

THE BEST OF SHAWN PHILLIPS LYRICS

She Was Waiting For Her Mother At The Station In Torino And
You Know I Love You Baby But It's Getting Too Heavy To Laugh
(Woman)

The glow
Around your face
When you see
The lightning race
I know
I'm very near
And I can hear
The thunder

A woman
Of perplexity
A woman
For eternity
A woman
Of the land
A woman
For a man
I'm down
On my knees
And I'm saying
Please believe me
It's hard
To fall out
Of love
Completely
It's harder
To find a way
To come back
Discreetly
To speak
Of things anew
To weep
In quiet blue
Brocade
Upon your bed
Memories should fade
At least of you
A sceptre
Of ice and fire
A spectre
Of my desire
A girl-child
Of such loveliness
The woman
Of my emptiness
A woman
Of famed renown
A woman
Who kicks the clown

A woman
Of the land
A woman
For a man

Keep On

Mama
When you coming home
Mama
When you coming home
Mama
You don't have to roam
Mama
You know you're coming home
If you look over there babe
You know you might find
Somethin' over there
Gonna blow your mind
Mama
When you coming home
Mama
You don't have to roam
Mama
It's another day
Mama
You know that you can stay
You can stay
Yes I keep on telling you
To keep on keeping on
I keep on telling you
To work it on out
Keep on telling you
To keep on keeping on
I keep on telling you
To work it on out
Mama
It's another day
Mama
You know that you can stay
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Sleepwalker

Sleepwalker
Walking around
Sleepwalker
Wearing a frown
Sleepwalker
Going downtown
Sleepwalker
Going all the way down
Cheap hotel
Cheap hotel
Cheap hotel
Cheap hotel

Song For Mr. C

Saturday morning yeah
I come in late
Just to find if you were there
Just to look at your long brown hair
And dream a dream out in the hall
Was that my name that's just been called?
I don't know, it could be
Have you got something to tell on me?
If you got something to tell on me babe
It better be good
Even though you hate me so much
I'm still comin' back
Like you knew I would
You can't believe
What I been through these last few months
It's very difficult to tell the difference
Between the trumps and the down home dumps
Only one thing I can say to you
Even if you don't believe it's true
It's true

It's our turn now
To find out where we're going
It's our turn now
To find out where you've been
It's our turn now
To keep the new direction
It's your turn now
To cast off all your sin

Fellatia Fellatia how do you plead
You don't have to plead
For anything that you really need
Plead have mercy
When the wind starts blowin' hard
And this cardboard world we're livin' in
It ain't forgotten
Out in the yard

Out in the yard
Where the air is cold
And there ain't no leaves to fall
He's lookin' hard at the ground for somethin'
Somethin' that won't show up
I keep lookin' back over my shoulder
Couple of good friends goin' by
Pour some wine over their fire
Don't let the tears stay in your eyes
He's not gone so very far
I know he's very near
'Cause every time I call his name
I know that he can hear

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Hey Mr. Roberts don't you tell me no lies
I don't mind you being vain
Pick up the phone in your whitewashed house
Simpering that same refrain
Three to five more years
Is all you got
For you to do your nasty thing
Making rain, suffering pain
Telling everybody that it's in his name
His name, whose name
What are you telling me
I don't believe your tales
Too many people in this world
Don't like being snails
If you gonna do it
Better get it together
Better go and make the change
Do it right now
Do it while it's warm
Do it while it's there within your range
It won't be so very hard
You better have no fear
Cause by the time you get it done
It'll be so clear

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I Took A Walk

I took a walk through the fields of America
I'll tell you what I saw in the middle of the garbage and erotica
I saw a man in pain crying to be free
Children in the rain, yelling out their glee
Well, singers on the plain, fused in harmony

Hey, Oh America, they want to love you, please be true to thee
Oh America, they want to love you, please be true to thee

People I have seen in the streets and communities
Running in a mortal fear of the violence and its companies
I saw a man in hand flying to the moon
Well, a rich man of the lands dying all too soon
I say people in the bands you really ought to learn this tune

Hey, Oh America, they want to love you, please be true to thee
Oh America, they want to love you, please be true to thee

I took a walk through the fields of America
I'll tell you what I saw, I saw a murder in a place called Attica
I saw a man called power who said you've got to fit my vision
I saw a man called law said if you don't I'm going to put you in the prison
I saw a man called peace who was shaking with the laughter of derision

Hey, Oh America, they want to love you, please be true to thee
Oh America, they're gonna to love you, please be true to thee
Oh America, they're gonna to love you, please be true to thee

I took a walk through the fields of America
I'll tell you what I saw
I saw the blizzards and the tropics
I saw mountain streams running free and clear, Lord
Creatures of my dreams so beautiful I shed my tears
You great and wondrous land
I wonder why you cannot hear me now

Hey, Oh America, they want to love you, please be true to thee
Oh America, they want to love you, please be true to thee
Oh America, they want to love you, please be true to thee
Oh America

America, America, America, America, America
America, America, America, America, America
America, America, America, America, America

Spaceman

Joy is at the end of hoping
Happiness is there some days

Jesus told me I'm a spaceman
And I believe in every word he says

Sorrow can keep you crying
Tomorrow I may be dying
Can I borrow some of your trying willful way
Baby, you won't believe me when I tell you
I want to hear what you have to say
It's just as important to me
As the rising of the sun each day

Another stage
Play I'm in a cage
Say, won't you tell me why you're in a rage

Lovely blond lady in a loose dress
Gave me joy when she said to me
I don't have to leave right now
'Cause I'm telling you I am free
Tellin' me she is free
Tellin' me baby, tellin' me she is free
Tellin' me baby, tellin' me she is free

From her mother
See
She's another
Be
Like no other

Put your bag and baggage in your head now
Walk about salt and land
When you find what you're looking for
Come back to this lonely man

Joy is at the end of hoping
Happiness is there some days
Jesus told me I'm a spaceman
And I believe in every word he says
I believe in every word he says, yeah
I believe in every word, believe in every word he says
I believe in every word, believe in every word he says
I believe in every word, believe in every word he says

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
Anymore

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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We

She is free, but she does not know the price she has to pay
And he could be a lover in the life she leads throughout the day
And they both could live together
They could live in peace
They both could be in love together
And make the world at ease
Floating through a sea of troubles
That the world around them makes
And it really doesn't matter when you know love's pattern

Because you know that that is all it takes

And she could be a mother and a daughter at the same time for a man
And he could be a father and a son for her future family plan
And they could raise a lot of healthy children
Bring 'em up in harmony
And teach them all the good things in this life
But most important teach them how to be
To be open and attentive and loving
When the world around them shakes
And it really doesn't matter when you know love's pattern
Because you know that that is all it takes

She is thee, she's every woman that's living in the world today
And he is me, and I'm looking for the woman that tells me she is free
And we all can live together
We all can live in peace
We all can be in love together
And make the world at ease
Working through a sea of troubles
That the world around us makes
And it really doesn't matter when you know love's pattern
Because you know that that is all it takes

Early Morning Hours

In the early morning hours,
When the dew is on the flowers
I can see
The day is near

And I can hear the church bells ringing
I can hear the birds are singing
Yes I hear
And it is real

And the splendor of the mountains
Through the glittering, splashing fountains
Are the thing that stop my breath
And make me weep

And the times that I spent roaming
Were a bright and shining omen
O'er the sea
Oh freedom be

And here I am still smiling
In the intricate asylum of society
Well I got to be

And the effluvium of excess
It is hidden at the behest of mentality
Of a low degree

And though it seems unstoppable
It is not yet improbable
That the man can have his cake and eat it too

And the times that he spent roaming
Were a bright and shining omen
O'er the sea
Oh freedom be

And I have fended off the dangers
From the friends and from the strangers
And the force is still inside me
And you know it only serves to guide me
Let me be
Only a day goes by you're free
Listen to me my friend you'll see
Listen to me

Listen to me my friend you'll see
Listen to me

And when the light it comes to guide me
I will not bow down and hide me no siree, respectfully
And it is better to be humble
Than pontificate and bumble
Through the spree
Of the people tree

And like the Martlett of the legend
I am on my way to heaven
If I do not touch the ground
I'll make it home
And the times that we'll be roaming
Are a bright and shining omen
O'er the sea, Oh Lord, Lord freedom be

And I have fended off the dangers
From the friends and from the strangers
And the force is still inside me
And you know it only serves to guide me
Let me be
Listen to me my friend you're free
Listen to me my friend you'll see
Listen to me

Song For Sagittarians

Oh, archer with your bowstring tight
Won't you let fly with your shaft of light
Are you hunting your quarry now
Are you leaving me babe, leaving anyhow
But I will remember you when the rain pours down
And I see you standing there in your bright blue gown
Fyodor's there, still he doesn't care

You're gone

Tell me you don't want to travel
To go back amidst the noise and babble
But you hear me when I tell you that
You know it won't be so long babe
You know you're coming back
And I'll wait right here till the sky is clear
And I'll keep looking into that endless sphere
And then you're gonna know
There really wasn't nothing to fear

So don't cry baby in the dark of night
When you know I ain't there to hold you tight
And I can't answer any of your questing glances
Like when we woke up in the morning
And we saw the dawn was storming
And the clouds were there love
Outside the window so fair
And the sun came rising
It was surprising
Cast out all your dark surmising
And then the car came
You spoke my name
And left me

But I'm not alone on this earth so fair
There's something else beside me here
Something keeps me ever looking forward
And it's brighter than the sunlight
And it's purer than the moonlight
And it's drawing me toward it
Like a moth out of the night
And I know I'll arrive
Where there ain't no time
Non-dimensional plane of joy sublime
Keep on being free
Lord it's gotta be
Infinity
Hey!

Lookin' Up Lookin' Down

I keep lookin' down out of my windows at the people below
So slow
I keep lookin' down out of my windows at the people below
Lordy, go slow
Sure would like to know what you been thinkin'
But I don't want to know when you been sinkin'
Go slow
Yeah, sure would like to know what you been thinkin'
But I don't want to know when you been sinkin'
Go slow
You see yourself in a coffee cup
But you cannot stimulate the future up

Go slow
You see yourself in a coffee cup
But you cannot stimulate the future up
Go slow
Every time I'm doin' a number
I'm thinkin' that I see your eyes
I keep crossing over borderlines
Seein' little babies die
And even though I'm economizing
I can't keep your high livin' style child
It takes so long to believe it Charlie
But what have you done to your smile
I keep lookin' down out of my windows at the people below
So slow
I keep lookin' down out of my windows at the people below
Lordy, so slow
The alternative to truth is hypocrisy
If you want to choose the latter you won't never be free
Go slow
The alternative to truth is hypocrisy
If you want to choose the latter you won't never be free
Go slow
Ain't no such thing as revolution
It's got another name
It's called evolution
Go slow
Ain't no such thing as revolution
It's got another name
It's called evolution
Go slow
Part of being free is a state of mind
You just got to learn to leave it all behind
Go slow
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You just got to learn to leave it all behind
Go slow