

Emily's Song Book

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16 Stars

2002

Sixteen little stars up in the sky.
Four sleepy eyes from one long year.
So many ways to go and reasons why,
And one good reason to stay here.

I wonder what is going on up there,
While they're hiding in the smog and the city lights.
I really do not see them anywhere,
So it's good you're here to point them out tonight.

Sixteen tiny stars I cannot see
Watching us tonight like a picture show
I think they're winkin' down at you and me
Thinkin' they know something we don't know

So wonder what is going on up there,
While they're hiding in the smog and the city lights.
I really do not see them anywhere,
So it's good you're here to point them out tonight.

It's too late for the subway or the bus,
But we could always have a taxi sent.
Well I don't think that I will bring it up,
'Cause I really do not want this night to end.

I wonder what is going on up there,
While they're hiding in the smog and the city lights.
I really do not see them anywhere,
So it's good you're here to point them out tonight.

Sixteen little stars up in the sky.
Four sleepy eyes from one long year.
So many ways to go and reasons why,
And one good reason to stay here.

All I Can Give

2017

I wish I could take all your pain,
I wish I could take all your pain,
I wish I could take all your pain away.
I wish I could take all your pain,
I wish I could take all your pain,
But all I can give, all I can give is love.

All of My Body

2017

I wanna *sing** with all of my body,
I wanna *sing* with all of my body,
I wanna *sing* with all of my body,
All of my body and soul.

**dance, move, play, rest, pray*

A New Song

2020

Hush Little Babe, and Little Boy Blue,
And Morningtown, I'd sing to you.
You'd listen with your big brown eyes
When I would sing you lullabies.

D A
- D
 D A
A G D

*You used to sing, you never cried,
You just woke up happy to be alive.
Now you dance and sing along,
One day you'll find you sing a new song.*

G D
A D
G D
A G D (A G D)

Twinkle Stars and Let It Go,
And Liza Jane you came to know.
We sing together now in parts,
My dear, I'll tell you how it started-

The tunes I hear from down the hall
Are ones I've never heard at all.
I listen with my heart so light,
To all the melodies you write-

A Place in the Circle

(In D)

Many years ago on a summer day, I heard of this lovely place.
I came to sing, to lend my voice, And to rest from life's hard race.
Through all the early trials of life, searching to build something more,
A circle of minds reached out to me, when I walked through that open door.

I - IV I, I IV I -
I - IV I, I IV V -
I IV - I, I IV I -
I V I IV, I V I -

When I started a family of my own, buried in things unknown,
Someone came to guide, to feed, to hold- I knew I was not alone.
Now my children jump and dance and sing. I know I can't keep score
Of the helping hands reaching out to us, when we walk through that open door.

I dream of a day my kids set out, wondering what to do,
Wondering where to go, when they feel unmoored, when everything is new.
They will know where to find these kindred souls to help face what life's got in store-
They'll find a circle of hearts reaching out, as they walk through that open door.

(chorus)

Though I walk- though I wander, falter and fall,
There's a place for me in this circle, there's a place here for us all.

I - IV I, IV - I -
I - IV I, IV V I -

Apocalyptic Love Song

(2002)

(chorus)

Oh my love, the world just might come to an end tomorrow
And if it does, I hope you're by my side.
But if I'm wrong, well it won't hurt to cast away our sorrow,
And to live like we've got nothing left to hide.

Did I ever tell you that I love the way you grin?
And the way you kiss it always sets my heart into a spin.
Did I ever tell you just how deeply I adore
That little kiss you blew when you were halfway out the door?

(chorus)

Did I ever kiss you underneath a starry sky?
I always did intend to, yes, I always thought I'd try.
Did I ever hold you by a river, wide and slow?
I live so much in dreams my dear, it's sometimes hard to know.

(chorus)

If you answer no to any one of the above
We've got some work to do before we go to sleep my love.
But if we both are blessed with two more hours, or a day,
I'll just hold you closer, and I'll whisper as I say:

(chorus)

Better

2019

(intro)

I know that we just met,
But I've filled in all the gaps with everything that hasn't happened yet.
Your eyes tell me it's fate.
So from this little moment I'll extrapolate...

Vs 1

By your lips I know you kiss so sweet.
Awfully certain that we had to meet.
With every passing glance you toss my way
I make up one more thing to love about you.

Vs 2

With the work you do, you're quite a saint.
A furrowed brow means that your thoughts are great.
If you strum like that upon the strings
I'm sure your touch would make me sing a new song.

Though I don't know you well,
I think we'd get along just swell...

vs3

Someday soon I hope I get the chance
To tell you that I want a real romance,
Then all the stories that I wrote I'll cast away
That lucky day and we will write the rest together
When I have the chance to get to know you better!

Break It Down

(2018?)

Break it down, (break it down),
Build it up, (build it up).
We'll be stronger when we build it up,
Break it down, (break it down),
Build it up, (build it up).
We'll be stronger when we build it up.

E	-	E	-
B	E	B	E
E	-	B	D
E	-	E	-
B	E	B	E
E	-	B	E

Racism, hatred, oppression and greed,
For so so long, we have let them lead,
Get out of the way, let someone else take the wheel.
Gotta make more space, if we ever hope to heal, so...

E	A	E	A
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Might as well get used to feeling ill at ease.
Different isn't easy, but join me, please (and)...
We don't know what we're after, but we're gonna find out,
Listening and loving, even through the doubt, so...

Lean on each other, each and everyone,
Love is an action, and it's never done,
When you think it is, do it over again,
What we build, is stronger when (we)...

Breathe

2020

Take this minute, take your time.

C F G F

Turn off the blinking lights.

C F C -

Take this minute, we'll get by.

C - F -

Come sit here with me.

C G C -

breathe, breathe, breathe,

C G Am C

breathe, breathe, breathe.

F Am G C

In this moment, pause the fight,

Set all your fears aside.

In this moment, live your life,

Come, be here with me.

Make the most of every day,

We're certain of just one.

Make the most, give me your hand,

Come sit here and breathe.

Bright New Day

(2017?)

There's a lot of **joy** in this morning,
There's a lot of **joy** in this morning today,
There's a lot of **joy** in this morning,
And I think it's gonna be a bright new day!

Bright new day, bright new day,
I know it's gonna be a bright new day.
Bright new day, bright new day,
I know it's gonna be a bright new day!

There's a lot of **hope** in this morning,
There's a lot of **hope** in this morning today,
There's a lot of **hope** in this morning,
And I think it's gonna be a bright new day!

(chorus)

There's a lot of **peace** in this morning,
There's a lot of **peace** in this morning today,
There's a lot of **peace** in this morning,
And I think it's gonna be a bright new day!

(chorus)

There's a lot of **love** in this morning,
There's a lot of **love** in this morning today,
There's a lot of **love** in this morning,
And I think it's gonna be a bright new day!

(chorus)

Build This House

(2017?)

We will build this house with questions,
Lay the floor with faith in honest doubt,
As we cherish this one answer:
Not one who comes will be left out.

When we gather for the greater good,
Knowing we are not alone,
Our growing faith is understood,
We will make this house a home.

We will build this house with questions,
Make the door our arms so open wide,
As we cherish this one answer,
All are welcome here inside.

When we gather for the greater good...

We will build this house with questions,
Weave the walls with different paths to grace,
As we cherish this one answer:
All those who come will have a place.

When we gather for the greater good...

Call Them “They”

June 2020

When I’m gonna meet someone new,	I	IV	I	-
I gotta tell them who I am.	I	-	IV	-
I shake their hand, tell my name and then,	I	-	IV	-
Say my pronouns are “they/them.”	I	V	I	-
<i>You can call me they, cause it’s what I like.</i>	I	-	IV	-
<i>You can call me they, get my pronouns right.</i>	I	-	V	-
<i>You can call me they, when you wanna say:</i>	I	-	IV	-
<i>“They’re super awesome in every way!”</i>	I	I	IV	V I
I heard someone say to my friend:	I	IV	I	-
“She’s great at video games,”	I	-	IV	-
My friend said “hey, there’s a better way”	I	-	IV	-
I smiled as I heard them say:	I	V	I	-
<i>You can call them they, cause it’s what they like.</i>	I	-	IV	-
<i>You can call them they, get the pronouns right.</i>	I	-	V	-
<i>You can call them they, when you wanna say:</i>	I	-	IV	-
<i>“They’re super awesome in every way!”</i>	I	I	IV	V I
Jo went up to the board,	I	IV	I	-
And did the math in seconds flat.	I	-	IV	-
The teacher said, “He’s very smart!”	I	-	IV	-
I raised my hand and did my part:	I	V	I	-
<i>You can call them they, cause it’s what they like.</i>	I	-	IV	-
<i>You can call them they, get the pronouns right.</i>	I	-	V	-
<i>You can call them they, when you wanna say:</i>	I	-	IV	-
<i>“They’re super awesome in every way!”</i>	I	I	IV	V I
<i>“They’re super awesome in every way!”</i>	I	I	IV	V I
<i>“They’re super awesome in every way!”</i>	I	I	IV	V I

Child of Mine

2020

You walked up the stairs	D	G
All by yourself,	G	D
I offered my arms	D	G
And you just turned away.	G	A
I wanted to be	D	G
Your comfort from pain,	G	D
I wanted to be the one	D	G
That helped you feel okay.	A	D

Child of mine,	A	
Here I'll stay.	Bm	
Know my love is with you	G	
As you walk away.	A	D
Here I am-	A	
Left alone,	Bm	
But my love is wider	G	
Than the space you roam.	A	D

You walk up the stairs.
You're all by yourself,
When I try to follow you
You tell me to stay
I just want to hold
Your hand and your heart.
I want you to know that
You are gonna be okay.

You'll walk out the door,
You'll be all by yourself.
I won't need to follow you
Cause you'll know the way.
I'll always be here
If you need a hand,
I know that you know
You are gonna be okay

Child of mine,
Here I'll stay.
Know my love is with you
Even miles away.
Here I am-
Left alone,
But my love is wider

Than the space you roam.

Coalition of Love

You wanna speak up, what do you say?	I	vi		
Wonder if it's gonna matter anyway.	I	IV	I	V
You can't move forward, until you start,	I		IV	V
If you join this band with an open heart...	I	vi	IV	V

Don't worry that you don't belong,	I	vi		
You'll be welcomed in with open arms.	I	IV		
You don't need permission-	I	vi		
This is a coalition... of Love!	IV	V	I	vi IV V

You wanna march, where do you go?
 Think there must be something you don't know.
 You can't move forward, until you start,
 If you join this band with an open heart...

Don't worry that you don't belong,
 You'll be welcomed in with open arms.
 You don't need permission-
 This is a coalition... of Love!

<i>There are folks who've been fighting for a long long time</i>	V	IV		
<i>Let them lead us on-</i>	iii	vi	IV	V
<i>There is wisdom in the light they share</i>	iii	IV	V	
<i>We will find a brighter dawn.</i>	IV	V	I	

You wanna serve, what can you do?
 Think it's only for the annointed few.
 You can't move forward, until you start,
 If you join this band with an open heart...

Don't worry that you don't belong,
 You'll be welcomed in with open arms.
 You don't need permission-
 This is a coalition... of Love!

Come on Moon

(2003?)

Now you're sleeping here inside me,
Now you're quiet as a lamb,
Soon you'll see the light of day,
Someday you'll stand right where I am.

May you grow up big and strong dear,
May you know what's good and true,
May you love your little mama,
May you know that I love you.

Come on moon, come on sun,
Come shine on this little baby,
Come on moon, come on sun,
Come shine on my little love.

Though this life is full of sorrow,
Though you'll have your share of pain,
Just remember there's a circle here
Of love to share the weight.

There's a circle here of love-
From coast to coast, from sea to sea,
They are waiting for your birth
To welcome you upon my knee

(chorus)

May the heavens bless your head,
And may the earth support your feet.
On the day that you are born,
I'm sure the devil, he will weep.

Oh the devil he will weep
For all the joy that you do bring,
All the love and all the laughing,
All your praises we will sing.

(chorus)

Comes the Morning

(2003?)

Comes the morning through the shades
Then I reach out for you, for your warm embrace.
I touch your hair while you still sleep,
Thank the L-rd for the company we keep.

I thank the L-rd for your love and your smile everyday,
I thank the L-rd for your help along the way.

I could stay here in this bed,
All day long with you, but then you turn your head,
You look at me so full of pride.
You believe in me, from that, I cannot hide.

I thank the L-rd for your love and your smile everyday,
I thank the L-rd for your help along the way.

There are times when I lose faith.
When I figure I'm too lost or much too late.
But then you turn and take my hand,
And it all makes sense again, I understand

I thank the L-rd for your love and your smile everyday,
I thank the L-rd for your help along the way.

Every Day I Wake Up

(2003?)

Everyday I wake up and I fall out of bed,
Just reaching for someone who isn't there.
And I'm always surprised that I'm feeling this way,
Cause I never have felt this way before.

Now I can't go to sleep at night, though I always hope I might,
Cause everywhere that I go you come to mind.
I can't talk and I can't sing, and I can't write a gosh darn thing,
Without trying so hard not to think you- and I think of you.
And I think of you, I think of you.

Well, I'll be fine 'cause my bed isn't far from the floor.
But I'd rather that you break my fall.
And I don't know you well, but I do know myself,
And this feeling is completely new.

Now I can't go to sleep at night, though I always hope I might,
Cause everywhere that I go you come to mind...

You're not here tonight, as I try to get some rest.
And it's been a while since you've been around.
But you told me you'd come back in two weeks the very most,
So I'll wait although I will not sleep so well.

Now I can't go to sleep at night, though I always hope I might,
Cause everywhere that I go you come to mind...

Front Porch

(2002)

Well, you seem so sweet, I haven't known you long,
But you make me think we could get along.
You know I think that love is something we work for,
It's a choice you make to open up that door.

Do you want a front porch? Do you want a porch swing?
Will you buy me roses on our anniversary?
And will you kiss goodnight after 40 years?
I just wanna know what I'm lookin' at here.

Well, you seem so fine, don't wanna scare you away.
But in the interest of time, there's something I must say:
If you want true love, like in a fairy tale myth,
You can go ahead and way, cause I'll take this.

(chorus)

You may think me strange not to wait for a spark,
But I don't believe in shooting in the dark.
I do believe in love, and I believe in magic spells,
I just prefer the ones that we cast ourselves.

And yes, I want a front porch. Yes I want a porch swing.
And I'll buy you roses on every anniversary
I wanna kiss goodnight after 40 years.
I just want you to know what you're lookin' at here.
I just want you to know what you're lookin' at here.

Gone

(2006)

At my window's the bluebird of sorrow,
He sits there and calls out your name.
You've been so long away that I can't say the same,
And I still hear his lonely refrain:

He is gone...

I - IV -
I - bVII7
vi ii V/ii vi
ii7 V7 I -
I IV7 I -

You ask if the tulips are blooming,
That you planted way back in the fall.
Does the old key still open that door anymore?
Though you never did use it all.

You are gone...

You were too far from my heart this morning
You were too far from my heart last night.
You've been so long away I've stopped counting the days,
You've done far too much wrong here to right

You are gone...

You said you were off to Atlanta,
Then I get a call from Paree.
Though you can't decide, Love, I've made up my mind.
That was the last bit of me that you'll see.

I am gone...

Gospel Tune

(2003?)

My tears flow as deep as the river of Jordan,
As deep as the great Red Sea.
And I haven't met anyone in this world
Except You, who can part them for me.

Oh L-rd I'm long gone, from your flock, from your song,
From your tribe, but I know you still see.
If I don't stop this cryin' I'll just lay down and die.
And I know only you'll set me free.

My searching has ended, I lay down my arms,
It has left me so lonesome and blue.
So I'm coming home, just to kneel at your throne.
Now I know that my savior is you.

(chorus)

Even if I had cried rivers and oceans,
My sorrow I know you could end,
Now that I've found you, I'll always stay round you,
'Cause there's nothing that you cannot mend.

(chorus)

I've been to Jerusalem, Galilee, too,
I have waited for you by the shore.
I finally found you so deep in my heart,
Now I don't have to search anymore.

Oh L-rd I'm long gone, from your flock, from your song,
From your tribe, but I know you still see.
My soul, how it flies now with you by my side.
Now I know, L-rd, your love set me free.

Having You Here

(2002)

I fell asleep to the sweet sound of singing,
When I woke up you were smiling at me.
I can't imagine what luck ever brought you,
And what luck is coming, I'll just wait and see.

I can't believe that you finally made it.
I always did wonder when this day would come.
It was sure entertaining searching for you, dear.
But having you here is so much more fun.

So I'll make the coffee and we'll plan our day,
We could sail down a river or walk in the woods.
Or we could stay here and sing songs in the sunshine,
It doesn't matter, I think all of it's good.

(chorus)

Put your head on my pillow, I'll sing you to sleep with
The Water is Wide, but I'll leave out the end.
Cause no lovers will break, and no loving will fade,
And there'll be no more sinking, I only will swim.

(chorus)

Hey Friend

2020

(In E)

Hey friend, I miss you.	I	-	V	-
I wanna hold your hand and kiss you.	I	-	V	-
Hey friend-	I	-	V	-
Hey friend-	I	-	-	-

Verses:

I've been sittin here working, just passing the time.	I	-	IV	-
Letting days roll in, no rhythm or rhyme.	IV	-	-	-
Letting nights go by, it's a simple design.	I	-	IV	-
But something's missing and it's hard to define-	IV	-	-	-

I wish the space between us wasn't quite so wide.
I wish I didn't feel like I was losing my mind.
I've been running in circles, I'm not tryin to hide.
So let's get together, can you come inside?

I think that you're lovely in every way.
Remember you're loved each and every day.
And if you get lonely and lost in the fray,
You can pick up the phone and you'll hear me say:

I Am Here Tonight

(2003?)

I just have a song, I don't have a story,
But if you've got time, I could take all night.
And I am not happy, but I'm not despairing,
'Cause you never can know what will happen tonight.

I have seen some distant towns
And the moon has followed me all around.
And I don't know if I was lost or found,
But I am here tonight.

I don't wanna talk about lessons and lovers,
I just wanna walk with the wind in the trees
And if we get lost, we'll just find our way out again,
You never know when a wrong turn's what you need.

(Chorus)

I don't wanna talk about how the world's ending,
I just wanna look at the stars in the sky.
And if they start falling, well they won't fall forever,
But you never do know what may come by and by.

(Chorus)

I guess that's my song, and if it's a story,
I'm sorry I lied, I'll prob'ly do it again.
But if you bear with me on into tomorrow,
We can not tell our stories all day hand in hand.

(Chorus)

I Cannot Tell Your Fortune

Some lovers come with chocolate, some with roses, some with poems,
But I come with a promise to the door of your sweet home.
There's nothing much to do with it, just listen close and know
That with it comes my little heart, and kisses soft and slow.

I cannot tell your fortune, nor can I read the stars.
I cannot tell the future to see if I am there at all.
I think some fates we cannot see we only can declare.
And so I've come to tell you that I promise to be there.

And all of my uncertainty and all of my own doubt
I've sent away with my regards to a distant land down south.
But in this colored autumn, in this chilly coming fall,
I intend to stay beside you, and make that promise after all.

(chorus)

Who knows if someday this will end or you will choose to leave?
Who knows, really, what love is? Not me, though I believe-
In some great way we must have faith that, tending, it will grow,
And in the distant future we'll look back and finally know.

(chorus)

If I Were a Cowgirl

(2002, Emily and Bonnie Schiff-Glenn)

If I were a cowgirl, you'd surely see
How lucky you are to stand beside me,
But I am a waitress on the A/C/E line,
I'm stuck in Manhattan in this race against time.

Stand clear of the closing doors,
Keep all of your things inside,
How am I gonna find a way
To speak to you tonight?

If I were a sailor, then you'd surely see
The courage and strength that I harbor in me,
But I'm counting the stops on the A/C/E train,
While all of my dreams slow down in my brain.

(chorus)

If I were a captain, the head of the crew,
Well then I would know what I should say to you.
But we always are silent, on the commute each day,
While our lives run in circles in the A/C/E train.

But you cannot see, and I do not know
Who anyone is when it's their turn to go,
Well this is my stop, I'm getting off here.
If you don't look up, I'll just wait for next year.

I'm Gonna Fly

(July 2020)

No radio in sight,	I	IV		
No records, no guitar,	I	V		
No radio in sight,	I	IV		
I'm gonna sing	V	IV	-	V
I'm gonna sing	IV	I		

No lullaby so sweet,
No stars to say goodnight,
No lullaby so sweet,
I'm gonna rest.
I'm gonna rest.

Mountains fall into the sea,	IV	V	IV	I
Waters rise too high.	IV	V	-	-
Yesterday's a memory,	IV	V	IV	I
So I'll keep moving on.	I	V	I	-

No future that I see,
No certain plan ahead,
No future that I see,
I'm gonna dream.
I'm gonna dream.

No ground beneath my feet,
No solid rock beneath,
No ground beneath my feet,
I'm gonna fly,
I'm gonna fly.

Mountains fall into the sea,
Waters rise too high.
Yesterday's a memory,
So I'll keep moving on.

No radio in sight,
No records, no guitar,
No radio in sight,
I'm gonna sing,
I'm gonna sing.

It's Okay

(April 2020)

It's okay to be weird, it's okay to be wild	D	G	-	D
It's okay to be joyful like a child.	D	G	A	-
It's okay to be odd, it's okay to be loud,	D	G	-	D
Keep on laughing and keep standing proud.	D	G	A	-

Do things your way, it's okay, it's okay.	G	D	A	A
Do things your way, it's okay.	G	D	G	-

It's okay to be scared, it's okay to be tired,
It's ok to be mad when the world is on fire.
It's ok to be calm, it's okay to be numb,
Just keep going and more peace will come.

Do things your way, it's okay, it's okay.
Do things your way, it's okay.

It can be hard, just being you.	G	D
Remember you're fine, whatever you do-	G	A

It's okay to say yes, it's okay to say no,
It's okay to love and let it show.
It's okay to hold back, it's okay to take risks,
No matter what, you've the right to exist.

Do things your way, it's okay, it's okay.
Do things your way, it's okay.

Let It Run

(2017?)

I walked down to the river, set my eyes upon the bank,
Sought to lift my spirit, but my heart sank.

"This water is poisoned, keep out," I read.

I turned away, I bowed my head.

That river isn't yours, that river isn't mine,
Its been running through these hills such a long long time.
If we let it run, if we handle it with care,
We will serve it well. Make this our prayer:
Let it run, let it run,
Run forever, let it run.

I went down to the mountain, set my sights upon the top.

A big red sign warned me to stop.

The top of this mountain will be blown away

To burn some coal for one more day.

That mountain isn't yours, that mountain isn't mine,
Its been rising from these hills such a long long time.
If we let it rise, if we handle it with care,
We will serve it well. Make this our prayer:
Let it rise, let it rise,
Let it run, let it run,
Run forever, let it run.

I walked down to the forest, set my feet upon the path.

I should have known it couldn't last.

The sign said "these trees will be cut down."

I fell on my knees on that sacred ground.

That forest isn't yours, that forest isn't mine,
Its been growing o'er these hills such a long long time.
If we let it grow, if we handle it with care,
We will serve it well. Make this our prayer:
Let it grow, let it grow,
Let it rise, let it rise,
Let it run, let it run,
Run forever, let it run.

My Fair Bonnie

My fair Bonnie, she lies over the ocean
As I cry myself to sleep at night.
Bonnie, baby, you had better come home soon,
'Cause I am all alone and nothing's right.

In the middle of the night I see my Bonnie's face before me
And I kiss her and I hold her tight.
But in the morning I awake and find myself alone,
And then I shut the blinds and curse the light.

Come home, Bonnie, come home, Bonnie.
Oh won't you come back across the sea?
Come home, Bonnie, won't you come home, Bonnie,
And bring back your sweet love to me.

What were you thinking, Bonnie, when you left me?
Oh tell me honey, what's your plan?
'Cause I won't wait forever, just a few weeks more,
And you'll have lost yourself the perfect man.

Come home, Bonnie, come home, Bonnie.
Oh won't you come back across the sea?
Come home, Bonnie, won't you come home, Bonnie,
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And bring back your sweet love to me.

Next Kind of Wonderful

To the next kind of wonderful, the next kind of love,
I gave you all my heart. Oh my, what was I thinking of?
Well it wasn't all so bad, dear, yes, we certainly had our day,
But I'm looking for the next kind of wonderful, one true love who'll stay.

I guess we had our moments, guess that's why I stuck around.
Now I'm not really angry, I guess I'm just a bit let down.
'Cause we really thought we'd found some kind of wonderful true love,
Now you say you've found somebody else, I wish I'd passed you by and found-

The next kind of wonderful, the next kind of love,
I gave you all my heart. Oh my, what was I thinking of?
Well it wasn't all so bad, dear, yes, we certainly had our day,
But I'm looking for the next kind of wonderful, one true love who'll stay.

Now I can see the times when I might have said goodbye,
When the reasons I was staying somehow made me wanna cry.
So I'll mourn our love a day or two. I have no doubt I'll make it through.
I'm just glad now you're leaving me, you know that now I am set free to find-

The next kind of wonderful, the next kind of love,
I gave you all my heart. Oh my, what was I thinking of?
Well it wasn't all so bad, dear, yes, we certainly had our day,
But I'm looking for the next kind of wonderful, one true love who'll stay.

Nothing to Mend

(2002)

I cannot imagine you not being here.
I fell for you hard, though it's only a mere
Seven weeks since we met and we then fell in love,
Then my love for you flew back to heaven above.

Now I pray every evening for courage to find
The depths of my spirit and the path of my mind.
For I want to be near you, but here I must say
That the spark in my heart it has clean died away.

So let's let it go, let it all roll on by.
In the deep of my heart I know it's too hard to try.
If you're certain someday this will come to an end.
We're already broken, there's nothing to mend.

I love all the the times that you'd speak so sweet.
And I love all the times that you'd sing me to sleep.
And I cannot imagine just how to let go.
I'll never be sure, I will just never know.

I pray to the trees and I pray to a G-d.
I pray to the heavens with infinite awe,
And I ask them to send my heart answers and love.
But I think I've the answer, it won't come from above.

So let's let it go, let it all roll on by.
In the deep of my heart I know it's too hard to try.
If you're certain someday this will come to an end.
We're already broken, there's nothing to mend.

One Thing You Can Count On

Dave's Birthday Song (2014?)

Last night the news was way too sad.
I tried to think of all of the good things we have.
I tried to count them all, like so many little sheep,
To hold them in my heart so I could sleep.

At least I know there's one thing I can count on,
When I wake up I always see your light.
You come back to bed to say good morning
And push away the dark, dark night.

I know sometimes the darkness stops you cold.
Some nights you worry and you think you're getting old.
But everything you dream of seems to lie right in your grasp,
So let's enjoy it while it lasts.

At least you know there's one thing you can count on,
When you wake up I'll always hold you tight.
I'll be right there to hold you till the morning.
To push away the dark, dark night.

I know that now we don't get that much rest.
Don't think we will until we have an empty nest.
But those little smiles that wake us are the loveliest sight,
I think it's worth the long and sleepless nights.

At least they know there's one thing they can count on,
When they wake up we'll always hold them tight.
We'll be right there beside them till the morning
To push away the dark, dark night.

Only Love Between Us

(2016?) -Emily Goldberg and Melissa Monforti

Only love between us,
Only love, only love...

Make this space wide open.
We don't need these doors.
If we just let go and listen
We'll walk right through these walls.

Only love between us,
Only love, only love.
Only love between us,
Only love, only love.

Where are we in these great plains?
Do we stand alone?
Can we stand to feel the wind on our faces
When facing the unknown?

Only love between us,
Only love, only love.
Only love between us,
Only love, only love.

What would we create?
Who would be become?
Who would meet us there
If the walls came down?

The walls we think protect us
Only keep us apart.
Out in the open there's nothing to fear,
We all are of one heart.

What will we create?
Who will we become?
Who will meet us there
When the walls come down?

Only love between us,
Only love, only love.
Only love between us,
Only love, only love.

Open the Doors

(2017)

A woman holds her child tightly,
Bound for freedom on a raft.
We watch our children play in sparkling waves,
Her hope a boat too small by half.

Open the doors, she is my sister,
Open the doors, she is my kin.
Open the doors, she is my sister,
Open the doors, and let them all in.

A man is running from the rifles,
He leads his family from the mines.
We run in place and then we count the miles,
While they are running out of time.

Open the doors, he is my brother,
Open the doors, he is my kin.
Open the doors, he is my brother,
Open the doors, and let them all in.

A girl is sleeping in the grass,
A boy is sleeping on a stone.
My daughter's sleeping in her nice warm bed,
And they are wandering all alone.

Open the doors, they are our children,
Open the doors, they are our kin.
Open the doors, they are our children,
Open the doors, and let them all in.

Why should they wander, what have they done?

No more than you or I, or anyone-

A man is weaving fear and hatred,
Keeps saying they should stay away.
"Close all the gates, what's ours is ours to keep!"
But what if there's another way?

Open the doors, she is my sister.
Open the doors, he is my kin.
Open the doors, they are our children,
Open the doors, and let them all in.

Ow Ow Ow Ow! (The Hair Song)

(2015?)

-Emily Joy Goldberg

Ow ow ow ow, ooie ooie ooie!
Ow ow ow ow, ooie ooie ooh! (X2)

Mama, I hate it when you brush my hair,
Always finding tangles that I'm sure weren't there.
When I'm sure it's smooth and perfect and nice,
You're always saying "stop, be still, sit tight!"

(chorus)

Papa, I hate it when you wash my hair,
You make me rinse it twice, and it isn't even fair.
When I just wanna splash and have some fun,
You get water in my eyes and say "Not until you're not done!"

(chorus)

No one knows how to do it right,
I don't understand why they always want to fight,
I tell them what to do, but they don't care.
It's really very easy: Don't touch my hair!

(chorus)

Rise Up With the Children

-Emily Joy Goldberg

When the children hear the signal, they put down their crayons,
And it's under their desks, and up with their hands.
"When the mushroom cloud comes, you'll be safe right here."
They told them not to cry, there was nothing to fear.

Lay the weapons down, lay them down
Rise up with the children, and lay the weapons down.

When the children hear the signal, they put down their pens,
And it's into the corners, silent, hiding again.
"You'll be safe in the shadows if you do not make a sound,
Just remember when the bullets come, stay close to the ground.",

Lay the weapons down, lay them down
Rise up with the children, and lay the weapons down.

When the children hear the signal, they will stand up tall and loud.
When the children hear the signal they will join the roaring crowd.
They will put down their pencils, they will pick up the call,
And in peace they will fight for the safety of us all.

If you tell us to keep quiet we will scream...
If you tell us we are crazy, we will shout...
We will not duck and cover, we will not learn to run.
We will walk out in the open, we will march into the sun.

Lay the weapons down, lay them down
Rise up with the children, and lay the weapons down.

Rocking Chair

(2005)

When she was a young girl, she dreamed of a love
Someone who'd adore her and the many things she'd done
Someone who'd be handsome, funny and well-read
Of that much she was certain, at least that was what she said

She dreamed of his endearments, of all his pretty words,
And how he'd tell her that she was the fairest in the world,
When she finally met him, it fit him to a ``T",
But she never dreamed the very thing she'd love to hear would be...

There's a rocking chair right over there, I'll meet you there tonight.
When we're alone, no place to go, and no one else in sight.
But don't you sit beside me, won't you come here on my knee,
I'll hold you till the sun comes up above that shining sea.

She listed all the places she'd really like to go
From Salamanca, Strasburg, Kyoto and to Rome
She dreamed of who would ask her to travel near and far
Escort her off to London or to Paris in the fall

Though they've been to many places she could check off of her list
She's never found a sunrise more exciting than his kiss
Now her favorite invitation isn't far away at all
He just takes her hand so they can travel down the hall

(chorus)

The rocking chair will hold them through the seasons as they come
Through many celebrations and through many setting suns
There'll be children then to cradle and to hold upon their knees
And futures then to dream about and places still to see

There'll be many things to write of, and many songs to sing
Who knows what adventures that this life is bound to bring
And then after all the children have grown and gone away
He'll be standing there beside her and she still will hear him say...

(chorus)

She Is Home (for Leslie)

-Emily Joy Goldberg and Bonnie Schiff-Glenn, July 8th, 2016

Leslie traveled over all the earth
Sharing beauty, love and joy.
Like the silver moon that pulls the tides,
Reaching out to all who wandered by.

They were home... (x8)

Every place she set her feet
Kindred souls knew they could come.
They felt the pull of deep and endless love
No matter where they might come from.

They came home... (x8)

Now she's gone and we're still here,
In our sorrow, wondering where-

Is she in heaven up above?
I know she's in the hearts of all she loved.
Wherever spirits may abound,
I know there's one place she is surely found:

She is home... (x8)

She is Home (For Bevy)

-Emily Joy Goldberg and Bonnie Schiff-Glenn, July 8th, 2016

Bevy took the world into her heart
Like the sun she'd give out light.
Those who struggled knew she'd help them through,
An anchor offering up faith so bright.

They were home... (x8)

She waited years to make her home,
Her favorite spot beside the sea.
She stood with open arms to greet us all.
When we needed her, there she'd be.

We were home... (x8)

Now she's gone and we're still here,
In our sorrow, wondering where-

Is she in heaven up above?
I know she's in the hearts of all she loved.
Wherever spirits may abound,
I know there's one place she is surely found:

She is home... (x8)

Side by Side

(2018?)

This life may seem a race
Many long since started.
We all can turn, reach out our hands,
We lose if we are parted.

On our journey to the promised land
We must all walk side by side.
For we cannot cross that blessed line
If we leave one soul behind.

If our laws set the cruel free,
Lock up the ones who stumble.
We made them, we can change them, too.
Remember to be humble.

On our journey to the promised land...

One school shines clean and bright,
Another's closed and broken.
We must unlock, rebuild them all,
To all must they be open.

On our journey to the promised land...

If the path ahead seems hard,
And fraught with stormy weather,
Take heart for you are not alone,
We'll make it there together.

On our journey to the promised land...

Slowly Through the Town

(1999?)

I go slowly through the town, I can find my way around by now.
The city has a pull that's way to strong.
I might cry on the bus, as my thoughts all turn to us
On those long and dark country roads

My heart, it goes to you, though I do not want it to.
I'd rather be content here on my own.
In this city full of lights I am drowning here tonight
In the thousand lights that drown the stars.

In our little own hometown, I was lost and I was found again.
And you were there to help me through the fight.
But you know I can't stay there, even though I know you care for me,
Your love must follow me this far.

Yes, my heart belongs to you, you've got a little part, it's true.
But I've kept enough to carry me this far.
In this city full of lights, I have given up the fight.
And I find that I can carry on.

I tell myself I'm glory-bound. I've got me feet upon the ground again.
I tell myself that there's no wrong or right.
And I believe all that I say, and I think that this is where I'll stay.
I've finally made myself a home.

Now my heart belongs to me, how I wish that you could see
All that I have discovered on my own.
In this city full of light, there is beauty beyond sight
In the thousand lights and all the stars.

Song for All Ages

(2018?)

7 Principles

Everybody is worthwhile,
 (Everybody is worthwhile,)
You gotta be fair and kind,
 (You gotta be fair and kind,)
You are welcome here to grow,
 (You are welcome here to grow,)
Truth is what we seek to find,
 (Truth is what we seek to find,)
Everybody has a voice,
 (Everybody has a voice,)
We stand together or we fall,
 (We stand together or we fall,)
The earth is all around us and we're part of it all!
 (The earth is all around us and we're part of it all!)

*We're the Church of the Open Mind,
We're the Church of the Helping Hand,
We're the Church of the Loving Heart
And we'll sing love across all lands!*

Or... 8 Principles

Everybody is worthwhile,
 (Everybody is worthwhile,)
You gotta be fair and kind,
 (You gotta be fair and kind,)
You are welcome here to grow,
 (You are welcome here to grow,)
Truth is what we seek to find,
 (Truth is what we seek to find,)
Everybody has a voice,
 (Everybody has a voice,)
Peace and freedom is our goal,
 (Peace and freedom is our goal,)
We're part of all the earth, we need us all to make it whole!
 (We're part of all the earth, we need us all to make it whole!)

Song for my Mother

(2015?)

We're so lucky to celebrate today
A woman we all hold dear.
She glows with love and joy and care
We're lucky to have her here.

She radiates a playful warmth,
Kneels down beside a child.
They all know her heart is theirs to share,
Her play so fun and wild.

Her welcoming arms are as warm as the sun,
Like the moon is her calming love,
The joy in her heart is a sacred spark,
That leads us on like the stars above.

She calmly offers a compassionate ear,
Strangers and loved ones just know,
They know they'll be seen just as they are,
They can tell her what's deep in their soul.

(chorus)

Her joy is contagious, it sparkles and shines,
She shows us the best we can be.
In her eyes we're ten steps ahead and beyond,
She make real all of life's possibilities.

(chorus)

Start With a Nap

(2002?)

I have a list that is 2 pages long,
From defrosting a freezer to writing a song.
I know my priorities they are quite strong,
So I think that I'll start with a nap.

Start with a nap, early and long.
Start with a nap to get rested and strong.
I know I should start on my myriad tasks,
So I'll start with a nap!

I ordered my list from the top to the bottom,
They all have a time and a number upon 'em.
It's all color-coded with stickers I bought,
And guess what I put on top?

I have ultimatums to finish each day,
Things I must do before I can play,
I always have to get one thing done,
So I think I'll go lie in the sun, and...

I've learned what to do to get it all done,
I know it's not easy, nor is it fun,
I'm tellin you I've found the key to success,
It's simple: a little more rest!

Thank G-d for Computers

(2020)

I used to go out for a walk.	C	G		
I used to just step out for air.	C	G		
Now I'm not hiding I'm just stuck inside and	C	F	C	F
I can't leave or go anywhere. So-	C	F	G	G7

Thank G-d for Computers, the big and the small ones.	C	F	-	C
Ale- xas and tablets, and video games.	-	G	-	C
Thank the Lord for my laptop, my Kindle and iphone.	C	F	-	C
They're the only things in here, that are keeping me sane.	C	G	G7	C

This virus has kept us all home,
So we don't share our sneezes and coughs.
We're washing our hands and we've cancelled our plans
And everything fun is called off. So-

We cannot meet up for a drink, but
Someday we will, I guarantee.
In the time in between, I thank G-d for the screen
And the friends that I use it to see. So-

Thank G-d for Computers, the big and the small ones."
Alexas and tablets, and video games."
Thank the Lord for my laptop, my Kindle and iPhone."
They're the only things in here,
I'm the only one in here,
They're the only things in here,
that are keeping me sane.

The King and Queen (Alison's song)

(2002)

Aren't we all so lucky, just to know the king and queen?
And isn't it amazing, like a technicolor dream?
Doesn't it just make you wanna jump and shout and scream:
"Aren't we all so lucky just to know the king and queen?!"

It was just four years ago that we sang "Love Will Come to You,"
I don't think we really always thought that it was true,
But somewhere deep inside we knew that someday it might be,
Now I can finally get up here and sing so happily:

(chorus)

It all began that year out west on a winter holiday
In Baja California, how the time did slip away,
And February found her with a bracelet on her wrist,
A puzzle in Rhode Island to remind her she was missed.

(chorus)

Here we are today because he made that final fall
From the cliffs of Albuquerque to the skyscrapers so tall,
From the cold up in Alaska to the arms of his true love.
Now they've found each other we can thank heaven above.

(chorus)

The Light Inside

(2017?)

When I was a young girl I saw all the signs
Telling me I was the wrong size.
The cost of the ticket to live my own life
Was to fit in the space carved by their eyes

Leave the false words,

Hold this truth:

We all start with the same spark,
Though it's not always easy to find.
If you're reaching out in the darkness,
Remember the light that's inside.

If you're told that you're nothing unless you've a child,
If you're told that your worth is in numbers,
If you feel that this life is a race you can lose,
That you have to keep up with the others

Leave the false words

Hold this truth:

We all start with the same spark...

There are some that are lost from the day of their birth
They are told that their life can go nowhere.
They fight to survive, hurt, steal and hide,
They've been sold on the lie that they can't care.

Leave those false words,

Hold this truth:

We all start with the same spark...

When it's anger we feel or revenge or despair,
If we can't see the one there beside us,
Remember the spark in us all at the start,
And let it's light shine there to guide us.

Leave the false words,

Hold this truth:

We all start with the same spark...

The Moon is a Silver Banana

(2003?)

The moon is a silver banana,
The sun is a shiny red orange,
The stars are the salt in my blueberry soup
And the trees are my fluffy green spoons.

And I love everything in the whole great big world
Like a gobstopper spinning around
It's delicious and lovely, so drink it all up
From the blueberry sky to the chocolate ground!

My school is a big bar of chocolate
And the clouds are all marshmallow fluff
Except when it rains and they're pink lemonade
And the puddles are all 7-Up! *(chorus)*

The storm clouds are all cotton candy
And the roses are red lollipops
The rainbows are sprinkle of blue, pink and green
And the hills are mint chocolate ice cream! *(chorus)*

The canyons are sweet English Trifle
And the mountains are topped with whipped cream
It's too bad we can't eat it, but I'll sing right along,
After all, it's a wonderful dream! *(chorus)*

The Tree the Honeybee, and Me

(2018)

I planted a little apple tree,
Around it buzzed a busy bee,
We grew together, one, two, three,
The bee, the apple tree and me.

C - G C
F - - C
C - F -
C G - C

We're not alone, oh can't you see?
We're all connected, that's the key.
The tree, the honeybee and me,
We're part of one big family.

F - C -
F - G -
C - G F
C F G C

I watered it when it was small,
The tree grew up, so straight and tall.
It gave me shade from summer heat,
It gave me apples, red and sweet.

We're not alone, oh can't you see?
We're all connected, that's the key.
I need the tree, the tree needs me,
We're part of one big family.

Crocus, echinacea,
Hyacinth and zinnia,
Yellow pollen for the bees,
And honey for my morning tea.

We're not alone, oh can't you see?
We're all connected, that's the key.
I need the bee, the be needs me,
We're part of one big family.

Tomorrow is Tuesday

(2016?)

Tomorrow is Tuesday, Sara wakes up at 5,
Gets the kids on the bus, gotta punch in on time.
On her way to her second job, pulls out a folded page,
She's got her ballot notes, dreams of a living wage.

She's got just one vote, just like me and you,
If we all show up, just think what we could do.
One and one is two, up to a million strong.
That's house your voice is heard, that's how a new day dawns.

Tomorrow is Tuesday, Anne opens up her eyes.
Looks at a picture, she's trying not to cry.
Buttons up her coat, she's feeling so alone,
She's gonna cast her vote to bring him home.

He's got just one vote, just like me and you,
If we all show up, just think what we could do.
One and one is two, up to a million strong.
That's house your voice is heard, that's how a new day dawns.

Tomorrow is Tuesday, Jack runs the TV ad.
Thinks his guy can't lose, they shelled out so much cash.
He's fired up, just keep his taxes down.
Thinks he's the righteous one, so sure he owns this town.

He's still got just one vote, just like me and you,
If we all show up, just think what we could do.
One and one is two, up to a million strong.
That's house your voice is heard, that's how a new day dawns.

Wake Me Up

(2003?)

Before we say goodnight, I wanna tell you just one thing:
If my heart was a kingdom, well then, you would be its king.
So if at any time you need a shoulder or a smile,
Honey, I'm right here, and I'll be here a long, long while.

Wake me up in the middle of the night
If you're sad or you're just not feeling right.
And I will wrap myself around you till your sorrow fades away.
From the moonlight on your sleepy head, to the bright dawn of the day.

If ever I've been traveling the East Coast with my songs,
And I haven't been around in what seems like far too long,
And then you have a bad dream as I finally get to sleep,
Honey, I'll just tell you now, so you won't have to think-

Wake me up in the middle of the night
If you're sad or you're just not feeling right.
And I will wrap myself around you till your sorrow fades away.
From the moonlight on your sleepy head, to the bright dawn of the day.

If I ever say one word to you that hurts in any way
And you can't seem to mention it until the end of day,
And then at 1AM you just can't take it anymore,
Honey, do just this one thing before you hit the door:

Wake me up in the middle of the night
If you're sad or you're just not feeling right.
And I will wrap myself around you till your sorrow fades away.
From the moonlight on your sleepy head, to the bright dawn of the day.

Watch the Road

(2017?)

If you're looking for the answers, for what's wrong and what's right,
If you're hoping for a clue to the meaning of life,
That's a noble quest, you won't travel alone,
But remember the answers are not written in stone.

And as you go, watch the road,
Be sure it leads you in with love.
As we learn, we'll come to know,
This is the way our faith will grow.

When the news stops you cold, when you're stuck asking why,
When you start losing hope, wondering why you should even try,
Keep talking, keep reading, keep on listening for what's new.
You'll stay on that path to the mystery of truth.

Try the straight and narrow
Try the winding, twisted way,
Try the stars that light the darkness,
Try the golden light of day-

And as you go, watch the road,
Be sure it leads you on with love.
As we learn, we'll come to know,
This is the way our faith will grow.

When one speaker shouts they have the only way ahead,
And another's sure exactly how the book should be read,
Makes you wonder how they could disagree,
It's hard to be so certain, and still be free.

Free to go, but watch the road,
Be sure it leads you on with love.
As we learn, we'll come to know,
This is the way our faith will grow.

We Are Worthy

I vi
If I am different than you,
V
I am worthy, I am worthy.
I vi
If I am different than you,
vi V I
I am worthy.

I V
I have never met you,
I IV
And I don't know your name.
I
But if I ever see you,
V
I will smile just the same.

If you are different than me,
You are worthy, you are worthy.
If you are different than me,
You are worthy.

I have never met you,
And I don't know your name
But if I ever see you,
I will smile just the same.

If they are different from us,
They are worthy, they are worthy.
Same, or different than us,
We're all worthy.

What I'm Doing Now

-a song to help kids stay on task

I'm *putting on my shoes*,

I'm *putting on my shoes*,

It's what I'm doing now,

I sure know how.

Everyday I know what to do.

You help me and I help you.

I'm *putting on my shoes*,

I'm *putting on my shoes*,

It's what I'm doing now,

I sure know how.

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Replace the italics with whatever task the child needs to focus on.

You could sing "I'm picking up the crayons," "I'm brushing my hair," "I'm putting out the forks," or whatever task is at hand.

When You Wake Up and Smile

(2010?)

When you wake up and smile,
When you wake up and smile,
It makes me happy for a long while,
When you wake up and smile,

I love every morning when I get to wake up
and see your shining face,
I love every morning when I get to wake up
and see your shining face.

When you wake up and laugh,
When you wake up and laugh,
The joy that I know's from my head to my toes,
When you wake up and laugh.

(chorus)

When you wake up and cry,
When you wake up and cry,
I'll come to you, be right there by your side,
When you wake up and cry.

(chorus)

When you wake up and sing,
When you wake up and sing,
That's the thing that I love more than everything,
When you wake up and sing.

(chorus)

Why Borrow Trouble

(2006)

Why borrow trouble? Why waste time
Wanting your tomorrows when you're already mine?
Wondering what could happen, wondering what to do,
I just fall to pieces when I think about you.

Are you an angel come down from above?
Are you a wolf dressed up just like a dove?
And if I'm honest, which one would I choose?
Well, it depends on what I get to lose, oh...

(chorus)

Now everytime I see you I just melt,
I wanna touch, I just can't help myself.
But if you sweep me heel right over head,
Won't you throw me down upon your bed, oh...

(chorus)

What if I fall so hard that I get burned?
What if this road we're on here takes a turn?
Would I jump right off this crazy ride?
Not if I still feel this storm inside, oh...

(chorus)