

## SHAWN PHILLIPS – FURTHERMORE LYRICS

### January First

I'll sing you a song of the deepest blue, if you tell me all the colors that you see in the human hue  
I'll sing you a song of the brightest hope, if you show me a man who's reassured that he can cope  
I'll sing you a song of beige and livid green, if you show me an earth that is slowly getting clean  
And I'll raise your spirit higher, make you tremble with delight, if you lay down all your weapons, if you  
make the truth your fight  
Lay down all your weapons, if you make the truth your fight  
If you make the truth your soulmate, keep it with you all the time, then by the grace of God inside, you'll  
live in heaven's clime  
If you talk to me of atom bombs, if you explain what they are for, I'll sing you all the songs I know about a  
world I see at war  
A war that's greatly based on fear that's the only way they'll work, authority and governments they hide  
behind their smirk  
For they think that you don't know it yet they think you're not aware, that the potential of the human soul  
lies just in human care  
So won't you sing this silly song with me, come and give me a gift, we all are one in life and love, we all  
provide the lift

### Starbright

Starlight burn bright  
Countless eons of time  
Have you burned that way for a billion years  
Glittering ever brightly  
And I see earthrise, our eyes  
How much longer to go  
Little sphere of dirt that we live upon  
Trembling in its last throes  
And I say no man, all can  
Carry part of the load  
Do you have to get paid for survival  
In your old age  
Think right what you gonna do  
Look at your child will he follow you  
Take another look 'cause your baby's liable to die  
Politicians have their say, you once mattered  
But you're in the way, why do we let these  
People run our lives,  
For the country isn't run by the statesmen now  
But by the gentry who see  
And I see starbright, cold light  
Shining through the night

### Breakthrough

All your tears come rolling down your cheeks  
I been watching you build this for several weeks  
Do you want to stay with me now, do you want to be so free, so free

Eight long years, you've gotta forget the days of pain  
All your life you cannot fight every drop of rain  
If you need me call me over, if you want me hold me closer, so near

Don't wake up and start your day so down  
I'll be there to make like I'm your clown  
With your laughter you fill my heart now, with your sorrow you're tearing me apart, my heart

Turn me round, I've got to find a way  
Woman gotta live, gotta be a mother  
Woman gotta give, gotta be a lover  
Woman ought to live her life the way she feel  
Woman ought to have the choice to make the deal

Hush your crying, brush my lips on yours  
Miss your sighing, swept out on the moors  
In your pain it's not so plain if I'm the one  
That is to blame, my name

When he's grown and gone his way in time  
Send him strong and full of love and lime  
He's the one now make him happy, we're not done yet  
I'll be his pappy, he's free

#### Ninety Two Years

Ninety two years of progress is beginning to decry the toil  
City in chaos, country apathetic and there's something wrong with the soil  
Secondhand truth, people so aloof  
Don't you see your senator crying  
Helpless, selfless, living off the lifeless  
Ain't no wonder that there's so much prying

Sillified scenes of mongoloid plans  
Anything to make a buck  
Riptide, sulphide, throw it in the river  
And your water's going to turn to muck  
Maximinity, inferiority, they always gonna go together  
Hamlet is the loser and Apollo is the winner  
'Cause they tell me that's the new frontier now

God is on the road, along with Mr. Toad  
They're looking for another planet  
Christ is on a cross, he suffered heavy loss  
And we're worshipping a piece of granite  
Buddha's sittin' still, high upon a hill  
He couldn't care one way or the other  
Allah's in the bath, he doesn't want to laugh  
'Cause he's sick of tellin' us we're brothers

Chorus:  
We go to grow  
I say grow  
Grow

See You

See you  
Free you  
Then I think you'll find you have  
The time to be you  
And your days will stay so high  
Filled with love of life and God inside  
And the little things that bug you  
Don't you let them get you down  
I'll be there to hug you  
When I think you're on the brink of down

Love you  
Want you  
A million different reasons why I need you  
I will keep you safe and sound  
Fields of jasmine round  
To tie your hair  
To see you there  
In the haze that comes with summer  
In the blue mist of your slumber  
I will come to you in wonder  
And I think I'll sometimes ponder  
Are you me?

Dawn rise, sun sighs  
I can see into your eyes  
Green and gold morn, reflected o'er born  
We speak in few words, we still the very birds  
In love's belauded world, against the madding world

Troof

And the truth shall make you free  
And the light is all around us  
Even though some people really couldn't give it a damn  
But those people gonna find out that the world  
Is here to feel  
And oh my God I do feel real, feel so real, real

Take my heart and lead me through  
Will you be with me tomorrow?  
Spinning my soul with all your love and care  
And if you do decide to leave me  
Then you must know the way I feel  
And oh my God I do feel real, feel so real, real

Since the time I saw your face  
I have wondered how to touch you  
Bright light shining through the depths  
Of my very core

And if you do decide to leave me  
I will lose my even keel  
But I'll still know I did feel real, felt so real, real

And the truth shall make us free  
And I speak of a love unending  
Even though some people really won't give it a chance  
But we are here to make it stronger  
For as many as want to feel  
And oh my God, we could be real, could be real, real

### Song For Northern Ireland

Come to thee, the peace, on a green and lovely island  
If you please, if you please  
Where the gorse is brightly growing  
In the mirror of the morning  
And the sweeping hills surround you  
And the time it cannot bind you  
With the cattle grazing slowly  
While the sun is setting lowly to the ground  
Such a golden sun above thee  
When the rain is not upon thee  
And the emerald glint abounds thee  
And the colors dost astound thee  
Can you see them through the bloodbath?  
Can you see them through the tears your people shed?  
And the wrath of God now smolders  
And the weight's upon your shoulders  
And the weight is never ending  
'Till you're stopping all the killing  
Don't you see?

### Mr. President

Great God! What do you see  
It's falling to the ground  
The very fabric of our lives  
Is turning upside down  
We learn to kill before we read  
To turn the bastard round  
We got the means to foil the world  
Does that mean we got to do it now?

Hey Mr. President I really do hope  
That you don't watch your T.V.  
And keep your fingers  
Away from those buttons

For me and my family and my friends afar  
And the ones we haven't met  
We are aware of your sophisticated toys

And the violence they beget  
We don't approve of the way things are  
Much less the present set  
Things gotta change in the next ten years  
'Cause we don't intend to buy the farm yet

Mr. Prime Minister won't you administer  
Decrees to decrease the war  
It really ain't funny when you're  
Makin' that money from

Gore and blood and spillin' his guts  
And he really doesn't understand why  
We been fillin' his head with  
Vicarious dreams, 'bout the paradise  
In the sky, and if you don't kill him  
We'll kill you is our insidious reply  
'Cause it's gone full circle  
And returned again  
And nobody really knows why

Hey Mr. Premier won't you take another year  
To let your people be  
Elevating, tolerating  
All that they could be creating

#### Talking In The Garden

Talking in the garden  
Yelling at the yardman  
Can you look me in the eye with a clear live gaze  
Through a knowing haze  
All of us are slowly  
Trucking through a world of pain  
But being through the bane and the flat out rain  
There's love around the man  
Kindled by the work that he deems to do his way  
Savior of a planet in its dying throes  
He knows what must be done  
Call upon the sun  
Your actions intermittent, and you're slightly  
Non-committal of your plans

Passing through the pasture  
Have you ever asked her  
If she'd like to spend the day  
Fill your heart and soul  
Make you feel real whole  
Can you make a promise to the wind  
That sets you free?  
That you'll help us in our age  
While we turn the page of life  
Using our compassion in a way  
That we know is right

Color isn't valid when there is no  
Black and white, there's only light  
Don't you be so mean  
All is ever changing  
And my God it's so  
Amazing what we've seen

No is not the answer  
That could give you cancer  
Yes is what you have to say  
To a world at large what a garbage barge  
When will we begin to try  
And make some peace  
And money's such a bitch it can make you  
Rich and poor to want some more  
Ironic little rival to the fact  
Of mere survival, what's in store?  
Harmony resulting from the force of many minds  
Of different kinds  
Waking isn't trite  
Spin us ever upward, can we do without  
Our supper for the  
Light in every being  
Seeing is believing  
Loving when we're able  
Cards upon the table  
Turn a world of sadness  
Full of sudden gladness  
Then we'll have some time to  
Boogie!