

THE HIGHWAY

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DRINKIN' (HOLLY WILLIAMS)

Why are you drinkin' like the night is young
Why are you drinkin' like the night is young
The kids are in the bed and the day is long done
So why are you drinkin' like the night is young

Why are you screamin' like I don't have ears
Yeah why are you screamin' like I don't have ears
Baby I can hear you loud and clear
So why are you screamin' like I don't have ears

Why are you cheatin' on a woman like this
Hey why are you cheatin' on a woman like this
I raise your babies and I kiss your lips
So why are you cheatin' on a woman like this

Why are you leavin' like we don't exist
Yeah why are you leavin' like we don't exist
You're packing your bags and I clench my fist
So why are you leavin' like we don't exist

Now I'm here drinkin' like the night is young
Hey I'm here drinkin' like the night is young
Mama took the kids and the money's all gone
And I'm here drinkin' like the night is young
Hope we don't die drinkin' like the night is young

GONE AWAY FROM ME (HOLLY WILLIAMS)

I grew up in a town with one red light
How that train would rattle me in the middle of the night
But I slept like a baby in that bed
Mama kept me warm and kept me fed

July 3rd was a dreaded friend of mine
We'd all go down to the family plot in the Louisiana pines
Staring at that little baby's grave
Stella was as young as she was brave

And what I'd give to go there again
Kiss my daddy's face, hold my mama's hand
Little did I know soon they would be lying right beside her
Gone away from me

They always made us kneel by grandpa's grave
Mama started wailing asking God if he was saved
I never liked to see my daddy cry
I guess I'll never know how grandpa died

And what I'd give to go there again
Kiss my daddy's face, hold my mama's hand
Little did I know soon they would be lying right beside him
Gone away from me

You barely even see the tombstones now
The trees are grown up everywhere and no one keeps the grounds
Strangers live inside my childhood home
And I can't believe that daddy's really gone

What I'd give to go there again
Kiss his withered face, hold her gentle hand
But there ain't no way that will ever be
They're lying 'neath that oak tree gone away from me

Well I grew up in a town with one red light

RAILROADS (HOLLY WILLIAMS)

Well I used to pray to Jesus but I done backslid
Carrying the burdens of a preachers kid
Drinking at the pulpit and healing them lame
Daddy was a-riding on the old death train

I had me a woman but she took my kid
When I gambled all our money on a moonshine still
Now I drink my whiskey from a beat up flask
This train done departed and it's going fast

Oh the wheels they spin, they're faster than a speeding aeroplane on a sunny day
And I can't break free cause I can't believe it's me
So I'll take your bets, I'll try me walking down a narrow line with a life like mine
You'll never see any boy as brave as me
I hope that this old railroad delivers me

I'm still the talk of this town I'm still the roll of their dice
I found me a lover in a whorehouse wife
She never knew her mama or the money I've known
Don't ever make a judgment if you ain't been shown

You never walked in my shoes you never understood
Why I was escaping anyway that I could
Nobody knows I'm gonna ride these rails 'til the dark comes over this prison cell

Oh the wheels they spin, they're faster than a speeding aeroplane on a sunny day
And I can't break free cause I can't believe it's me
So I'll take your bets, I'll try me walking down a narrow line with a life like mine
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Well the truth came out and the church burned down
Daddy's heart stopped on the edge of this town
I'm out here searching for that boy of my own
Don't ever make a judgment if you ain't been shown

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HAPPY (HOLLY WILLIAMS/CHRIS COLEMAN)

Everybody says it will be ok
But I don't know when that day will come
Will it come?

All my friends they're trying to take me out set me up
Get me a little drunk and have some fun

But the truth is I don't really care who these people are or what they have to say
And the truth is you're all I wanna see, when I get home tonight
And you're not there with me
You're the only one who makes me, only one who makes me Happy

I've been sleeping too late with the curtains drawn, the lights ain't on
Damn this old heartbreak, I'll give anything
To be by your side and feel alive again, remember where we've been
At the riverbanks, throwing stones against the wind

Well the truth is, I loved you all the same
That night I broke your heart and the day you cursed my name
Yeah and the truth is, I never really knew
You were everything to me, until it was much too late
You're the only one who makes me, only one who makes me Happy

Well I threw it all away and I can't go back
Yeah I built these fires and left ashes in my path
And I know you'll never come 'round here no more
But what I'd give to have you back again
Oh to have you back again

Everybody says it'll be ok but I don't know when that day will come
Will it come?

THE HIGHWAY (HOLLY WILLIAMS)

I've been sitting here wondering if I'll ever get
Back to those wheels will I ever be
Changing those strings out before nine

I am wishing for the life that I used to live
Giving everything that I had to give
In a brand new city 'bout everynight

Missing those nights, missing that sky I been missing home
Missing their smiles, missing those miles I been missing home

Out there on the highway, out there on the open road
Oh baby would you roll with me roll with me
Head down to New Orleans
I should be wearing out the blacktop
Out there with the boys I love
Everybody would you roll with me, roll with me
Running down this dream
Get me out there on the highway

I've been sitting here asking him everynight
For a brand new song and a peace of mind
The road is all I think about these days

All I need is out there I will be just fine
With a 6 string guitar and a jug of wine
When the lights go down around that stage

Missing their smiles, missing those miles I been missing home
Yeah I been missing home

Out there on the highway, out there on the open road
Oh baby would you roll with me roll with me
Head down to New Orleans
I should be wearing out the blacktop
Out there with the boys I love
Everybody would you roll with me, roll with me
Running down this dream
Get me out there on the highway

Well I miss the sound of rubber rolling out my window
And that crescendo the highway brings

Out there in the highway

WITHOUT YOU (HOLLY WILLIAMS/LORI MCKENNA)

I'm packing up to sing my songs all these towns blend into one
I'm somewhere in Madrid
I got here on crowded trains with old guitars and a famous name
Running like a kid, I'm running like a kid
I carry 'round this old backpack full of cd's and Kerouac
Living on the road
I left my heart on the coast of Wales with the boy I met at the last hotel
But I had to let him go

That's when I was searching, I'm not searching anymore
That's when I was learning about the things worth living for
Before I was open, before I knew I couldn't live a day
Without You

I moved out west where the starlets play on the boulevards of west L.A.
And I tried to make a name
But it never felt like home to me so I drove three days back to Tennessee
In a slow and steady rain

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That's when I was learning about the things worth living for
Before I was open, before I knew I couldn't live a day
Without You

Without you in the morning, to love me another day
Without you in the evening, when the colors start to fade
Without you on the plane ride to hold my hand and pray
Without You standing here when you could've walked away

Now I'm not searching, I'm not searching anymore
But I'm, I'm still learning about the things worth living for
I am here, I am open, now I know I couldn't live a day
Without You

LET IT GO (HOLLY WILLIAMS / CHRIS COLEMAN)

Days drag on and I'm trying to let you go
Night bears down and I'm trying to let you go
These seasons change and the ground will turn to snow
New blood old heart still trying to let you go

Time creeps by while I'm trying to let you go
This wind blows wild and I'm trying to let you go
Rivers run and the Mississippi flows
My hearts on fire still trying to let you go

Years I've spent still trying to let you go
Places I've been just trying to let you go
Them bells will ring and the tears will start to flow
They'll bury me still trying to let you go

GIVING UP (HOLLY WILLIAMS)

17 years with a wedding ring
The saddest damn story you ever seen
2 little kids and a good hearted man
Trying to save her if they can

I tried myself, I cried with her
I held her hand, we talked to the Lord
But we're only human and we can't change
Somebody's will to leave their ways

The doctor said you'd die
If you had another drink
Well I wonder if it scares you, I wonder if you think
About the daughter that you're leaving, the man you used to love
And the son that cries for you, oh yes that child that cries for you
Well I guess this is it, you must be giving up

You put us all through a living hell
A thousand excuses for your liquor trail
But my compassion is fading fast
Another rehab and you break another glass

Bottles in dryers, bottles in shoes
There were even bottles in the baby's room
You're losing everything that you ever had
Your life is one thing all that money can't buy back

The doctor said you'd die
If you had another drink
Well I wonder if it scares you, I wonder if you think
About the daughter that you're leaving, the man you used to love
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A GOOD MAN (HOLLY WILLIAMS/SARAH BUXTON)

If I never saw you once again
If suddenly you met your bitter end
I'm not sure I'd ever understand
But I could say I loved a good man
If I couldn't hold you anymore
Or leave the world to lie at our front door
And crawl inside this hiding place with you
I'm not sure I'd ever make it through
Oh your tender heart
Taught me the hardest part that I could never learn
Everything you do promises I love you
If you ever slip out of my hands
I could say I loved a good man
Looking at your face across the room
Everything else fades but me and you
Love is not as simple as it seems
But I have learned to trust the space between
Oh your tender heart
Taught me the hardest part that I could never learn
Everything you do promises I love you
If you ever slip out of my hands
I could say I loved a good man
When we look back on our years together
The only one I gave my whole heart to
I hope that we're still counting on forever like it's something new
Oh your tender heart taught me the hardest part Is having to let go
Everything you do promises I love you
If you ever slip out of my hands
I could say I held, I could say I knew, I could say I loved a good man

'TIL IT RUNS DRY (HOLLY WILLIAMS/CHRIS COLEMAN/
CARY BARLOWE)

Shoot the moon, hit the stars
Send my love running down the boulevard
Hang my heart up on that line
Let it beat til it runs dry, til it runs dry

Hot as hell, cold as ice
This ferriswheel that we call life
With a past I could erase, but I'll serve it up on a silver plate
On a silver plate

Hang my heart up on that line
Let it beat til it runs dry

In this world we all fall down
Like a pack of wolves in a dusty town
And we draw fast when the killings done
Always too late, better on the run
Better on the run

Hang my heart up on that line, let it beat til it runs dry
Hang my heart up on that line, let it beat til it runs dry
Til it runs dry

WAITING ON JUNE (HOLLY WILLIAMS)

She was from North Louisiana in the town of Mer Rouge
I fell in love in a week or two it didn't take long to love a
girl like that
We were barely ten in the cotton fields playing horseshoe
with the colored kids
I tried to kiss her she grabbed a baseball bat

Waiting on June, I hope she comes to see me
Waiting on June, I can't take this feeling
Waiting on June, I pray to God she'll love me one of
these days
I hope I find my way waiting on June

I went off in 42' to fight those boys and pay my dues
Her wallet picture kept my spirits high
Charley Boy died in my arms, he saw Jesus I saw blood
It soaked her wallet picture that cold night

I told my best friend Charley I would kiss his girl goodbye
He made me promise I'd go home and make Miss June
my wife
Shaking like a drunk old fool I hopped off of that plane
And I ran home to ask her in the rain

Waiting on June, I hope that she says yes
Waiting on June, in her faded summer dress
Waiting on June, her daddy shook my hand
And she lit up the moment I pulled out that silver band
Waiting on June

Well we married at the methodist church
Found a big white cow and a piece of dirt with pecan trees
to build our homestead on
Jolynn Becky then Donna then Shelby, our tiny house
was a sanctuary
Laughter filled those rooms all day long

Waiting on June, she's putting on her makeup
Waiting on June, she's trying to get her hair curled
Waiting on June, kids listen to me
You walk on down to Sunday school I'll be there in 15
Waiting on June

The time flew by like they said it would
The kids grew fast and the farm did good
Mrs. Bertha made our supper everyday
At noon that silver bell would ring

We'd all say grace and dig on in we always ate together
in those days
Oh one by one those kids went off and found a love
their own
There's nothing like the joy I knew when they brought
their babies home
We'd play all day in the cotton fields with the dogs I raised
up right
And end in grandma's kitchen every night

Waiting on June, honey don't burn the bacon
Waiting on June, our bellies are a' achin
Waiting on June, she turns that fork so slow
And we all had to sit there til the last bite was no more
Waiting on June

We were slower than we used to be the nursing home told
June and me
That we'd have separate rooms side by side
Oh what I'd give for one more night of sleeping with
my wife
Since 45' I've touched her skin in the middle of the night
I'm lying in this single bed until they cut the lights
That's when she'll sneak in and I'll be fine

Waiting on June so we can kiss goodnight
Waiting on June I'll hold her hand so tight
Waiting on June I'll love her til' I die
It's bittersweet when love grows old and you really
miss your wife
Waiting on June

Well they buried me last Tuesday morn
The good lord came and he took me home
I closed my eyes and quickly went away
But the angels let me see her everyday
Waiting on June, our mansion is so grand
Waiting on June, footprints in the sand
Waiting on June, that's the story of my life
Me and Jesus are standing here til' she walks through
that light

Waiting on June
I'm still waiting on June
I'm always waiting on June
No more waiting on June