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TONIGHT

Feels like heaven
When I listen to your voice
And realize just how much I love you
I am touched every time you whisper of
Our endless love, my love
You whisper of our love

Feels like heaven
Just to look into your eyes
And realize I will never lose you
Now I know we will touch eternity
And finally you're here with me
You are here with me tonight

Tonight, my love, tonight
I'll hold you in my arms tonight
Beside you 'till the morning light
Tonight

Feels like heaven
For I'll dedicate my life to you, my love
You're the only person
You will bring happiness into my heart
Let's make a start tonight
You are here with me tonight

Tonight, my love, tonight
I'll hold you in my arms tonight
Beside you 'till the morning light
Tonight you're mine completely
'Till the morning light, tonight

ESTRANGED

Are we estranged
Amazing how things have changed
Since I told you how I feel
Did I go too far, did I break your heart
Are we apart, do you feel used
Are you confused

Sometimes you say you still love me
but then you change once again
Dearest friend

Are we estranged
My life has been rearranged
When I walked away from you
I'm crying each night
It doesn't feel right, hurting inside
I'm losing you, what can I do

There's never enough time
To find a solution for our problems
Does it matter to you how much I care

This is the moment we've dreaded for years
Releasing our fears, moving on

Are we estranged

EIGHTEEN DAYS

Being with you
It feels so good, talking to you
Being your friend
It feels so right, it's all I need
I've never ever met a man like you before
I've never ever been so open-hearted

When you're around
I feel so safe and so secure
When you're not here
I think of you every hour
I'll never ever let someone tear this apart
I'll never ever try to hurt your feelings

Just eighteen days I was by your side
Just eighteen days, I never knew how much I cared
Until somebody told you
You shouldn't see me anymore, It broke my heart

Just eighteen days I was by your side
Just eighteen days, you'll never know
How much I cried because somebody told you
You shouldn't see me anymore, It broke my heart

Because all I really wanted was to be your friend
But your lover didn't see it, couldn't understand
And I never got to show you
Just how right it felt to be with you

Each time we meet
Each time we talk I learn a lot
Everything seems to make sense
When you are near
I'd never ever make you choose against yourself
I'd never ever force my will upon you

Just eighteen days I was by your side
Just eighteen days, I never knew how much I cared
Until somebody told you
You shouldn't see me anymore, It broke my heart

Just eighteen days I was by your side
Just eighteen days, you'll never know
How much I cried because somebody told you
You shouldn't see me anymore, It broke my heart

And I don't think I can take it
If you can't make up your mind

THE PHOENIX

Hiding in shadows, darkness approaching
I'm longing for the night to comfort me
I am the phoenix, burning my bridges
I'm forged in fire, cleansed by flames

A voice from within keeps telling me I should run
Where do I begin, I hide myself from the sun
From the sun – I have to run

Is there someone who will guide me
Who will help me find the answers
I need someone to appease my aching heart

Ancient and ageless, I am relentless
The scourge of time cannot take hold of me
My desolation, fear and frustration
I must take shelter in the dark

The voices inside keep telling me I must leave
My fate is to hide, to sneak away and retreat
I'll retreat – hiding indeed

Is there someone who will guide me
Who will help me find the answers
I need someone to appease my aching heart

Disillusion, sadness and fear
I am lost in the dark – I'm forever burning
Like a phoenix, burning again
But will I rise from the ash
Will I survive the flames
And live again, I'm born again

Flames all around me, magic has bound me
There's no escape and yet I still have hope
Slowly I'm burning, forever yearning
But soon I will be born again

The voice of my heart is crying out in despair
I'm falling apart and no one seems to take care
No one cares – it isn't fair

Is there someone who will guide me
Who will help me find the answers
I need someone to appease my aching heart

Disillusion, sadness and fear
I am lost in the dark – I'm forever burning
Like a phoenix, burning again
But I will rise from the ash
I will survive the flames
Alive again, I'm born again

AZURE EYES

Summer night, glass of wine
Then I saw you arrive
Looking good, feeling fine
Now I'm glad I'm alive

Azure eyes look at me and drive me wild
I admire everything that you say or do
My desire's breaking free just like a fire
Every night you are mine
And my love for you is true

Walking through the park
Birds lead us into the dawn with a song
Magic all around
This mystic sunrise, so pure, now I'm sure

We are as one, beautiful friend
This will not end, this lasts forever

Azure eyes look at me and drive me wild
I admire everything that you say or do
My desire's breaking free just like a fire
Every night you are mine...

Summer night, perfect sky
You and me in the moonshine
Each time you take me high
I am yours and you're all mine

Azure eyes look at me and drive me wild
I admire everything that you say or do
My desire's breaking free just like a fire
Every night you are mine
And my love for you is true

Night out on the town
I go wherever you go, need you so
Feelings never known
Come to the surface when I hold you tight

Your beauty took me by surprise
Your sparkling eyes made me surrender

Azure eyes look at me and drive me wild
I admire everything that you say or do
My desire's breaking free just like a fire
Every night you are mine
And my love for you is true

QUEST

An ancient tale, a mystery
A quest to find the truth - lost in time

Now I am searching - a journey begins
Searching within for the truth
And I am drifting - conclusion forgone
Still I go on, I believe we will be free
Now I am searching - how could I foresee
You couldn't flee from your fate
And I am drifting - now I'm left behind
Losing my mind to the past

While you're gone, is there a reason to go on
Nowhere to run, no place to go, still I love you so

Now I am searching - I gave you my soul
Total control over me
And I am drifting - forever your friend
I won't pretend, I believe we will be free
Now I am searching - someday you'll return
All my concerns disappear
And I am drifting - we gather at last
Fighting the past once again

While you're gone, is there a reason to go on
Nowhere to run, no place to go, still I love you so

THE VOID

So tell me, what were your intentions
Some time ago when you spent the night with me
And tell me, did it make you feel good
I need to know if it felt alright with me

I shied away again and again
When I couldn't cope with pain
I thought we'd be forever friends
Have my efforts been in vain

Desperately trying not to fall into the void
It seems our love has been destroyed
And, yes, I am definitely crying
Now the nightmare has come true
But, baby, I want to be with you

So listen, I don't want to force you
But tell me if we can be together some day
I guess it's all a bit confusing
But if you do try and help me find a way

But even though I really care
I'm not sure if it's enough
Yet I know there is something there
Is it everlasting love

Because there's something burning
Deep inside my heart, I can't deny
The insecurity is tearing me apart
Each night I cry

Desperately trying not to fall into the void
It seems our love has been destroyed
And, yes, I am definitely crying
Now the nightmare has come true
But, baby, I want to be with you

It's so hard to live without you
I can't bear a life without you
See me fall into the void - I've been destroyed
So hard to live without you, my love

I STILL CARE

I know my love for you is true, so true
So where do we go from here
After meeting you again
Everything we shared came back to me
I realized I really miss you so much
But I don't know
If we can make it work this time
Although I learned from my mistakes
You, I need you, all I need is you here with me

I still care for you, baby
I don't know why but I do
I want you back in my life again
I'm still in love with you
I know my love for you is true

Mark my words, simple but true, I love you
So do you still care for me
Does it matter what I feel
Maybe you don't want me anymore
I need you so
I think we should give it a chance
I know that I can make it work for us this time
Because I learned from our mistakes
You, I need you, all I need is you here with me

I still care for you, baby
I don't know why but I do
I want you back in my life again
I'm still in love with you
Come back in my life again
I'm still in love with you
I know my love for you is true, so true

LOSING AGAIN

Life without you is cold and hard
Feels so useless now we're apart
So confusing, I am losing
Silent are my tears

Feels like something deep down inside
Was assaulted, then slowly died
All the suffering and the anguish
I can't take no more - so insecure

Don't pretend we're still friends
You should know by now it's not enough
Losing once again, I am the loser in the end

Never wanted to cause you pain
Seems my efforts have been in vain
I'm pretending, still defending
Distant you remain - I lose again

Don't pretend we're still friends
You should know by now it's not enough
It's not enough, never enough, no, no, no

WAIL OF THE BANSHEE

Fields are covered in snow
Trees have lost their leaves
Here the chilling winds blow
Oh, my emerald isle
Then, in the distance, I hear a sound
A voice cuts through the silence of the night
Immortality sublime
A spirit in the forest summons me

Tears begin to fall as I answer to the call

I hear the wail of the banshee
Announcing death, resurrection
The wail of the banshee
Immortal spirit of death

Now I roam in a dream
Destiny unknown
She approaches, I scream
Oh, my emerald isle
Then, when she holds me I fade away
A haze appears and shrouds us both in white
Immortality divine
Eternal light, and then, eternal life

Slowly I ascend, I know death is not the end
Reincarnation
Fear is fading fast, I am free for good at last

I hear the wail of the banshee
Announcing death, resurrection
The wail of the banshee
Immortal spirit of death

FADING AWAY

They say she's only growing older
But I just know they are wrong
Sometimes she cries and doesn't know why
She knows she's fading away a little each day
Fading away, away

They say she gets a little slower
That vacant look in her eyes
Tells me they're wrong
She used to be strong
But now she's fading away a little each day

She used to know their names
But now they're all the same
They come and they go
And she doesn't know who they were
The present means nothing to her
She's fading away, a little each day, away

They say she's only growing older
The twilight hour of her life
Clear is the past, today doesn't last
She knows she's fading away a little each day
Fading away, away

THE ANGUISH

So long ago, a winter's night
I held you close to me
So strange, I still remember you
Just like you used to be

Travelling on the path of time
Kissing your tears away
So strange, you are always in my heart
Every empty day

Life reaches for the end, easily slips away
Death, cold as ice, on the hunt, you're the prey
My everlasting love never fades, never ends
And now we will be forever friends

As I awaken with a scream
Salt are the tears I taste
So strange, I met you in a dream
Sensing the fear you faced

Life reaches for the end, easily slips away
Death, cold as ice, on the hunt, you're the prey
My everlasting love never fades, never ends
And now we will be forever friends

I'd give my soul to be with you
Wherever you are now
So strange, anything to have you near
This is my solemn vow

NO REMORSE

Behind a disguise, mysterious eyes
An angel of the dark
You've set me on fire, you control my desire
Once lit with just a spark
I give, you just take, a tragic mistake
But still I deeply yearn for you
But you've left me and there's no return

My desperate heart, once taken apart
So easy to acquire
Yet you're not to blame, it's your nature to gain
The things you most desire
You know how to play every man on your way
I get what I deserve
Obeying your wishes - guess I'm born to serve

I should have seen through your disguise
I should have noticed your evil lies
Now it's too late to change my course
clearly you have no remorse

A master, indeed, you take what you need
You just don't care at all
No matter the cost, all your victims have lost
With magic you enthrall
I'm under your spell and you know all too well
I can't escape your hold
I'm burning forever for a man so cold

I should have seen through your disguise
I should have noticed your evil lies
Now it's too late to change my course
clearly you have no remorse

ASTRAY

Every day just drifts away without you
And every night I sleep alone
Never thought you'd disappear
But now you've gone
I thought our love was really strong
I must have been mistaken
For here I am, on my own

I'd thought that we'd be together
For so many years, I had no fear
Of losing the love that we shared
Oh how can it be that I was so blind
Mislead, misguided, you've lead me astray

For you had promised to have and to hold
For better, for worse, in sickness and health
I really believed those vows of love
But you've decided to break them and leave
For someone else

Now the days just drift away without you
I hardly sleep since you've been gone
Solitude and mournfulness
An empty house
As empty as my life's become
Without you there is nothing left
And once again, I'm on my own

I'd thought we'd be together
And forever more, but I was wrong
And what can I do now you've gone
The lies that you told, I must have been blind
Mislead, misguided, you've lead me astray

For you had promised to have and to hold
In good times, in bad, 'till death do us part
I really believed those vows of love
But you've decided to cast them aside
There's nothing left