR BOY DO?
THOSE CITY GIRLS AIN'T GOT NOTHING ON YOU
I'M FROM THE COUNTRY DOWN FROM THE HILLS
YOUR LOVE BURNS BABY YOUR LOVE KILLS
I GUESS MY DADDY RAISED A FOOL
I ALWAYS THOUGHT WE'D BE TOGETHER BUT YOU CUT MY HEART
AND LET IT BLEED
I LOVE YOU BABY AND THAT'S FOREVER
YOU MAY NOT BE THE ONE I WANT BUT YOU'RE STILL THE ONE I NEED
OUT OF MY HEAD

I FOUND A FRIEND IN THE BOTTLE
I'M GONNA DROWN IN THAT CHEAP PERFUME
I CAN'T SEE BEYOND THE WALLS OF THIS HOTEL ROOM

THERE'S ANOTHER GIRL TO TAKE YOUR PLACE
I DON'T KNOW HER NAME I CAN'T SEE HER FACE
THAT MIDNIGHT TRAIN WILL BE LEAVING SOON
I'M GONNA CLIMB ABOARD AND RIDE IT RIGHT TO THE RIVER
AND LAY RIGHT DOWN AND HIDE BENEATH THE REEDS
AND DREAM ABOUT MY LITTLE FARMER'S DAUGHTER
I MAY NOT BE THE ONE SHE WANTS
BUT I'M STILL THE ONE SHE NEEDS
OUT OF MY HEAD

LITTLE MARIE
(JOE GRUSHECKY, JON GRUSHECKY)

WHEN I SAW YOU, YOU SET ME ON FIRE IN THE SUMMER SUN
I KNEW YOU WERE THE ONE I HEARD ALL THE STORIES
ABOUT THE BOYS WHO WERE THERE BEFORE
BUT BABY WHO KEEPS SCORE
OF ALL THE THINGS IN LIFE
AND ALL THE DREAMS THAT COULD BE
BABY, BABY IS THERE ROOM FOR ME?
I'M TRYING TO MEET YOU I DON'T KNOW HOW TO START
YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE GIRL BREAKING A BIG MAN'S HEART
MY LITTLE MARIE

ALL MY FRIENDS SAY THAT YOU'RE JUST TOO YOUNG FOR ME
AND THAT I SHOULD LET YOU BE
BUT I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY SAY
YOU KNOW I'M GONNA GET YOU ANYWAY
ENOUGH TO DO ANYTHING JUST TO GET TO YOU
BABY, BABY AM I GETTING THROUGH?
I'M DYING TO MEET YOU I DON'T KNOW HOW TO START
YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE GIRL BREAKING A BIG MAN'S HEART
MY LITTLE MARIE

I CALLED YOU UP YOU'RE DADDY SAID YOU WERE NOT HOME
THEN HE SLAMMED THE PHONE (HOW RUDE)
BUT ANOTHER DAY I'M GONNA GET MY LUCKY BREAK
AND SHOW YOU THAT I'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES

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**AIN'T GOIN' DOWN
(JOE GRUSHECKY)**

**I LIVE DOWN THE END OF EASY STREET
WORKING TWO JOBS JUST TO MAKE ENDS MEET
THE POLICE TOWED AWAY MY CAR
I TRIED TO LEAVE DIDN'T GET TOO FAR
AIN'T GOIN' DOWN. I AIN'T GOIN' DOWN**

**THE BILL COLLECTOR CALLED ME UP
HE SAID "LISTEN BOY TIME TO PAY UP"
AIN'T GOIN' DOWN. I AIN'T GOIN' DOWN**

**I'M KEEPING QUIET AIN'T GOT NOTHING TO SAY
ONE DAY I'M GONNA BLOW 'EM ALL AWAY
IT'S TWO O'CLOCK AND I'M DEAD ON MY FEET
IT'S A SLOW DEATH IN THE SUMMER HEAT
WELL I BUST MY BACK AND I RIPPED MY HANDS
(AND IT HURTS)
WORKING A JOB I COULD NEVER STAND
AIN'T GOIN' DOWN. I AIN'T GOIN' DOWN**

HEY, YOU TALKING TO ME?

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REBEL MUSIC

(JOE GRUSHECKY, ART NARDINI, BILL TOMS, JOFFO SIMMONS)

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THAT REBEL MUSIC?
WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THOSE ANGRY BOYS?
I REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER
WE USED TO MAKE SUCH A FRIGHTFUL NOISE
REBEL MUSIC

WE WERE A HARD LIVING ROCK AND ROLL PLAYING BAND
WE THOUGHT WE HAD THE WHOLE WORLD
IN THE PALM OF OUR HANDS
WHEN WE WALKED INTO THE ROOM
EVERYBODY STOPPED AND STARED
WE USED TO GO WHERE WE WANTED AND DO ALL THAT WE DARE
WE ALL GOT A LITTLE OLDER
WE ALL GREW A LITTLE COLDER

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THAT REBEL MUSIC?
WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THOSE ANGRY BOYS?
I REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER
WE USED TO MAKE SUCH A FRIGHTFUL NOISE
REBEL MUSIC

WE USED TO WALK IT LIKE WE TALKED IT
WE TRIED TO REACH FOR EVERYTHING
BUT NOW MY OLD TELECASTER NEEDS A NEW SET OF STRINGS
THROUGH ALL THE BLOOD SWEAT AND BEERS
FOR OH SO MANY YEARS
WE BURNT THE CANDLE UNTIL IT ALL DISAPPEARED
IT WAS NEVER JUST A PAY DAY
WE HAD TO HAVE IT OUR WAY

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THAT REBEL MUSIC?
WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO THOSE ANGRY BOYS?
I REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER
WE USED TO MAKE SUCH A FRIGHTFUL NOISE
REBEL MUSIC

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**DADDY'S LITTLE ANGEL
(JOE GRUSHECKY)**

**DADDY ALWAYS SAID "I WANT MORE FOR YOU
THAN I EVER HAD
STUDY HARD. STAY IN SCHOOL. KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE
AND DON'T BREAK THE RULES"**

**BUT I NEVER HEARD A WORD HE SAID
AND ALL WE EVER DID WAS FIGHT
BUT NOW WHEN I COME HOME THERE'S SOMEBODY WAITING
SOMEONE WHO CHANGED MY LIFE**

**SLEEP TIGHT MY LITTLE ANGEL
EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT
I'LL BE RIGHT HERE SO DON'T YOU WORRY
DADDY'S LITTLE ANGEL IS SLEEPING TONIGHT
DADDY'S LITTLE ANGEL IS SLEEPING TONIGHT
DADDY'S LITTLE ANGEL ... SSHHHH**