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EMBER SWIFT

**STICKS AND  
STONES**



## 1. MANNEQUIN

I got nothing to give you  
nothing to offer  
I've got nothing to sell you  
that hasn't been given away  
I've got nothing to tell you  
it all has been bartered  
my heart is a weekend market  
on a Sunday

you don't love me, as far as I can tell  
you don't love me, at least not very well

take a look at all the streets  
where you've been walkin', walkin'  
only you know where you've been  
and I know you've got a thing  
for window shoppin', shoppin'  
but baby, I am not your mannequin

well I've been picked over long ago  
and I don't care what you say  
I'm old enough to know  
that love is not for display  
when you're weary of the show  
and you've wandered far astray  
don't go knockin' on my window  
on a Sunday

you don't love me, as far as I can tell  
you don't love me, at least not very well

take a look at all the streets...

my love will not so easily be bought  
and sold

my love will not so easily do what it's told  
you don't love me, at least not very well, oh

take a look at all the streets...  
baby, I am not your mannequin

## 2. LNND (LOVE NEEDS NO DICTIONARY)


she was a foreigner, he was a local  
they met in a bar downtown  
they learned that language  
was not always vocal  
here's how it all went down

they laughed til their bellies ached,  
acted out meanings  
sang all the melodies  
that fit with their feelings

they didn't have a common phrase  
had to find another way  
to say the things they had to say  
there was so much to say

but how could he convince her  
to stay with him there?  
and how could she explain her history?  
all they could do was stare at each other  
silence on fire  
love needs no dictionary

they danced many nights away,  
let the groove guide them  
they liked how the other moved  
and loitered in restaurants,  
the waiters all eyed them



as they tasted each other's food  
they didn't have a common phrase...  
but how could he convince her  
to stay with him there?...

she was a worrier, he was a dreamer  
they met somewhere in between  
she learned to hear her heart,  
she made his head clearer  
just what the other needs

they didn't have a common phrase...  
but how could he convince her  
to stay with him there?...  
love needs no dictionary

### 3. BALLOON

there once was a balloon  
in a little girl's hand  
but she was not careful  
the balloon flew away  
up high in the sky, up high, up high  
she had to say goodbye to her balloon

there once was a balloon  
in a little boy's hand  
but he was not careful  
the balloon flew away  
up high in the sky, up high, up high  
he had to say goodbye to his balloon

if you want a balloon to hold in your hand  
you've got to be careful  
it does not fly away



up high in the sky, up high, up high  
or you'll have to say  
goodbye to your balloon

oo-oo, uh-oh

### 4. STARS ARE MANY

you know when night hits the sky  
and it's a shimmering star show  
into the blackness the light flows  
that is my love, love, love

just always know that this stellar light  
is even there on a cloudy night  
just like the stars, I will never go  
that is my love, love, love

one small change on this path of life  
and I gasp to think  
you may not have arrived  
as I watch you rest,  
I know I've been blessed  
and I have to wipe my eyes

what we wish, it all can be  
when once I had regrets  
now I don't have any  
I love you as much as the stars are many

try counting sparkles in sunlight  
or add up droplets in water  
grains of sand even harder  
that is my love, love, love

my love I know is as infinite  
as is the beauty of your silhouette

just like the stars and their perfect glow  
that is my love, love, love

one small change on this path of life...

what we wish, it all can be...

love can be as simple as the stars  
as dependable as ours  
but if you ever doubt  
wait for the night  
then look out at the stars

what we wish, it all can be...  
I love you as much as the stars are many

### 5. CHEAP DRUNK

well, I'm a cheap drunk, give me one  
and I'm flyin'  
a cheap drunk, give me two and I'm cryin'  
a cheap drunk, give me three  
and I'm tryin' you on for size  
please now don't you criticize  
no, no, no, now don't you criticize

give me one drink  
and I'm sure to be cheery  
give me two drinks and I'm happy really  
give me three drinks  
and I'm goin' on ecstatic  
give me four drinks  
and I'm sure to have had it

but i'm not really sure where  
or with whom  
'cuz by the second beer I'm horny

they're tellin' me go rent a room  
oh, now don't you criticize  
no, no, no, now don't you criticize

I'm a cheap drunk,  
give me one and I'm flyin'...  
but I only pay for it the next day  
so if you're comin' home with me baby  
I suggest you slip away  
or else you'll be rubbin' my back  
swearin' you still find me hot  
when I am clearly not  
no, no, no, now don't you criticize

give me one drink  
and I'm sure to be cheery...  
... and I'm sure to have had it  
with that white wine  
ooo, you're lookin' fine,  
with that white wine  
no, no, no, now don't you criticize  
I am a cheap drunk

### 6. SLEEP

we used to spend every night together  
I thought it would last forever  
but then it did end  
you were my best friend  
how could you let me go?

sleep, I took you for granted  
you are among the precious things  
on this planet  
but now the world has got another  
and she is cryin' for her mother

sleep, come back to get me  
sleep, please don't forget me

sleep, how could you let me go?

I used to share all my dreams with you  
and now it seems what they say is true  
look to the future  
and let the past blur  
how could you let me go?

sleep, I took you for granted...

I thought you'd be there for me every day  
I never thought you'd go away

sleep, I know you can't hear  
a word I'm saying  
sleep, I know it's not clear  
that's 'cuz I'm praying  
for reprieve, and I'm grieving rest

sleep, I took you for granted...  
you are among the precious things  
on this planet

but now the world has got another  
and he is cryin' for his mother  
sleep, come back to get me  
sleep, please don't forget me  
sleep, how could you let me go?

I thought you'd be there for me every day  
I never thought you'd go away

oh sleep, sleep, sleep,  
I took you for granted

## 7. ELBA

she tried to cross the island  
staring back at Italy  
who draws all the lines then  
except the savvy salty sea?  
France was not to blame then  
floods were currents from the north  
and ocean blades will split skin  
if you dare go back and forth

I don't know, I don't know you  
you don't know, you don't know me  
Elba, you could have been girl  
Elba, I won't divide your world anymore,  
I promise you  
you made the oceans floor rise,  
Elba find my eyes:  
let the waters go

she tried to cross the island  
good sense drowning in the west  
so just stay dry and silent my friend  
and try to give the east your best

I don't know, I don't know you  
you don't know, you don't know me...

let the waters go, you know, you know,  
you know  
you've got to let the waters go  
you know you cannot go there,  
you've just gotta hold on there  
oh, Elba, Elba, Elba  
I don't know, I don't know you  
you don't know, you don't know me...

## 8. I WISH I MAY 我想一想

I wish I may, I wish I might  
have this wish I wish tonight  
then everything would be alright  
I wish I may

I wish that you would soon appear  
then we could be together, dear  
our love would grow year after year  
I think it might, I think it might

if everyone could have their wishes  
life would be a merry song  
but there're so many wishes  
and so much could go wrong

I wish I may, I wish I might  
have this wish I wish tonight  
then everything would be alright  
I wish I may, I wish I might

我想一想，我很希望  
今晚我有个梦想  
每件事都会孟浪  
我这样想  
我希望你很快出现  
亲爱的和你一起唱  
我们的爱年年增长  
我这样想  
若每人都有他的梦想  
生活像快乐歌唱  
但我们不能确定  
是否能实现梦想  
我想一想，我很希望

今晚我有个梦想  
每件事都会孟浪  
我这样想

## 9. LOWLY WORM

lowly, lowly, lowly worm  
where are you?  
I can't find you  
you're lowly worm

you have a feather in your cap  
you wear it to the side  
everybody loves you like that  
why do you always hide?

lowly, lowly, lowly worm...  
your shirt is blue  
you have one shoe  
you're lowly worm

## 10. NANSHOU 难受

我太难受  
心情不好，睡的不够  
我太难受  
得到的太少，乐趣不够

给我一瓶啤酒  
把烦恼都赶走  
我真不管你說什麼  
我确实不完美  
你到底是誰  
觉得我应该長大?



太难受， 太难受

我太难受  
工作太多， 我累到不行  
我太难受  
我只想忘记所有的事情

给我一瓶啤酒。。。。

过了一晚上  
我发现太快亮  
我终于回家  
然后睡了一会儿

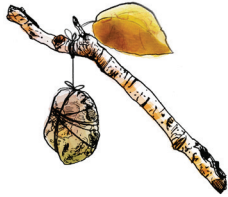
现在第二天  
对自己有意见  
我太难受

我太难受  
头疼很厉害， 请对我温柔  
我太难受  
我真的一点食欲都没有  
我太难受  
玩得太过， 喝得太多了  
我发誓我永远不会再喝

给我一瓶白水  
今天会很累  
我想睡一天  
不想起来  
我确实不完美  
请给我安慰  
知道我喝酒不应该

太难受， 太难受

给我一瓶啤酒。。。。



*English Translation:*

I really don't feel well  
in a bad mood, didn't sleep enough  
I really don't feel well  
attained too little, not enough joy

give me a bottle of beer  
it'll help me shed these frustrations  
I really don't care what you say  
I'm certainly not perfect  
but who are you to say  
I should grow up?

really don't feel well, really don't feel well  
I really don't feel well  
work too much, beyond exhausted  
I really don't feel well  
I just want to forget everything

the night went by  
noticed the sun was coming up  
finally went home and slept for a while  
now it's the next day  
I only have myself to blame  
I really don't feel very well

I really don't feel well  
have a crazy headache, be gentle with me  
please  
I really don't feel well  
I don't have even a little bit of an appetite  
I really don't feel well  
overdid the fun, drank too much  
I swear I'll never drink again!

give me a bottle of water  
today will be a tired day

want to sleep all day, don't want to rise  
I know I'm not perfect  
give me a little comfort please  
I know I shouldn't drink  
really don't feel well, really don't feel well  
give me a bottle of beer...

## II. SUCH LENGTHS

I want you to know  
why you go to such lengths  
and then you will know  
if you'll have enough strength

your storms, how they rage and blow  
voice raised like an axe  
and after you stage your show  
you collapse

I want you to know  
why you go to such lengths  
and then you will know  
if you'll have enough strength

no one is here to slow  
the path to your fame, no  
so stop blaming the world  
for not yet knowing your name

I want you to know  
why you go to such lengths  
(do you know? do you know?)  
and then you will know  
to whom you owe the most thanks

(do you know? do you know?)

when you are lonely just know I am here  
playing your song, my love  
I'll be your width and your height  
and your sphere  
I'm not saying you're wrong, my love  
but maybe your length is too long,  
my love?

(do you know? do you know?)

yes, you are all the rage  
the picture of style, I've studied you well  
but your heart is as fragile  
as a seashell

I want you to know  
why you go to such lengths  
(do you know? do you know?)...

## 12. DOG AND MONKEY

there's a dog and a monkey  
going to a park  
and when they're at the park together  
they always search for rocks and feathers  
and when they're at the park together  
they always hope for sunny weather

there's a dog and a monkey  
going to a park  
and when they're at the park together  
they like to dance and they like to sing  
and when they're at the park together

they always eat all the snacks  
their mommy's bring

oh, oh, a dog and a monkey  
going to a park  
what does the dog say?  
he says, "woof, woof, woof, woof"  
and what does the monkey say?  
he says, "give me my banana!"

### 13. SAID WHAT YOU SAID

time has rolled under me  
like asphalt under car tires  
I am a thunder tree channeling lightning  
like church spires  
like roasting marshmallows on a campfire  
I keep turning your words  
around in my head  
but I still feel so raw

how could you have said what you said?  
why not just burn me up instead?  
roll over me leave me for dead?  
how could you have said what you said?

I feel nowhere near as special  
as a snowflake  
I invited you here just to wrestle you  
for ego's sake  
drowning lakes are clear  
until they're opaque  
with the sound  
of your own drowning breath  
I can still feel that veil of death fluttering

how could you have said  
what you said....?

sometimes sticks and stones  
would be kinder  
than all this mental chatter  
and words as we all know  
are not supposed to really matter  
it would be so much easier  
to blame the flame for our pain,  
to curse the wheel  
but it's so much worse to know  
it's simply how you feel

nothing comes to us we didn't beckon  
the only chance is now,  
there is no second  
in the end, we are just dust to dust,  
flecks on history's screen  
we are nothing but loose memories  
what else are we trying to be?

how could you have said  
what you said....?



### 14. WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU

Oh my darlin' you are my darling boy  
Oh my darlin' I'd give you all my joy  
Oh my darlin' you are my darling girl  
Oh my darlin' I'd give you all my world

I don't know what I'd do without you  
except go to a café and stay there all day  
I don't know what I'd do without you  
except work on a song all day long  
I don't know what I'd do without you  
except miss you all the time

Oh my darlin' ....

I don't know what I'd do without you  
except sleep in until eleven  
I don't know what I'd do without you  
except have a conversation  
without an interrupt—  
I don't know what I'd do without you  
except miss you all the time

I'd miss you all the time,  
oh my babies  
I'd miss you all the time

### 15. TIRED

you are tired, so very tired  
now it's time to close your eyes  
you are tired, so very tired  
yeah it's time to say good night

mommy's here now and I will hold you  
til you're feeling safe and warm  
mommy's here now, I love the whole you  
all my life, I'll be your home

you are tired, so very tired...  
all my life, I'll be your home

### 16. YOU, MY LOVE

you, my love  
you, my love  
how I love you my love  
you, my love  
you, my love  
I love you, my love

when you're afraid  
in the night, call for me  
I am just down the hall  
I will rise and come see you  
when you're afraid  
in the night, call for me  
and you'll see  
how I love you, my love

