



VOICE EXCLUSIVE: TOSOM Sing-A-Long Sheet!

THE VOICE is pleased to be able to provide for you, directly from Linda, the printed lyrics to THE OTHER SIDE OF ME songs. You'll also find the lyrics for the B&N exclusive Bonus Track "Everything Comes And Goes." Turn up the volume and sing, sing, sing!

"Pieces"

This song was the cornerstone of the album. Billy sent it to me at the end of 2006 as an example of some of the things he had been doing in the studio. I liked it right away, and as I kept listening I fell in love with the song. The writer is a really talented young artist, Shaun Barker. We spent weeks working on a demo and used it to sell the whole idea for the album.

She slams the door and you come running
Her crazy love has made you sick
Each time you never see it coming
Then it hits you like a ton of bricks
I've always been the one who puts you back together
She gets the best of you
And I get your stormy weather
I need some sunshine of my own

Remember next time when you fall
When you crash into that wall
Don't call
Follow your star to God knows where
When it burns out I won't be there
I'm so done picking up the pieces

We've known each other for so long now
Committed your every line to memory
We could be so perfect if you'd open those eyes
You'd be surprised
You've got my guarantee
I thought it was crystal clear that we belong together
If something is absent here
Then go chase that stormy weather

Remember next time when you fall
When you crash into that same old wall
Don't call
Follow your star to God knows where
When it burns out I won't be there
I'm so done picking up the pieces

I'm so done picking up the pieces
I can't pick up your pieces
Anymore

Remember next time when you fall
When you crash into that same old wall
Don't call
Follow your star to God knows where
When it burns out I won't be there
I'm so done

Remember next time when you fall
I'm so done picking up the pieces
When you crash into that wall
I'm so done picking up the pieces
Remember next time when you fall
Don't call
When you crash into that wall

I need some sunshine of my own

"If You Believe (The Way I Do)"

This is a new song from an upcoming musical of AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN. I didn't want to have anything from the Broadway world on this album, but we heard the pop song in this one. We asked for another verse and played with the timing a little and created a perfect little country/pop song that sounds like it's been around for years.

Sometimes it'll hit you hard
Like a fallen star
Out of the clear blue sky
Other time it's the softest whisper
That'll take you by surprise
God bless the broken heart
That comes apart in pieces

Doesn't everybody fall in love
When they least expect it
No guarantee it's on your side
Gotta hold your head up high
Gotta hang on and be strong
Cause who hasn't had their share
Of the hard times yeah
But one day they'll be gone

If you believe in love the way I do
If you believe in love the way I do

Some say that love is like
Catching fireflies with your eyes shut
tight
Others say it's a winding river
Gotta find your way across it
One dream is all you need

A thousand sparks igniting

Doesn't everybody fall in love
When they least expect it
No guarantee it's on your side
Gotta hold your head up high
Gotta hang on and be strong
Cause who hasn't had their share of
hard times yeah
One day they'll be gone

If you believe in love the way I do
If you believe in love

I can't let those voices
Never lead me down that road
Where the point of view is hopeless
And the world is bleak and cold
I know it's crazy out there
But I still choose to believe
That underneath the surface
There's no truer purpose for me

If you believe in love the way I do
If you believe in love, I do
I do

"Lifted"

I have been holding on to this original song for a few years now. I did perform it some in the beginning, but the arrangement was never right. It's tricky. But when I decided to do a pop/country album, suddenly the arrangement came together and the song came "home." I love it.

I'm tired of crossing an ocean of storms
Trying to get back to shore
Out of the darkness and into the dawn
Where I'm safe and warm

Just like a soldier
A soldier at war
Returning home to a smile
That's how I'm feeling
When I'm there in your arms
Strong for a while
And my emotions over come me
All of my questions are gone

I am lifted
When you're around me
I am lifted
When I'm surrounded by your spirit
I'm lifted up
Like someone just switched on the light
I am lifted here tonight

And when a rain is pounding away
I'm gonna stand by your side
Into the breeze be carried away
To a place so divine
And my emotions over come me
Now that I'm where I belong

I am lifted
When you're around me
I am lifted
When I'm surrounded by your spirit
I'm lifted up
Like someone just switched on the light
I am lifted here tonight

Lifted up like the light of the morning
Lifted up – up and over the rain
All my fears then melt before me
I feel the space to breath again

I am lifted
When you're around me
I am lifted when I'm surrounded by your spirit
I'm lifted up
Like someone just switched on the light
I am lifted here tonight

"If I Could"

I have been singing this song for a while now and it never fails to get me emotional. I can also hear the audience reacting. It's just a tear jerker no matter how you slice it. This arrangement is a little different to help it fit the format of the record, but I sing it basically the same. I have gotten a lot of e-mails from people asking for this one.

If I could
I'd protect you from the sadness in
your eyes
Give you courage in a world of
compromise
Yes I would

If I could
I would teach you
All the things I've never learned
And I'd help you
Cross the bridges that I've burned
Yes I would

If I could
I would try to shield your innocence
from time
But the part of life I gave you isn't
mine
I'll watch you grow
So I can let you go

If I could
I would help you make it through the
hungry years
But I know that I can never cry your
tears
But I would

If I could

In a time and place that you don't
want to be
You don't have to walk along this road
with me
My yesterday
Won't have to be your way

If I knew
I'd try to change the world I brought
you to
Now there isn't much more that I can
do
But I would If I could

If I could
I would try to shield your innocence
from time
But the part of life I gave you isn't
mine
I'll watch you grow
So I can let you go

If I could
I would help you make it through the
hungry years
But I know that I can never cry your
tears
But I would

"Back To Life"

This was my original title track. I thought it fit the way I feel about my life right now. I have had sort of a rebirth. I changed a lot of things, and I've changed in many ways over the last four years. I'm a different person and I like where I am. I've been helped by Craig and I've been helped by this music. I don't feel afraid to be the real me. I'm not afraid that it's not good enough or big enough. It's just honest.

What's this feeling inside
I am awakening
It's been cold for so long
Now that's all fading
Feel the blood in my veins
I feel it racing
Can't explain how I know
But everything's changing

I thought I'd lost my chance
To calm my fears and help me
learn to dance
The moment almost passed me by
Then you touched my hand
And brought me back to life

Funny how I could live
Without ever living
But when you're deep in the dark
You can't see what's missing
Then one day you appeared
Just like a vision
And all the hurt from the past
I am now forgiven

I thought I'd lost my chance
To calm my fears and help me

learn to dance
The moment almost passed me by
Then you touched my hand
And brought me back to life

Sometimes I feel so small
When the nights are cold and still
I listen to my voice
As I cry out and I yearn to feel you
You life me up till I am safe
In the strength of your embrace
And I thought my life was in the
past
And I always thought this pain
would last
And when you I believed all hope
was gone
You were there to help me carry on
Showing me the mystery
And the beauty of what life can be

I thought I'd lost my chance
To calm my fears and help me
learn to dance
The moment almost passed me by
And you touched my hand
And brought me back to life

"The Other Side Of Me"

This was not the original title track, but as the months went on I thought it just fit. I really am showing people a different side of my music. I've hinted at it on past albums but never stripped down to the bare bones before. So this track just felt right.

All my life it seems I played by the rules
The rules that were given to me
But I'm afraid if I don't bend them
soon they could break
They just might break me
So here I go armed with only what I know
This one truth I hold
That after all my heart's been through
I'm giving it to you

Wake my soul, I feel so ready to
believe again
Reborn inside, redefined
You found the other side of me
Worlds away from what I thought my
life could be
It was you who let it out and set it free
The other side of me

I see tomorrow in a different light
Cause you see the best within me
Funny how it all can change overnight
Never thought I had it in me

These open doors tell me I can be
much more than I was before
It's so clear as I walk through
On the other side is you

Wake my soul, I feel so ready to
believe again
Reborn inside, redefined
You found the other side of me
Worlds away from what I thought my
life could be
It was you who let it out and set it free
The other side of me

And I finally don't feel the need to hide
All I need was to see the other side

Wake my soul, I feel so ready to
believe again
Reborn inside, redefined
You found the other side of me
Worlds away from what I thought my
life could be
It was you who let it out and set it free
The other side of me

"Waiting For The Fall"

I wanted to write something for the album so I came up with this song. I also wanted something a little harder edged on the record and after I played the song for Billy the first time, he suggested we make this the "grunge track." So I threw out my original verse and wrote a new one to fit the funky groove that Duke Levine created on the guitar. Billy was just goofing on the rap section when we were tracking ideas at his studio, but I thought it fit so I wrote him some words to rap instead of the "eating chicken fried rice and broccoli" gibberish he had originally said. We have kept that version in the vault for our own fun, however.

It was one of those nights
After one of those days
We had one of those fights
With you walking away
And now the silence in my room
Is deafening

I know what you think
And you wouldn't be wrong
Just how low can you sink
Before you're all the way gone
Gotta move, gotta get out
Gotta finally find the cure
This life is deadly to me

Why am I waiting for the fall
When I lost my heart
Did I lose it all
Rain and lightning pouring down
Nothing left to do but drown
Why am I waiting for the fall

You know what I think
That you're already gone
You got nowhere to go
So you're playing along
Why don't you just
Make that move you're threatening

I feel like a fool
And it's making me mad
It would all be funny
If it wasn't so sad
I'm the only one who fell
It's lonely in this cell
Why can't I set myself free
Why the hell did I give you the key

Why am I waiting for the fall
When I lost my heart
Did I lose it all
Rain and lightning pouring down
Nothing left to do but drown
Why am I waiting for the fall

You tell me what to do (Your words...)
And I know you think I'm lazy (...don't
match...)

You're never gonna change me
(...your eyes)
If you think you can you're crazy
Baby don't touch me (Your eyes...)
Can't you see I'm sleepin' (...are full of
lies)
Dreaming the dirty secret
I know you think I'm keeping
(You've gotta smile...)
Makin' me feel guilty (...that makes me
drool)
Just for talking on the phone (...and a
smooth...)
Knowing everything I do (...kind of
cruel)
Like I'm something that you own
Something that you own
Try it one more time
Try it one more time

There were warning signs
I turned a blind eye to `em
Had my head in the clouds
And now I'm falling through `em
One way off this ride
And that's the hard way

You take me for granted
'Cause you don't think I'll do it
But I see the door
And this time I'm going through it
Just give me back my heart
You're tearing it apart
You don't want it anyway

Why am I waiting for the fall
When I lost my heart
Did I lose it all
Rain and lightning's pouring down
Nothing left to do but drown
Why am I waiting for the fall

Why am I waiting for the fall
I gave my heart
You took it all
The storm is telling me to run
But I'm still blinded by the sun
Why am I waiting for the fall

"Prayer For Love"

I found this song on Shaun Barker's album. I thought it would fit our format. I pushed this one the most country by asking for the banjo to kick it off. Billy does an amazing piano solo in the break, and we all had a ball singing the out choruses. It's just a good old time!

Been down this road before
And all of the signs they look the same
But something has changed this time
And I can't put my finger on it
Maybe I missed a turn
Or maybe I finally found my way
Something inside of me
Tells me that I might not be
Ready for this

Out on a ledge
About to fall head first
Into something so deep I just might
drown
Close my eyes and hold my breath
Say a prayer for love
Take a chance when my heart says go
Give my all, that's all I know
Do my best, believe it will be good
enough
This is my prayer for love

Been flying blind so long
It feels so good to finally see
The picture was so unclear
But I just put my finger on it
Life is a crazy game
And somehow they always change the
rules
But no matter how I play
Win or lose all the same
I was born to do this

Out on a ledge
About to fall head first

Into something so deep I just might
drown
Close my eyes and hold my breath
Say a prayer for love
Take a chance when my heart says go
Give my all, that's all I know
Do my best, believe it will be good
enough
This is my prayer for love

Say a prayer for love
Say a prayer for love
Say a prayer for love
Oh...

Out on a ledge
About to fall head first
Into something so deep I just might
drown
Close my eyes and hold my breath
Say a prayer for love
Take a chance when my heart says go
Give my all, that's all I know
Do my best, believe it will be good
enough
This is my prayer for love
Out on a ledge
About to fall head first
Into something so deep I just might
drown
Do my best, believe it will be good
enough
This is my prayer for love

"Both Sides Now"

I had the idea to do this song as a duet in the show I do with Michael, and I also sing it with Clint in my regular show. We adapted it yet again for this album by taking the key up. In much of the song I duet with myself, but there is also a lot of Shaun Barker singing with me. I think it's a really cool arrangement.

Rows and flocks of angel hair
And ice cream castles in the air
And feather canyons everywhere
I've looked at clouds that way

But now they only block the sun
They rain and snow on everyone
So many things I would have done
But clouds got in my way
I've looked at clouds from both sides
now
From up and down and still somehow
It's cloud illusions I recall
I really don't know clouds at all

Moons and Junes and ferris wheels
The dizzy dancing way you feel
As every fairy tale comes real
I've looked at love that way

But now it's just another show
You leave 'em laughing when you go
And if you care, don't let them know
Don't give yourself away

I've looked at love from both sides
now
From give and take, and still somehow
It's love's illusions I recall
I really don't know love at all

Tears and fears and feeling proud
To say I love you right out loud
Dreams and schemes and circus
crowds
I've looked at life that way

But now old friends are acting strange
They shake their heads, they say I've
changed
Something's lost, but something's
gained
In living every day

I've looked at life from both sides now
From win and lose and still somehow
It's life's illusions I recall
I really don't know life at all

"They Are The Roses"

This one is for our kids. It has a beautiful simple message and we got our little people involved. Billy's six-year-old stepdaughter and his one-year-old daughter and my eight-year-old son helped us out at the end. It took some coaxing and effort, but you hear each one sing a phrase in the last few measures ending with the adorable giggle.

Born with heaven in their eyes
God sent, innocent
The promise of life
Born into this mess we've made
Holding the future
And hope of better days
'Cause there is nothing more beautiful
And wild
Than the dreams that grow in the
heart
Of every child

They are the roses
They are the lights that shine
They are the waves that roll in the
ocean tide
They are angels
They are souls in flight
They are the hope that
Everything's gonna be alright
They are the roses

Imagine a place
Filled with happy sounds of
playgrounds
Where every child is safe
Where people join hands
And pray that the children
Will all have a chance
In every family, every tribe and every
town
We're the keepers of this garden
And we can't let them down

They are the roses
They are the lights that shine
They are the waves that roll in the
ocean tide
They are angels
They are souls in flight
They are the hope that
Everything's gonna be alright
They are the roses
They are the lights that shine

Imagine a place
Where all people join hands
Where every child is safe

They are the roses
They are the lights that shine
They are the waves that roll in the
ocean tide
They are angels
They are souls in flight
They are the hope that
Everything's gonna be alright

They are the roses
They are the light that shines
We are the roses (imagine a place)
We are the angels (they are the lights
that shine)
We are the roses
We are the angels

"Ghost"

I think this song has beautiful poetry. I had never heard it before and was really surprised by how great it is. It's not easy to make fine poetry sing in a pop format without sounding too precious. This one walks the line really well.

There's a letter on the desktop
That I dug out of a drawer
The last truce we ever came to
In our adolescent war
And I start to feel the fever
From the warm air through the screen
You come regular like seasons
Shadowing my dreams

And the Mississippi's mighty
But it starts in Minnesota
At a place that you could walk across
With five steps down
And I guess that's how you started
Like a pinprick to my heart
Now you rush right through me
And I start to drown

And there's not enough room
In this world for my pain
Signals cross and love gets lost
And time passed makes it plain
Of all my demon spirits
I need you the most
I'm in love with your ghost

Dark and dangerous like a secret
That gets whispered in a hush
When I wake the things I dreamt
about you
Last night makes me blush
And you kiss me like a lover
Then you sting me like a viper
I go follow to the river
Play your memory like a piper

And I feel it like a sickness

How this love is killing me
I'd walk into the fingers
Of our fire willingly
And dance the edge of sanity
I've never been this close
I'm in love with your ghost

Unknowing captor
You never know how much you
Pierce my spirit
But I can't touch you
Can you hear it
A cry to be free
I'm forever under lock and key
As you pass through me

Now I see your face before me
I would launch a thousand ships
To bring your heart back to my island
As the sand beneath me slips
As I burn up in your presence
And I know now how it feels
To be weakened like a Achilles
With you always at my heals

This bitter pill I swallow
Is the silence that I keep
It poisons me I can't swim free
The river is too deep
Though I'm baptized by your touch
I am no worse than most
In love with your ghost
I'm in love with your ghost

I'm in love with your ghost
I'm in love with your ghost
I'm in love with your ghost

"Make Today Beautiful"

Billy and Shaun wrote this song for the record and it is one of my favorites. It took the efforts of all three of us to massage it into the right shape, but I love how it turned out. There were music changes, several lyric changes, pushing, prodding, coaxing, tweaking, and I think the end result has a bit of a Fleetwood Mac vibe. Love it!

These wasted days
Have all piled up
And right there by the door
Are memories stretched
As far as I can see
But blank white pages
And brand new faces
Are all I'm looking for
The silly things that mattered
Don't matter like before

Let it rain
Let the sky fall down
No matter what I face
I'm gonna make today
Make today beautiful
I'm fighting the tide
Hope is my only guide
With this one ounce of faith
I'm gonna make today
Make today beautiful

Gonna cast these doubts
Into the breeze
And watch them fly away
Letting go of expectations
One by one
I'm not chasing perfect
It's not worth it
But things can't stay the same
So let the sky go dark now
Go ahead and

Let it rain
Let the sky fall down
No matter what I face
I'm gonna make today
Make today beautiful
I'm fighting the tide
Hope is my only guide
With this one ounce of faith
I'm gonna make today
Make today beautiful

Every change
Every ending
Takes me places I've never been
Who'd have guessed that I belong
here?

Let it rain
Just let the sky fall down
No matter what I face
I'm gonna make today
Make today beautiful
I'm fighting the tide
Hope is my only guide
With this one ounce of faith
I'm gonna make today
Make today beautiful

Let it rain
Let it rain
Let it rain
Let it rain

"Everything Comes And Goes"

This is a beautiful song that Jack Murphy wrote. When I was looking for material, I kept playing this song over and over trying to envision how I might do it. Billy and I came up with a very ethereal version. This is good to listen to in the car on a lonely stretch of road.

Turn down the covers and turn out the light
I don't need forever I only need tonight
Love's like a river it flows where it flows
And even a fool like me knows what she knows...
Everything comes and goes

After the love is gone, it's bare as winter trees
So why am I hangin' on like stubborn autumn leaves
Love's like the wild wind, it blows where it blows
And, God, how a broken heart learns what it knows...
Everything comes and goes

Somebody changes, somebody stays the same
There's no right, there's no wrong
There's no one to blame

Hearts will get restless as time takes its toll
Just like a river or the wind, I suppose...
Everything comes and goes