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"Birdfly Paper"

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I am stuck in L.A. through the week and can't get away
And you're alone on the pier in West Palm Beach on
your holiday
Stormy nights, re-awake the stomach ache
That I've acquired, from feeling down
Things look grim and I'm so sick of being tired

Apartment lights go dark and it's depressing
But what can I do?
The midnight streets feel dead
When I am so used to driving with you

Brighter lights fill the night
And bluer skies reflect in your eyes
As I inspect and analyze
All of these dreams I don't recognize

If you're still up when the ships in the port prepare to
set sail
Comb the beach and put those blue flowers up in your
ponytail
Inside my head your voice is still resounding but what
can I do?
The empty rooms feel cold when I am so used to being
with you

Count the stars, watch the waves absorb the summer
sun
And think of me when you explore hidden coves
And tiny island chains throughout the sea
Can you still, hear my voice
When I'm outside, from over the phone?

For what it's worth, darling dear
I wish you were here, 'cause I feel alone
When you were home we'd sing
But since you've left I don't hear anything
Though I feel so sad
I can't believe things are really that bad

Old captains and brand new cruise ships

Sailing over the briny sea
When I crashed my beloved desk job
And swim through the debris

I'll cut loose leave this mad house
Bound for the Atlantic blue
I'll stroll down your treelined driveway
And sail the ocean with you

Affection, the gifted architect,
Is making a draft and beautiful design
The options and possibilities
Are endless when we connect and re-align

Collections of books and documents
Arise and parade around my cluttered desk
Reworking the math and measurements
Until I'm convinced these plans are picturesque
Like mountains in the Midwest

Reaction creates the columns dark
And wide like the roads around Fort Lauderdale
The structures begin to take their shape
Before I've designed the public monorail

The turnpike and high-speed motorway
Connect and enclose the quaint suburban streets
The airport, the broad suspension bridge
The lake and the beach where several rivers meet
Compounded from the spreadsheet

A city sparkles in the night
How can it glow so bright?
The neighborhoods surround the soft florescent light
Designer skyline in my head
Abstract and still well-read
You went from numbered lines to buildings overhead

I brush my teeth, and look in the mirror
And laugh out loud as I'm beaming from ear to ear
I'd rather pick flowers instead of fights
And rather than flaunt my style
I'd flash you a smile of clean pearly whites

I've been to the dentist a thousand times so I know the
drill
I smooth my hair, sit back in the chair
But somehow I still get the chills
"Have a seat" he says pleasantly
As he shakes my hand, and practically laughs at me
"Open up nice and wide" he says peering in

With a smirk he says "don't have a fit this'll just pinch a bit"

As he tries not to grin

When hygienists leave on long vacations

That's when dentists scream and lose their patience

Talking only brings the tooth aches on

Because I say the stupidest things

So if my resolve goes South

I'll swallow my pride with an aspirin, and shut my mouth

Golf and alcohol don't mix

And that's why I don't drink and drive

Because, good grief I'd knock out my teeth

And have to kiss my smile goodbye

I've been to the dentist a thousand times so I know the drill

I smooth my hair, sit back in the chair

But somehow I still get the chills

I opened my eyes last night and saw you in the low light
Walking down by the bay, on the shore, staring up at
the stars that aren't there anymore

I was feeling the night grow old and you were looking
so cold

So like an introvert, I drew my over shirt

Around my arms and began to shiver violently before

You happened to look and see the tunnels all around
me

Running into the dark underground

All the subways around create a great sound

To my motion fatigue, farewell with your ear to a
seashell

You can hear the waves in underwater caves

As if you actually were inside a saltwater room

Time together isn't ever quite enough

When you and I are alone, I've never felt so at home

What will it take to make or break this hint of love?

Only time, only time

Can you believe that the crew has gone and wouldn't
let me sign on?

All my islands have sunk in the deep, so I can hardly
relax or even oversleep

I feel warm with your hand when we walk along the
shoreline

I guess I'll never know why sparrows love the snow

We'll turn off all of the lights and set this ballroom
aglow

So tell me darling, do you wish we'd fall in love?
Yeah, all the time, all the time

Time together isn't ever quite enough
When you and I are alone, I've never felt so at home
What will it take to make or break this hint of love?
Only time, only time

When we're apart whatever are you thinking of?
If this is what I call home, why does it feel so alone?
So tell me darling, do you wish we'd fall in love?
All the time, all the time

Time together isn't ever quite enough
When we're apart whatever are you thinking of?
What will it take to make or break this hint of love?
So tell me darling, do you wish we'd fall in love?
All the time
Oh all the time

Please take a long hard look
Through your text book cause I'm history
When I strap my helmet on I'll be long gone
Cause I've been dying to leave
Yeah, I'll ride the range
And hide all my loose change in my bedroom
Cause riding a dirt bike down a turn pike
Always takes it's toll on me

I've had just about enough
Of quote "diamonds in the rough"
Because my back-bone is paper thin
Get me out of this cavern or I'll cave in
(I'll cave in, I'll cave in...)

If the bombs go off the sun will still be shining
(The sun will still be shining)
Because I've heard it said that
Every mushroom cloud has a silver lining
(Though I'm always under mining to deep to know)
Swallow a drop of gravel and blacktop
Cause the road tastes like Wintergreen
The wind and rain smell of oil and octane
Mixed with stale gasoline

I'll soak up the sound
Try to sleep on the wet ground
I'll get ten minutes give or take

Cause I just don't foresee myself getting drowsy
When cold integrity keeps me wide awake
(Awake, awake, awake, awake...)

Get me out of this cavern or I'll cave in
(Cave in, cave in, cave in, cave in...)

Get me out of this cavern or I'll cave in
(Cave in, cave in, cave in, cave in...)

I'll keep my helmet on
Just in case my head caves in
(In case my head caves in)
Cause if my thoughts collapse
Or my framework snaps
It'll make a mess like you wouldn't believe
Tie my handle bars to the stars
So I stay on track (so I stay on track)
And if my intentions trail I'll wrench them away
Then I'll take my leave and I won't even look back

I won't even look back

Where was I when the rockets came to life
And carried you away into the alligator sky
Even though, I'll never know what's up ahead
I'm never lettin' go, I'm never lettin' go

Uh uh, that's not a plane, that's me
I'm sittin' where I'm supposed to
Floatin' on the cloud, can't nobody come close to
The concrete and the sky switch places
So now my ceiling is painted with cosmic spaces
Firecracker to the moon, keep your eyes shut
Blastin' off like a rocket from the ground up
Heh, I used to catch a cab on the Monday
Now the taxi's sellin' lights on the runway, fly
Condo on the milky way
A house on the cloud and God's my landlord
And for my rent all I pay is my drive
Got that so If you need me you can find me in the
alligator sky

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Roller coaster through the atmosphere
I'm drowning in this starry serenade
Where ecstasy becomes cavalier

My imagination's taking me away

Reverie whispered in my ear
I'm scared to death that I'll never be afraid
Roller coaster through the atmosphere
My imagination's taking me away

Uh, now I'mma dance like I never dance
Sing like I never sing, dream like I've never dreamed
Or try to, 'cause we've been lied to
That the sun is somethin' that we can't fly to
Well, I sit on my star and see street lights
Look up, ha, you'll miss me if you blink twice
Imagination is hot and if you got it you can meet me
When you see me in the alligator sky

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In the alligator sky...

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