

Gather & Sing!

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Across the Great Divide

Kate Wolf

I been walkin' in my sleep
Countin' troubles 'stead of countin' sheep
Where the years went, I can't say
I just turned around and they've gone away

I've been siftin' through the years
Of dusty books and faded papers
They tell a story I used to know
And it was one that happened so long ago

*And it's gone away in yesterday
Now I find myself on the mountainside
Where the rivers change direction
Across the Great Divide*

Now I heard the owl a-calling'
Softly as the night was falling'
With a question I replied
But he's gone across the border line

The finest hour I have seen
Is the one that comes between
The edge of night and the break of day
It's when the darkness rolls away

Amazing Grace

Spiritual

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright and shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see
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Angel from Montgomery

John Prine

I am an old woman named after my mother
My old man is another child that's grown old
If dreams were like thunder and lightning was desire
This old house would've burned down such a long
time ago

*Make me an angel that flies from Montgomery
Make me a poster of an old rodeo
Just give me one thing that I can hold on to
To believe in this living' is just a hard way to go ↗*

When I was a young girl, I had me a cowboy
He weren't much to look at just a free rambling' man
But that was a long time, and no matter how hard I try
The years just flow by like a broken down damn

There's flies in the kitchen I can hear them buzzin'
And I ain't done nothin' since I woke up today
How the hell can a person go to work in the morning
Come home in the evening and have nothing to say?

Bring Me Little Water Sylvie

Leadbelly

Bring me little water, Sylvie
Bring me little water now
Bring me little water, Sylvie
Every little once in a while

Don't you see me coming?
Don't you see me now?
Don't you see me coming?
Every little once in a while

Bring it in a bucket, Sylvie
Bring it in a bucket now
Bring it in a bucket, Sylvie
Every little once in a while

See me come a-runnin' Sylvie
See me come a-runnin' now
See me come a-runnin'
Every little once in a while

Bye Bye Love

The Everly Brothers

Bye bye love, bye bye happiness
Hello loneliness, I think I'm-a gonna cry
Bye bye love, bye bye sweet caress
Hello emptiness, I feel like I could die
Bye bye my love, bye bye

There goes my baby with someone new
She sure looks happy, I sure am blue
She was my baby 'til he stepped in
Goodbye to romance that might have been

I'm through with romance, I'm through with love
I'm through with counting the stars above
And here's the reason that I'm so free
My lovin' baby is through with me

Colors

Donovan

Yellow is the color of my true love's hair
In the morning, when we rise
In the morning, when we rise
That's the time, that's the time
I love the best

Blue is the color of the sky
In the morning ...

Green is the color of the sparkling corn
In the morning ...

Mellow is the feeling that I get
When I see her, mm hmmm
When I see her, uh huh
That's the time, that's the time
I love the best

Freedom is a word I rarely use
Without thinking, mm hmmm
Without thinking, uh huh
Of the time, of the time
When I've been loved

Dillan Bay

Traditional

Dillan Bay, laddie-o
Dillan Dau, laddie-ay
Dillan Bay, laddie-o
All the boats are gone

Gone away, laddie-o
Gone away, laddie-ay
Gone away, laddie-o
With their topsails high

Topsails high, laddie-o
Topsails high, laddie-ay
Topsails high, laddie-o
When the wind's away

Wind's away, laddie-o
Wind's away, laddie-ay
Wind's away, laddie-o
Down in Dillan Bay

Do Re Mi

Woody Guthrie

Lots of folks back East, they say
Is leaving home most every day
Beating that hot old dusty way to the California line
Across the desert sands they roll
Getting out of that old dust bowl
They think they're going to the sugar bowl
But here is what they find
Now the police at the port of entry say
"You're number fourteen thousand for today"

*If you ain't got the do re mi, boys
You ain't got the do re mi
Why, you'd better go back to beautiful Texas
Oklahoma, Kansas, Georgia, Tennessee
California is a garden of Eden
A paradise to live in or to see
But believe it or not you won't find it so hot
If you ain't got the do re mi*

You wanna buy a house or farm
Well, that can't deal nobody harm
Or take your vacation by the mountains or sea
Don't swap your old cow for a car
You'd better stay right where you are
You better take this little tip from me
'Cause I look through the want ads every day
But the headlines on the papers always say

Harvest Moon

Neil Young

Come a little bit closer
Hear what I have to say
Just like children sleeping
We could dream this night away

But there's a full moon rising
Let's go dancing' in the light
We know where the music's playing
Let's go out and feel the night

*Because I'm still in love with you
I want to see you dance again
Because I'm still in love with you
On this harvest moon*

When we were strangers
I watched you from afar
When we were lovers
I loved you with all my heart

But now it's getting late
And the moon is climbin' high
I want to celebrate
See it shining' in your eye

Hey Good Lookin'

Hank Williams

*Hey good lookin', whatcha got cookin'?
How's about cookin' something up with me?
Hey sweet baby, don't you think maybe
We could find a brand-new recipe?*

I got a hot rod ford and a two-dollar bill
And I know a spot right over the hill
There's soda pop and the dancin' is free
So, if you wanna have fun come-a-long with me!

I'm free and ready so we can go steady
How's about savin' alla your time for me?
No more lookin', I know I been tookin'
How's about keepin' steady company?

I'm gonna throw my datebook over the fence
And find me one for five or ten cents
I'll keep it til it's covered with age
'Cause I'm writin' your name down on every page

Keep on the Sunny Side

The Carter Family

There's a dark and a stormy side of life
There's a bright and a sunny side, too
Though we meet with the darkness and strife
The sunny side we also may view

*So, keep on the sunny side
Always on the sunny side
Keep on the sunny side of life
It will help you every day, it will brighten all the way
If you keep on the sunny side of life*

Oh, the storm in its fury broke today
Crushing hopes that I cherish so dear
Clouds and storms will in time pass away
And the sun again will shine bright and clear ↗

Let us greet with a song of hope each day
Though the moments be cloudy or clear
Let us trust that our Savior always
Will keep everyone in His care

Make You Feel My Love

Bob Dylan

When the rain is blowing in your face
And the whole world is on your case
I could offer a warm embrace
To make you feel my love

When evening shadows and the stars appear
And there is no one there to dry your tears
I could hold you for a million years
To make you feel my love

I know you haven't made your mind up yet
But I would never do you wrong
I've known it from the moment that we met
No doubt in my mind where you belong

I'd go hungry, I'd go black and blue
I'd go crawling down the avenue
And oh, there's nothing that I wouldn't do
To make you feel my love

The storms are raging on the rolling sea
And on the highway of regret
The winds of change are blowing wild and free
You ain't seen nothing like me yet

I could make you happy, make your dreams come true
Nothing that I wouldn't do
Go to the ends of the earth for you
To make you feel my love

Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard

Paul Simon

The mama pajama rolled out of bed
And she ran to the police station
When the papa found out he began to shout
And he started the investigation

*It's against the law...it was against the law
What the mama saw...it was against the law*

The mama looked down and spit on the ground
Every time my name gets mentioned
The papa said, "boy, if I get that boy
I'm gonna stick him in the house of detention"

*Well I'm on my way
I don't know where I'm going
I'm on my way
I'm taking my time but I don't know where
Goodbye to Rosie, the Queen of Corona
Seein' me and Julio down by the schoolyard
Seein' me and Julio down by the schoolyard*

Whoa, in a couple days they come and take me away
But the press let the story leak
And when the radical priest come to get me released
We was all on the cover of Newsweek

The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down

The Band

Virgil Caine is my name
I served on the Danville train
'Til Stoneman's cavalry came
And tore up the tracks again
In the winter of '65 we were hungry, just barely alive
By May the 10th, Richmond had fell
It was a time I remember oh so well

*The night they drove old Dixie down
And the bells were ringing
The night they drove old Dixie down
and the people were singin' na, na, na, na ...*

Back with my wife in Tennessee
One day she said to me
"Virgil, quick, come see, there goes Robert E Lee"
Now I don't mind choppin' wood
And I don't care if the money's no good
You take what you need and you leave the rest
But they should never have taken the very best

Like my father before me
I will work the land
And like my brother above me
Who took a rebel stand
He was just eighteen, proud and brave
But a Yankee laid him in his grave
And I swear by the mud below my feet
You can't raise a Caine back up when he's in defeat

Sweet Baby James

James Taylor

There is a young cowboy, he lives on the range
His horse and his cattle are his only companions
He works in the saddle and he sleeps in the canyons
Waiting for summer, his pastures to change

And as the moon rises, he sits by his fire
Thinking about women and glasses of beer
And closing his eyes as the doggies retire
He sings out a song which is soft but it's clear
As if maybe someone could hear

*He says goodnight you moonlight ladies
Rock-a-bye sweet baby James
Deep greens and blues are the colors I choose
Won't you let me go down in my dreams
And rock-a-by sweet baby James*

Well, the first of December was covered with snow
And so was the turnpike from Stockbridge to Boston
The Berkshires seemed dream-like on account of that
frostin'
With ten miles behind, and ten thousand more to go

There's a song that they sing when they take to the
highway
A song that they sing when they take to the sea
A song that they sing of their home in the sky
Maybe you can believe it, if it helps you to sleep
But singing works just fine for me

Sweet Pea

Amos Lee

Sweet pea, apple of my eye
Don't know when and I don't know why
You're the only reason
I keep on coming home

Sweet pea, what's all this about?
Don't get your way all you do is fuss and pout
You're the only reason
I keep on coming home

I'm like the Rock of Gibraltar
I always seem to falter
And the words just get in the way
Oh, I know I'm gonna crumble
I'm trying to stay humble
But I never think before I say

Sweet pea, keeper of my soul
I know sometimes I'm out of control
You're the only reason
I keep on coming home

Take It Easy

The Eagles

I'm a-runnin' down the road tryin' to loosen my load
I got seven women on my mind
Four that wanna own me, two that wanna stone me
One says she's a friend of mine

*Take it easy, take it easy
Don't let the sound of your own wheels drive you crazy
Lighten up while you still can
Don't even try to understand
Just find a place to make your stand, and take it easy*

Well, I'm a-standin' on a corner in Winslow, Arizona
And it's such a fine sight to see
It's a girl, my Lord in a flat-bed Ford
Slowin' down to take a look at me

*Come on, baby, don't say maybe
I gotta know if your sweet love is gonna save me
We may lose and we may win
Though we will never be here again
So, open up I'm climbin' in, so take it easy*

I'm a-runnin' down the road tryin' to loosen my load
Got a world of trouble on my mind
Lookin' for a lover who won't blow my cover
She's so hard to find

Take Me Home, Country Roads

John Denver

Almost heaven, West Virginia
Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River
Life is old there, older than the trees
Younger than the mountains, blowing like a breeze

*Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong
West Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads* ↗

All my memories gather round her
Miner's lady, stranger to blue water
Dark and dusty, painted on the sky
Misty taste of moonshine, teardrop in my eye

I hear her voice, in the morning hour she calls me
The radio reminds me of my home far away
And driving down the road I get a feeling
That I should have been home yesterday, yesterday
Country roads, take me home...

Well May the World Go

Pete Seeger

Well may the world go
The world go, the world go
Well may the world go
When I'm far away

Well may the skiers turn
The swimmers churn, the lovers burn
Peace, may the generals learn
When I'm far away

Sweet may the fiddle sound
The banjo play the old hoe down
Dancers swing round and round
When I'm far away

Fresh may the breezes blow
Clear may the streams flow
Blue above, green below
When I'm far away

The Water Is Wide

Traditional

There is a ship that sails the sea
She's loaded deep, as deep can be
But not as deep as the love I'm in
I know not e'er I sink or swim

I leaned my back against an oak
Thinking it was a trusty tree
But first it bent and then it broke
Just as my love proved false to me

Oh, love is gentle and love is kind
The sweetest flower when first it's new
But love grows old and waxes cold
And fades away like the morning dew

The water is wide, I cannot cross o'er
Neither have I wings to fly
Give me a boat that can carry two
And both shall cross my true love and I

Wildflowers

Tom Petty

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong in a boat out at sea
Sail away, kill off the hours
You belong somewhere you feel free

Run away, find you a lover
Go away somewhere all bright and new
I have seen no other
Who compares with you

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong in a boat out at sea
You belong with your love on your arm
You belong somewhere you feel free

Run away, go find a lover
Run away, let your heart be your guide
You deserve the deepest of cover
You belong in that home by and by

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong somewhere close to me
Far away from your trouble and worry
You belong somewhere you feel free
You belong somewhere you feel free