

## SHAWN PHILLIPS – BRIGHT WHITE LYRICS

### Bright White

Now I told you a long time ago  
That I'd hold you  
Never let you go behind  
Anywhere I might flow  
And I know you believe in me  
And I hope you are seeing my dream  
A whole lot of people in this world  
Is a running around

And it's a long way in the face of fear  
And there's a lot of men left without any tears  
Anymore  
And money is the name in the game of fame  
But the music don't come out quite the same  
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It's all about a bright white light  
Shining through your mind and guiding your way  
Mama put your arms around me  
Fill me with your joy and rock me tonight  
I said, bright white light  
Shining through your mind and guiding your way

I told you a long time ago  
That I'd hold you  
Never let you go behind  
Anywhere I might flow  
And I'll hold you in winter and spring  
And behold you in everything I sing  
Being in your arms is just like coming home

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### Salty Tears

Salty tears from a lady with electric knees  
Seven years I've been smoking that anti-freeze  
Silly fears and I never even held the keys  
Won't you please take another look  
Are you going to the marketplace  
Read another book  
Learn the rules of the human race  
Try to learn to cook  
'Cause there isn't time to see the face  
Wrapped in silk and lace

Paper men pentagon hives  
Paper men polluting our lives  
Paper men telling their lies

Start another war  
And you'll find it very hard to copy  
Spring it on the poor  
And you're acting like another Pope  
Well they won't take any more  
But they'll give another length of rope  
It's our only hope  
Flying like a bird  
In the open sky of fantasy  
Listen to the word  
Before you reach a state of entropy  
Well it really is absurd  
For a man to think he isn't free  
The key is me

Laced lady take another mountain  
Laced lady climb another mountain  
Laced lady what do you see  
Laced lady now you are free

### All The Kings And Castles

If all the kings and castles in the world are becoming one  
We'll ride in the light of God's desires  
And live in their house of none  
Conceived with the eyes of total love  
Live in the heart of everyone in love

And those that are there can find us  
And those that are not won't bind us  
For we cannot believe in the madness of your kindness  
And do you believe in changes  
And the way that the Lord arranges?

Are we going to fight Him every step of the way?

And small steps make a distance  
And I know your love reminiscence  
But the fact of the matter remains that we have to change  
And changes are the best way we can learn to be  
I see it in the fields and the forests  
And the colors in the rippling sea  
And in the ponds of stagnant water  
From the lack of running free

And peace is just a state of being  
It can come from letting love inside  
Filling you with warmth and calmness  
It's all that we can do is try  
And share it in the human circle  
And learn that there is no miracle in love

Victoria Emmanuele

Victoria Emmanuele, she looks so clean and lithe  
Victoria Emmanuele, finds it hard to pay the price  
Victoria, your mouth is open  
You look like you're catchin' flies  
You're sick and tired of all the games  
The polyglot and the lies  
Won't you,

Sing this song while you're walkin through your life  
Walk this way and you know it's gotta treat you right  
Victoria Emmanuele, is all right by me

Victoria Emmanuele, she's stickin' to her guns at last  
Victoria Emmanuele, she's sheddin' off an ugly past  
She's subsidized by lots of love  
Morality has just begun  
Filled to the brim with light divine  
She never feels the need to run  
And she,

Sings this song while you're walkin through your life  
Walk this way and you know it's gotta treat you right  
Victoria Emmanuele, is all right by me

Victoria Emmanuele, beginning to believe in life  
Victoria Emmanuele, discovered how to know the height  
Victoria Emmanuele, reality's not hard to find  
And all your days and all your ways  
It's the only thing we must define  
And you,

Sing this song while you're walkin through your life  
Walk this way and you know it's gotta treat you right  
Victoria Emmanuele, is all right by me

Victoria Emmanuele, she's keepin' on in every way  
She gets a little tired from time to time  
But everybody does today  
Too many people got specialized  
Ain't nobody got the time to sit with their friends  
And spend some love and put the washin' on the line

Planned "O"

Thought that I could come to Columbus  
'Twas a ship with voided sails  
There seemed a cavalier independence  
In the way that they told their tales  
About the riots kin to muted thunder  
And the bloodfall of useless hail  
Yet they revelled in an Indian summer  
While the sky was a silver pale  
And no one seemed to have an answer  
To the things that that entailed  
And she kept on lookin' at me  
Through a veil, through a veil

Simplified lovers in a whirlwind  
Scattered in the sparkling breeze  
Stronger in the mounting chaos  
Praying on a calloused knee  
Acting out their short devotions  
To the nonexistent one above  
Playing on the soul's emotions  
In the act of making love  
And it seems that they have found an answer  
In the memories they recall  
And it looks like we are going to the ball

And in their time they spoke of things appalling  
Of monarchs past and men to come and pray  
And though the prisoners were acquitted  
And the jury was committed to be slaughtered  
No presence graced their passing on that day

Planned obsolescence on a planet  
Begging for the basic needs  
All we got to do is sit and plan it  
Leaving out the guilt of greed  
Soaring through the years of fullness  
Stillness in the corpse's repose  
Space is at the edge of taking  
Peace is still the only road  
Ain't nobody really going nowhere  
'Till we learn to bear the load  
And I think I feel a surging in my soul

Vague moon hiding in the winter  
Tired sleepy people on the prowl

Mountain standing so majestic  
Listening to the motor's howl  
Everywhere children with potential  
Learn to play the same old games  
Etna gave a needed warning  
Hurricanes do the same  
Power to the people to protect them  
In the fast and driving rain  
And I think that we're about to use our brain

#### Lasting Peace Of Mind

I know where you'll find  
Lasting peace of mind  
Life is full of trial  
Don't you let yourself be defiled  
You know in your heart  
You have got a secret part  
School can't teach you all  
If so how should I be called  
And some will know my name  
For to them it has no shame  
I begin the game  
And 'tis I will end your name  
And time is made in your mind  
Made in your mind  
And you might go for the ride  
Go for the ride  
And you will love to be alive  
Gotta be alive

If you want to see  
Fill yourself with thee  
Can you sense your strength in the sea  
And rich and poor are void  
No one's soul can be destroyed  
Close your eyes and cry  
And you'll feel your laughter drawing nigh  
Take another look  
You'll see it coming over  
Take another look  
Don't you feel it flying by now  
Take another look  
It's a force of new creation  
Take another look  
It's a loss of all sensation  
Take another look  
'Cause it's rolling out of nothing  
Take another look  
'Cause there's definitely something there

#### Technotronic Lad

Well my eyes flew open this morning  
I was thinking about a troubled dream  
The technotronic lad was feeling very bad  
He was working on a naughty scheme  
If we can get some of that good brown rice  
From out of that oozi mud  
Throw it on a platter say lookee here  
I took it with my own red blood

Chorus:

No, you can't make me believe that's right  
You're wrong in what you say  
You computed your head  
While laying in a bed on a bright and sunny day  
Full of vermouth while searching for the truth  
In a slight haphazard way  
Then you told me that the band would play  
On a dull and gloomy day  
And I know it's not true

Well he got out his toy computer  
Little slide rule in green  
Started calculation with a bit of fabrication  
On a world with his promised dream  
Territorial right was what he had to fight  
And he said he knew that 'it ain't mine'  
But see here now child  
We been good everything'll just be fine

He was expending all of his power  
They took away one of his toys  
And old mother Hubbard was running around  
Saying what have you done to my boys  
With your nice clean clothes  
You're playing in the mud  
You don't listen to my advice  
Now sit here and get in this house  
And watch the cat go looking for mice  
Well I hope to God that that woman's right  
She's right in what she say

Dream Queen

How I hate to leave you  
How I hate to see you go  
I feel so down without you  
Dying surely couldn't get this low  
But the minute that we're together  
I can't think of anything other than you  
Looking in your eyes, totally surprised  
Far out on the limb, not another whim for you.

Do you miss me sometimes?  
Do you miss me in the night?

Do you read the moonbeams making tasseled silver light?  
And quicksilver's densely viscous  
Compared to the time it takes to get to you.  
Figure I can fly  
Never been so high  
Catch you from above  
You know that I'm in love with you

Dream queen, how you seem to shine  
Poised and lovely woman mine  
Sitting on your doorstep  
Waiting for your footsteps to come around  
People passing by me  
I could be entirely drowned  
And you know I heard you call  
And suddenly I joined the ball for you  
Not a petty thrill, forget your little pill  
Come and be my mate, then we'll celebrate  
One in two

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Catch me from above, you know that I'm in love with you

### It's A Beautiful Morning

Oh well I woke me up this morning in a happy way  
And I turned right over and I thought I'd say  
But you beat me to it you read my thoughts  
And you didn't say a word but that was enough  
It's a beautiful morning  
What a glorious day it is  
A beautiful morning and I hope it stays that way  
So we can go on out and play

And we're in England oh the land of I'm all right Jack  
Where Connie's in control, so is Interpol  
And 50,000 workers got the sack  
And I don't care about any or all of that  
I'm living my life and I'm loving the fact  
That I'm livin and it's a gas  
And then I'll think about the beauty  
That is in the air  
'Cause that's about all that's left for which I care  
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## Lady Of The Blue Rose

Lady, like a blue rose, soft and clear, you glow  
Woman, are you coming home?  
You know that I could love you so  
I'd never make you go  
Lady, of the blue rose  
In your time be mine  
I saw you from years ago  
I've told the truth  
And now you know  
You told me it was so

Lady, for a blue rose, will you share my life?  
Stars are born and then they die  
And I know that we could learn to fly  
For love can never die

The blue rose in the garden  
That someday may exist  
The blue rose of the legend  
That task of nature's twist  
The blue rose of a heaven  
That's deep within our souls  
The blue rose of our union  
The one that I behold, I behold, I behold

Lady, see the blue rose  
Make it shine for you  
Close your eyes and you will see  
And it will show you how to be  
And to care for me

Lady, you're my blue rose  
You're the only one  
Share this gift that we two have  
For all that need and cannot have  
For that may never pass by