

#### Alive

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How did I get here, drifting out to sea? Yesterday, everything was so clear. Now everything's gone gray.

One minute I'm righted and going strong. Another minute and the bow breaks and everything's gone.

Captured and capsized, drifting out to sea. Caught up in a riptide, I yell for you but you can't hear me.

Did I throw it all away? I didn't throw it all away. She tries to drag me down, but still I fight and thrive. Don't tell me I shouldn't be alive. Alive. Alive.

Dissonant laughter to keep me company. Am I here or hereafter six days lost at sea?

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### **One More Dance**

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Throwing rocks at the window Skipping stones in the snow. Wonder which way to go Since you left me all alone.

Only friend is the fuzz on the radio Holes in my shoes, dirt on my clothes. Didn't think you'd really go Called my bluff, took the cat and the dog, I am really alone.

Too late to say, too late to say Give me another chance. No words can change, no words can change An ugly glance.

But if I could, I would, give recompense And 'cause I can I will Dream of one more dance With you.

Stuck down on the ground floor Elevator's out, a lock on the stairwell door. Left me wishing for so much more. Where life was once life, now it's just a chore.

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But if I could, I would, give recompense And 'cause I can I will Dream of one more dance, Dream of one chance With you.

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## No More (Grandma's Song)

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I can't breathe. Something's wrong. My chest is all tight inside. There's something going on. I'm so tired. I don't mean to whine. Actually I feel pretty good. I guess it's finally my time.

Don't cry my child. I'm just on my way 'Cause I'm old and I'm tired and I don't want to stay Here no more.

Things got pretty boring at 93. First they took away my car And my ability to be free. At 97, I can barely walk. And if you ask me a question, well, I'll just give some messed up gibberish talk.

So don't cry my child. I'm just on my way To a place where I can run and play. Don't cry my child. I'm just on my way 'Cause I'm old and tired and I don't want to stay Here no more. No more. No more.

Remember to live your life. Remember to live your life, My beautiful child, Oh my beautiful child.

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### Catacomb

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Saints and sinners Disguised as lawyers for the lamb. There's no winners Only losers in the end.

After six years where's the justice here Lurking some where in a catacomb? After six years there's no justice here. She's drifting somewhere in a catacomb.

There's no doubt, and no way out. The game is catch me if you can. Find another route and round about And start the game all over again. All alone, you're on your own. Remember what you've learned. Remember what you've learned.

Snowy winters Cover secrets in the land. Rains and rivers can't wash away The dirt that stains our hands.

After six years, where's the justice here Lurking somewhere in a catacomb? After six years there's no justice here. She's buried deep down in a catacomb.

There's no doubt, and no way out. The game is catch me if you can. Find another route and round about And start the game all over again. All alone, you're on your own. Remember what you've learned. Remember what you've learned.



#### Mercy

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Slide me down, I bit my lip I hit my head on the ground. Quite a grip, just your fingertips Make my head go round.

Can't catch my breath, I bit down. Taste the blood in my mouth. Quite a grip, just your finger tips. Oh have mercy now.

Oh, please have mercy, A little mercy on me now. Please have mercy, A little mercy on my now.

So easily let go. Nothing left to show But the truth that lies inside me. Do you even know that you touch my soul And it absolutely frightens me? Inside me, yeah.

Who would've thought I'd be overwrought, I'd slip and hit the ground? I skinned my knee but you kiss it for me. Oh my head goes round. Can't catch my breath, I bit down. Taste the blood in my mouth Like a wine to sip, your sweet lips Have no mercy now.

Oh, please have mercy, A little mercy on me now. Please have mercy, A little mercy on me now.



**Try** ©2009 Pilar French (BMI)

Trials and tribulations, Fight the good fight, Feed a nation.

Secret revelations Seep through my skin, Sweet inspiration.

Sleeping on a ledge Above the ground ten stories tall. Floating through the air Fly or Fall.

All you know is All you can show is Oooh, you've got to Try, Try, Try.

Subtle incantations Draw my bridges down 'Cross generations.

Build a home of flesh and bone Ten stories tall, Rooted in the ground Beyond recall.

And all you know is, All you can show is, Oooh, you've got to Try, Try, Try. Try, Try, Try.



#### **Higher Ground**

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Seven years ago, the dove flew out the door And down the road and round the bend Never to be seen again. I turn my eyes up to the sky To where the crow flies in the wind, Seek a bearing for my plan.

Silence wakes inside my skin And I begin to mend the fences Of the ones who long to know my chances.

Years of troubled times, trapped behind the boundary lines Define the crimes of who I am supposed to be. But I am shedding off this skin And I throw it to the wind. Time to begin again.

Silence quakes inside my skin And I begin to mend the fences Of the ones who long to know my chances.

Twenty miles to go, gotta set a course of action. Taking in the view, what a sweet distraction. Twenty miles to go, dig our heals in for some traction. Finally taking in the view, as we head for Higher ground, Higher ground.

Tides of changing times Trapped behind blue skies, a disguise of who we're supposed to be. But we're shedding of this skin And we throw it to the wind. Time to begin again.

Silence quakes inside my skin And I begin to mend the fences Of the ones who long to know my chances.

Twenty miles to go, gotta set a course of action. Taking in the view, what a sweet distraction. Twenty miles to go, dig our heals in for some traction. Finally taking in the view, gonna head for Higher ground, Higher ground.

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## End of the Day

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At the end of the day when the world's gone away And I can sit quietly with my thoughts I feel sun on my face; it's God's given grace And I know I don't need more than what I've got

At the end of the day when the world's gone to sleep A lover's dream crawls from the sheets Feel a kiss on your face, a heart skipping pace These are all just moments you can keep

Not only after a hero's capture Does a prayer rain down to our lips At the end of the day

At the end of the day I want you to stay Throw down your keys and sit with me for a while Watch the sun sink away while the animals play A temporary glimpse of a fading torch

Not only after a hero's capture Will a prayer rain to our lips Not only after nothing matters Can meaning fall into our grips At the end of the day, the end of the day