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"Merry-Go-Round"

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## Supposed To

Julie sits  
Ballet shoes tied  
Tu-tu on  
She stands outside  
Her bag in hand  
And her hair tied in a bow.  
Grumpy face  
Her lip sticks out  
Mama says  
Darlin', please don't pout  
It's not polite  
And you still have to go.  
Then Julie starts to cry  
And asks, "But Mama, why?"

*You're supposed to learn to dance  
Learn plies, chasses, and twirls  
Don't you wanna be a ballerina  
Just like all the other girls.  
Sweetheart, please don't ask me why  
It's the proper thing to do.  
Take your things and go inside  
Like you're supposed to.*

Senior year  
How time goes by  
She's 18  
And wants to fly  
Dad sits her down  
Says it's time for a degree.  
Earphones in  
She shakes her head  
Says she'd rather  
Hit the road instead  
I'm sorry, Dad,  
But college ain't for me.  
You feel that way today  
But hear me when I say.

*You're supposed to go to school  
Find a major to complete  
Don't you wanna earn a steady living*

*'Stead of living on the street.  
Sweetheart, listen carefully  
It's the smartest thing to do.  
Fill out these forms and pay the fee  
Like you're supposed to.*

Julie's done what she's been told  
Throughout her life from 5 years old  
She follows rules,  
says what she's s'posed to say.  
So when she grew up, she faked a smile  
Took his hand and walked down the aisle  
No one knew the price she'd have to pay  
For doing what  
she was supposed to do that day.

Now Julie's house  
Is next to mine  
Each time I ask  
She swears she's fine  
She's all dolled up  
Wears a scarf to hide the bruise.  
She waits on him  
In clean white gloves  
Tries to satisfy  
The man she loves  
She plays his games,  
Still she knows she'll always lose.  
Though it's hard to believe  
I know she'll never leave

*She's supposed to be his wife  
Gave her hand, her soul, her heart  
When she swore to love, obey, and honor  
Until death would do them part  
Though her heart breaks everyday  
After all that she's been through  
She can say she always does  
What she's supposed to.*

Will you say you always do  
What you're supposed to?

## Merry-Go-Round

Well, I see you standing there  
With your big brown eyes  
And your gorgeous wavy hair  
And your bag of lies  
Winkin' at me  
to apologize  
And I'm buyin' it.  
Your cocky little smirk  
Leads you through the door  
Whispering all the words  
That you've said before  
Sometimes I don't know  
what we do this for,  
But I'm tryin' it.

Here we go now once again,  
We both know I'm givin' in.  
One more time we spin around.  
We're goin' down.

*Chew me up  
Spit me out  
War is what  
Love's all about  
I should go  
But can't help myself.  
I'd rather fight with you  
Than love somebody else  
I know that  
We might sink  
Before we swim  
Drowning in this  
Sea we're in  
And we might never leave the ground  
Riding in circles  
On this merry-go-round.*

Sometimes things will go just fine  
For a month or two  
Huggin' and we're kissin'  
Like we used to do.  
Dates and cards and candy

Saying "I love you."  
Then the magic fades.  
We're yellin' so loud  
The whole town will know  
Like we're handing out tickets  
To our nightly show  
Listen to me, Babe  
You'll miss me when I go  
And words cut like blades.

At the crossroads one more time  
Push and pull, then change our minds  
Once again, we spin around.  
We're goin' down.

*Repeat Chorus*

Round and round and round and round  
we go  
Up and down, then high and low  
Back and forth, to and fro  
Shoulda gotten dizzy long ago

*Chew me up  
Spit me out  
War is what  
Love's all about  
I should go  
But can't help myself.  
I'd rather fight with you  
Than love somebody else  
I know that  
We might sink  
Before we swim  
Drowning in this  
Sea we're in  
And we might never leave the ground  
Riding in circles  
Riding in circles  
Riding in circles  
On this merry-go-round.*

## Somebody

I lie awake at night  
And think about you sometimes.  
And I wonder how you've been  
And if I'll see you again.  
I'll tell ya, Boy, I've been blue  
Each day since I left you  
And I dream about your face.  
Did I make a big mistake?  
And though those thoughts cross my  
mind every day.  
If I had it to do over, would I stay?

*I don't know  
But I don't think so.  
I can handle being lonely  
I can handle being sad.  
I'll be fine  
And I'll heal in time.  
'Cause I must have had a reason  
to let go of what we had.  
It's taken strength to see  
I only miss your company  
I never was in love,  
And I don't wanna be  
With you just to be with  
Somebody.*

Sometimes it's all I can do  
Not to call and talk to you.  
I don't wanna be alone  
And I miss you, but I know  
I said I was moving on  
I'm the reason you've been gone.  
And after all that we've been through,  
I belong with someone new  
We'd never yell, we wouldn't scream, we  
didn't fight.  
But just 'cause nothing's wrong, does that  
really make it right?

*Repeat Chorus*

I want more than hugs and kisses  
I want sparks and butterflies.  
Am I happy with what this is,  
Luke-warm hellos and cold good-byes?

*Repeat Chorus*

I never was in love,  
And you deserve to be  
More than just my lonely  
Somebody.

## Wonderful Day

I'm not gonna lie to you, I thought it would be hard.  
Thought my tears would flood the house when you went away, yeah.  
And the sky would cave in on me  
Leave me crushed, alone, and trembling  
And I never thought I'd get the chance to say  
It's a wonderful day.

Thought I'd miss the way you smiled when you royally screwed up.  
Thought I'd miss the dozen roses on display.  
And the way you never used to call,  
Truth is, I don't miss those things at all.  
You screwed up way too many times anyway.  
It's a wonderful day.

*It can rain, it can pour  
It can thunder like before  
But you're not here any more  
It's a wonderful day.  
Wind could blow, and it might  
Clouds may cover up the light  
But you won't be here tonight  
It's a wonderful day.*

Doodle oodle oodle ooh doo doo doo  
Doodle oodle oodle ooh doo doo.

Surprising just how great it feels to have you gone for good.  
And I don't know why I wanted you to stay.  
Yeah, it turns out you're the piece of me  
I didn't ever really need.  
You're the part that held me back in every way.  
Now it's a wonderful day.

*Repeat Chorus*

Doodle oodle oodle ooh doo doo doo  
Doodle oodle oodle ooh doo doo. (X2)

*Repeat Chorus*

I don't need to have you 'round me  
Just to criticize and ground me  
Boy, and now that freedom's found me,  
It's a wonderful day.

Doodle oodle oodle ooh doo doo doo  
Doodle oodle oodle ooh doo doo. (X2)

## Burned Bridges

When we're young,  
Life's black and white.  
We laugh and play  
We scream and fight  
And when the day is done  
We call a truce, it's the end.  
When we're small,  
Without a care  
We love freely  
We fight fair  
We put our shields away  
Always looking for a friend.  
We grow up,  
And I don't know what happens.  
Life can make us people  
We don't wanna be  
Looking back,  
There are so many things  
I could have handled differently  
Traded hate for love,  
And lies for honesty.  
And learned a lesson  
from a 5-year-old me.

*So I'm through with burning bridges  
Between you and me  
And I hope that you'll see this is  
My apology.  
I don't wanna be held back today  
By things I did or didn't say*

*So I'm done with blames and games  
Of insecurity.  
Because the only thing burned bridges do  
Is keep the world away from you.*

People say  
That life's too short  
To dwell on things  
That caused you hurt.  
There are too many songs  
About revenge and pain.  
Anger only  
Weighs us down  
We forgive  
Or else we drown  
And I don't wanna be  
Someone who lives to complain.

*Repeat Chorus*

I'm not wasting all my time  
Being sad about the way we ended.  
I'm done spending all my days  
Hating you for what you've done to me.  
I'm gonna love you from now on  
Cause when all the anger's gone  
Love's the only thing we'll both still need.  
And I hope you'll do the same for me.

*Repeat Chorus*

## Best Friends For Life

I remember the day we met  
"Cute as a button" is what you said.  
I couldn't get those words outta my head  
You had my heart.  
I tried for a while to get over you  
But there was nothing that I could do.  
We'd be a love song, and that I knew  
Right from the start.

You held my hand  
As we sat by the bridge,  
And watched little ducks float on by.  
My heart was beating  
Right out of my chest.  
I laughed and I said  
For once in my life.

*I know  
I'm where I'm s'posed to be  
I'm sure  
I'm not alone  
Finally  
I can see  
Someone who'll be  
My safe, new home.  
Your smile  
Makes everything easy  
And your touch  
Makes everything right  
You bring me  
Clarity  
I think we should be  
Best friends for life.*

Late one August, you came around  
To visit my folks at our place out of town  
Joking all day, still amazes me how  
You fit right in.  
Watching the sunset, the fire roars  
Chatting and laughing and making  
s'mores  
Hearing the babbling stream underscore  
The night begins.

A warm summer evening,  
A bottle of wine  
The stars look like glitter above.  
That was the first time,  
I'll never forget,  
You held me and said  
Now listen, my love.

*Repeat Chorus*

Every time I wake up next to you  
I thank God for all that you've done  
Finding my love & my best friend in you  
Means I'm the lucky one.

*Repeat Chorus*

Finally  
You and me  
We'll always be  
Best friends for life.

## The Man Song

Boys, they can be funny  
A smile can draw you in  
And Girl, I know you're lonely  
But take another look at him.  
Boys, they can be foolish  
They can tear your world apart  
Girl, will you get through this  
Without another broken heart?

*You need a man  
Who can stand  
Strong and take you by the hand  
And treat your heart  
Like it's on a silver tray  
A man who knows  
How it goes  
Makes you tingle to your toes  
Because a boy who plays his games  
Just to get a girl to fall  
Then up and runs away,  
Well, he's no man at all.*

Has he ever told you  
You're the one he needs?  
Does he ever hold you  
Closely just before he leaves?  
Has he ever kissed you  
Then run off with someone else?  
Called to say he missed you  
But you know he's not by himself?

### *Repeat Chorus*

Girl, you see it coming  
But he gets you every time  
Pack your things and start running  
Quick before you change you mind.

*You need a man  
Who can stand  
Strong and take you by the hand  
And treat your heart  
Like it's on a silver tray  
A man who knows  
How it goes  
Makes you tingle to your toes  
Because a boy who plays his games  
Just to get a girl to fall  
Is no man  
Who can stand  
Strong and take you by the hand  
And treat your heart  
Like it's on a silver tray  
A man who knows  
How it goes  
Makes you tingle to your toes  
Because a boy who plays his games  
Just to get a girl to fall  
Then up and runs away,  
Well, he's no man at all.*



## You've Got Me

Little girl,  
I know your smile  
It's beautiful  
But I've not seen it in a while  
Pretty one  
You hold the weight of the world today  
Chin up, now  
They say to you  
But they don't know  
Everything you're going through  
Bravest face  
You're pushing everyone else away  
But Darling girl, you've gotta know  
That I think you're so wonderful

*And I say  
Hold on a little longer  
Someone strong is gonna come  
and rescue you  
Out of the blue  
Hang tight when life gets harder  
You're all right, and I'll be there  
to hold your hand  
I understand  
In all you do  
Just know that you've  
Got me*

No one knows  
The things you've seen  
Or what you've lost  
And what those losses really mean  
You fight wars  
Most people don't have the strength to  
face.  
Yeah, people on  
The bumpiest rides  
They go through hell  
Then come out the other side  
Gracefully,  
The kind of beauty you can't erase.  
Sometimes it's hard to move ahead  
And what's behind you lives instead

*But I say  
Hold on a little longer  
Someone strong is gonna come  
and rescue you*

*Out of the blue  
Hang tight when life gets harder  
You're all right, and I'll be there  
to hold your hand  
I understand  
You're not alone  
Or on your own  
In all you do  
Just know that you've  
Got me*

And I know  
Your mama'd be so proud  
If she could see  
The woman I see now.

Little girl  
I know your smile  
It's beautiful  
But I've not seen it in a while  
Pretty one  
Let's put the weight of the world away  
What do you say?

*Hey, hey, hey  
Hold on a little longer  
You don't need somebody strong  
to rescue you  
Out of the blue  
Hang tight when life gets harder  
You're all right, and you won't need  
to hold my hand  
You understand?  
But if you do,  
Please know that you've  
Got me.*

You've got me  
Girl, you've got me  
Oh, yes you do.

## The Best Town There Is

Well, that 9-5's got you on your back  
And you blew a tire on your Cadillac  
Runnin' errands piling up on you  
One more conference call that you can't forget  
Work stacked ten feet tall, is it Friday yet?  
Strong, black coffee's all that gets you through.  
Well the weekend's coming, you count down  
To the last minutes spent in this crazy town.  
The pace is fast, but the traffic's oh, so slow.  
And you know that you wanna go

*Home*

*To the fresh air*

*Under the stars*

*Home*

*To the pick-up trucks and dusty dive bars*

*Home*

*To the pine trees*

*Sweet smell of sage*

*Home*

*Where there's nothing but blue skies for days*

*To the friendliest people you'll ever know*

*And the mountains that fence us in*

*Attitudes in cowboy boots are on the go*

*Yeah, home is the best town there is.*

I come from a place where on Friday night  
We sing karaoke and play pool all right  
Trading stories with everyone we meet.  
And those teenage boys with their hand-me-down cars  
Making trouble and they're breaking hearts  
Revvng engines up and down the street.  
Hard working ranchers come to town  
For a drink and a smoke and to buy you a round.  
Swing dance all night, swaying hand in hand  
To the beat of the blue grass band.

*Repeat Chorus*

*Yodeling*

*Repeat Chorus*

## Summertime

We were in a pickup truck  
Headed for the lake  
Boat in tow  
The bumpy road  
Was more than I could take  
I was holding on to you  
And screaming as we sped  
Windows down  
We flew around  
The mountain and you said  
I'm right here, and you'll be fine  
So live a little, it's summertime

*Take a breath  
Little one  
Leave your worries at the door  
And relax  
Soak up sun  
That's what summertime is for  
Nothing bad can happen to you, now  
You'll be safe as long as I'm around  
Just let go  
Don't be scared  
And remember that you'll be  
Holding hands with summertime and me.*

Floating down the river  
In the heat wave of the year  
Sun was hot  
I sat and thought,  
Wait, why am I still here?  
I jumped in the ice cold  
Mountain water for a swim  
Begging you  
To jump in, too  
And finally, you gave in.  
Shivering, you grabbed the boat  
Come back, you said, cause I can't float

*Take a breath  
Have some fun  
Leave your worries on the shore  
And relax  
Soak up sun  
That's what summertime is for  
Nothing bad can happen to you, now  
You'll be safe as long as I'm around  
Just let go  
Don't be scared  
And remember that you'll be  
Holding hands with summertime and me.*

Sometimes we forget that winter  
Has to come around  
Later on  
The leaves are gone  
Our boat sits on the ground.  
Winter can set in on us  
And everything we do  
Less daylight  
And our first fight  
We struggle to get through  
But I know we'll both be fine  
Before you know it, it's summertime

*Take a breath,  
Lovely one  
Leave your worries at the door  
We appreciate  
The sun  
Darlin', that's what winter's for.  
Nothing bad can happen to you now  
You'll be safe as long as I'm around  
Just let go  
Don't be scared  
Won't be long until you'll be  
Holding hands with summertime and me.*