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MY TRUE NAME



## **I Should've Known Better**

By Carrie Newcomer

Been a long time comin'  
And the cards were stacked  
It's been a long hard road  
To hell and back  
Your love meant trouble from the day we met  
You won every hand and I lost every bet  
Now you'd think that I should've known better  
Now you'd think that I would have seen it come  
My heart sank when I read that letter  
It sank like a stone  
It sank like a stone  
A cup of cold coffee, yesterday's mail  
Hard love like that's always bound to fail  
Your love meant trouble from the day we met  
If you want your things I put them out  
On the front step  
Now you'd think that I should've known better  
Now you'd think that I would have seen it come  
My heart sank when I read that letter  
It sank like a stone  
It sank like a stone  
All alone in my kitchen, All alone in my bed  
Some things you can't take back once they've been said  
I don't know what this love is for  
All I know is baby  
I don't want it anymore  
Now you'd think that I should've known better  
Now you'd think that I would have seen it come  
My heart sank when I read that letter  
It sank like a stone  
It sank like a stone  
It's been a long time comin'  
And the cards were stacked

It's been a long hard road  
To hell and back.

## **When One Door Closes (another Door Opens Wide)**

By Carrie Newcomer

When one door closes another door opens wide  
It's hard to believe all of the locked doors I've tried  
And you can't pray for what you want or what you'd have instead  
You can only offer up your heart and ask that you be led

Life's gonna take you, where you never thought you'd go  
When you finally think you've got it down, It isn't so  
There are windows and doors, you're not finished with yet  
It's not always getting what you want, but wanting what you get

Chorus

It's not gettin' easier, so I'm not going to pretend  
That I know this story from it's beginning to it's end  
Oh believe me when I tell you, believe me if you can

If I could turn down the noise of my own will and choice  
I could hear the truth of my life in a clear voice  
I will bow down my head to the wisdom of my heart  
Cool my heels and hold on to the best parts

Chorus

## **So Long**

By Carrie Newcomer

I don't know why  
I can't say no  
I guess I should  
But I can't let go  
Any day I'll be all right  
But not tonight

But come away from the window and close the blind  
And sleep on the couch when the bed's too wide  
Who said you could keep this heart of mine  
This long  
This long  
So long  
There's a quiet in this room  
The TV don't fill  
And I know I'll be better soon  
But come away from the window and close the blind  
And sleep on the couch when the bed's too wide  
Who said you could keep this heart of mine  
This long  
This long  
So long  
And there's a bitter taste in my mouth  
That's salt and spice and sweet  
With one last sigh the leaves let go  
And fall down to the street  
Not much to say so I won't call  
Don't even want to try  
And I'll make some sense of it all  
But come away from the window and close the blind  
And sleep on the couch when the bed's too wide  
Who said you could keep this heart of mine  
This long  
So long

## **The Moon Over Tucson**

By Carrie Newcomer

We just can't help it so we do it again  
We just gun the gas and let the wheels spin  
It's true and I've heard it said  
We're not so very far from the back of our heads  
And the moon shines high over Tucson  
Over waters that were long ago dried  
Cause the moon don't care if the water's not there  
It's high tide  
Isn't it physical, and we can't pretend  
That we know where this starts and where this thing ends  
It's a mystery and we don't know why  
So we just breathe in deep and close our eyes  
And the moon shines high over Tucson  
Over waters that were long ago dried  
Cause the moon don't care if the water's not there  
It still tries  
It calls to the water and it calls to the land  
It calls to the hearts of women and men  
It calls to the water and it calls to the land  
It calls to the hearts of women and men  
Isn't it a pity, isn't it a shame  
That so much of what we are we won't call by name  
And it's crazy in little ways  
In the light of each and every full phase  
And the moon shines high over Tucson  
Over waters that were long ago dried  
Cause the moon don't care if the water's not there  
It's high tide  
And the moon shines high

## **Take it Around Again**

By Carrie Newcomer

Too hot to sleep in this room tonight  
Just too restless to try  
I've been folding my prayers into paper airplanes  
Leaning out the window and watching them fly  
Music fills the air  
Waiting for something  
I know isn't there  
But there is no shame or sin  
In saying "Take it around again"

Sometimes this all feels like a long slow dream  
With the years just spilling by  
Sometimes I think I've given all I can  
But then I think again  
And that's a sorry lie  
Music fills the air  
Waiting for something  
I know isn't there  
But there is no shame or sin  
In saying "Take it around"  
"Take it around again"

God bless those hearts that never rest  
Who haunt these roads and rooms  
May we all pay off our debts  
And sleep at home  
Some night soon  
There's just no brass ring hangin' way out there  
Just beyond our reach  
I guess I believe that we are born to try  
And that I've always had one hell of a ride  
Music fills the air  
Waiting for something

I know isn't there  
But there is no shame or sin  
In saying "Take it around "  
"Take it around "  
"Take it around again"

## **My True Name**

By Carrie Newcomer

Let me call you darlin', maybe call you sweetheart  
Don't you hate it when they call you Louise  
But isn't it scary, when they want to call you Mary  
A whore, or a saint, or a tease.

But you came here in summer, you'd been living in Manhattan  
You caught me wide eyed and half sane  
But you saw to my center past every imposter  
And you whispered My True Name

I have been Betty, Eleanor and Rosie  
I've been the shamed Magdaline  
And if the truth be known I've attempted Saint Joan  
Donna, and Sarah, and Jane

For we all have our heros and we all have tormentors  
and we'll play them again and again  
But you saw to my center, past every imposter  
And you whispered My True Name

And if you see me standing on the banks of Lake Griffy  
Throwing white bits of paper to the wind  
I'm just throwing the shards, of all my calling cards  
And I'm speaking My True Name

I'm just throwing the shards, of all my calling cards  
And I'm whispering My True Name

## **The Razor's Edge**

By Carrie Newcomer

There's a shifting of the shadows down along the woods  
There's an echo of a gun down in the hollow

The neighbor's dog is barking like a wild thing that's been caught  
Howling like there ain't no tomorrow

I've walked out on this ridge  
And walked the razor's edge

And something still is calling me back again  
Handed off like a secret, passed down like an heirloom  
You've taken on their sorrows for pity or for love  
Not because you want to, not because you have to  
Just because it's time for the grieving to be done

You've walked out on this ridge  
And walked the razor's edge

And something still is calling you back again  
We are walking in the darkness  
We are walking hand in hand  
We are walking out in the darkness again

So close the door, slam the door put it softly in it's frame  
You can walk on through, walk on out  
No two doors are ever quite the same  
And I'm pretty strong, but I've never been that tough  
But when It comes to walking  
That's still good enough  
I've walked out on this ridge  
You've walked the razor's edge  
And something still is pulling us back again

## **Just a Little Hand**

By Carrie Newcomer

Just a little hand can be a great big help  
It can make a big difference  
And there's a better plan than to do this ourselves  
There is another point of reference and  
I've never known an island  
and I've never seen it work that way  
I've come to understand  
We do the best we can  
But everybody needs a little hand  
Just and little hand can go a long long way  
And there's no shame in askin' and yes  
No matter what they do  
Or what they say  
You can't live without a little tenderness  
There's always gifts of kindness  
And there's always little acts of bravery  
I've come to understand  
We do the best we can  
But everybody needs a little hand  
So call if your ever alone or down  
And you need someone to be around  
Just call  
Just a little hand can be a great big help  
It can make all the difference  
And there's no reason to doubt  
There is no story or fiction here, and  
I've never known an island, and  
I've never seen it work that way  
I've come to understand  
We do the best we can  
But everybody needs a little hand  
So call if your ever alone or down  
And you need someone to be around

I've come to understand  
We do the best we can  
But everybody needs a little hand  
Just a little hand

## One Good Turn

By Carrie Newcomer

Where do we start  
How do we proceed  
It's been such a long time  
Just to sit here and bleed  
It's hard enough to see you  
A bit of a surprise  
This bittersweet feeling  
And the look in your eyes  
Now one good turn deserves another  
Let's at least try to be kind  
Don't forget when things were better  
In another life in another time  
Oh in another time  
When this started it was a lifetime ago  
You were dying to tell me  
And I was aching to know  
You kissed me hard  
Like a question mark  
And we carved our names  
On each other's hearts  
Chorus  
There's no more pride for us to swallow  
All that's left is a little scar  
Isn't love too much to figure  
So why are you laughing  
And why am I smiling  
You still feel good and your skin smells nice  
It was a marriage of body and spirit  
When I was yours  
And you were mine  
Chorus

## Something Worth Fighting For

By Carrie Newcomer and Pierce Pettis

There's stormy seas this side of heaven  
No guarantees of reaching shore  
Well I'm not perfect and you're no better  
But this is something worth fighting for  
We got something worth fighting for  
It's not enough these hearts and flowers  
You build your home on something more  
When life gets tough then  
Love must be tougher  
This is something worth fighting for  
We got something worth fighting for  
For everything I ever wanted  
And I never wanted less  
Than a lifelong true companion  
And a love that can always stand the test  
We can be strong  
Come hell or thunder  
Mightier than the sword  
This time we're on the side of the angels  
Cause this is something worth fighting for  
We got something worth fighting for  
This is something worth fighting for  
Worth fighting for



## **Close Your Eyes**

By Carrie Newcomer

I believe we're born good from the start  
And we come equipped with a piece of God in our hearts  
But the world exacts a hard and bitter cost  
And some of us get oh so very lost  
Close your eyes  
Your heart knows why  
And what's the truth  
And what's the lie  
Through each mistake and every old regret  
and every hope that hasn't come through yet  
I still believe though it's crazy that I might  
And like a diamond shines each bit of light  
Close your eyes  
Your heart knows why  
And what's the truth  
And what's the lie  
So how I got this job I'll never know  
But when it calls you can't refuse to go  
So most of us just do the best we can  
And in this stumbling world just try to stand  
Close your eyes  
Your heart knows why  
And what's the truth  
And what's the lie

## **The Length of My Arms**

By Carrie Newcomer

I've always had long arms  
and my sleeves never fit.  
And my mother would worry  
about my dangling wrists and  
I never grew to tall,  
but it did me no harm  
To never grow into  
the length of my arms

What I have embraced,  
what I've carried for years  
Like a bucket of self doubt,  
like a basket of fears  
but we finally cherish  
what we got from the start  
Like the length of our own arms  
and the shape of our hearts

I dreamt I was flying,  
and I dreamt of my mother  
She was walking in paradise  
with one saint or another  
and I looked out at my own arms  
and they felt so strong  
and really quite lovely  
though ridiculously long