

## **Cowboy Junkies**

### **"A Few Simple Words"**

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[Previously unreleased song . Lay It Down outtake]  
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What does he see in those mashed potatoes?  
what secrets does he hold that can be so grin?  
the silence like a canyon dividing them  
he's on one side she's opposite him  
trying so desperately to get his attention

she says, "honey, you're a bastard of great  
proportion".  
he says, "darling, I plead guilty to that sin."  
with potatoes half way to his mouth  
he looks her in the eye and says,  
"without a doubt  
my love for you is all that I believe in.

"With those few simple words  
her heart is sent soaring  
she's able to face another day  
. through the anger and the laughter  
she knows that she matters  
and somebody out there cares.

What does she gain by all this sulking?  
what trouble can there be for one so young?  
dark tension building like the clouds of a storm  
her daughter's in her room and she's at the door  
trying to figure what all this fuss is for.

she says, "mother, you're a witch  
and I'll always hate you."  
she says, "daughter, perhaps these words  
you speak are true."  
she quietly moves towards the bed,  
look her in the eye gently says,  
"but I will always believe in you."

With those few simple words  
her heart is sent soaring  
she's able to face another day.  
through the anger and the laughter

she knows that she matters  
and somebody out there cares.

what do we need to keep us going?  
what do we need at the end of the day?  
mysteries keep piling like dirty clothes  
in the corner.

you never thought you'd give up.  
but you're beginning to wonder  
when through the gloom you hear  
a familiar voice say....

.... a few simple words  
that send your heart soaring  
you're able to face another day.  
through the anger and the laughter  
you know that you matter  
and somebody out there cares.

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