



SONGS FROM THE SHELTER

The first time I remember seeing Ace Parkhurst, sometime in the late 70's, I was listening to his band, "Nightshift", at a bar in Albany, NY. A couple years later, I was introduced to Ace while he was running sound for local band, "Silver Chicken". In 1989, our Irish folk band (The Porters) hired Ace to record/produce a live CD (at The Parting Glass) in Saratoga, NY. He and I started talking about a solo project and ended up recording and releasing my first album in 1990. Over the span of many years, we developed a friendship and would often record at his studio, "The Bombshelter". We'd sing and play on each other's songs (mostly I'd sing and he'd play). I'm glad we were able to pull these songs off the shelf, dust them off, bake a few tapes and be able to put them together for this collection. Some are old and some are new but, to you, they'll all be right out of the box!

Thank you and enjoy - Mike D.

Musicians

Michael DeAngelis - Vocals, Ac. Guitar 2, 4, 8, 9 & 11

Ace Parkhurst - 6 & 12 String Elect. Guitar, Ac. Guitar, Bass, Mando, Synth, Percussion 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10 & 12

Chuck D'Aloia - Elect. Guitar, Piano 2-4, 7, 11 & 12

Ed Tourge - Bass 2, 3, 4, 7, 11 & 12

Peter Booras - Drums 1, 3 & 12

Leo Kachidurian - Drums 2, 4, 7 & 11

Wanda Hithings - Drums 5, 6, 8 & 10

Rose Clancy – Fiddle 8 & 10

Teresa Burns Parkhurst – Backing Vocals 3, 7 & 12

Liz Graham – Backing Vocals 7

Dave McCarthy – Backing Vocals 9 & 12

****Recorded, Engineered and Co-Produced by Ace Parkhurst**

Songs written by:

Michael DeAngelis – 2, 4, 7-11

Ace Parkhurst – 5 & 6

Ace Parkhurst & Chuck D'Aloia – 1, 3 & 12

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1. Welcome Me Home

Thirteen hours on the road tonight, I'm drivin' home to you
The Radio is playin' "Memphis", in the meantime. I'll be there by noon
It's getting' close to midnight. There's nothing else to do but keep an eye on the dash lights,
and write a song for you

Cause I been talkin' to the man in the October Moon
Tellin' him that I'll be in your arms soon
I'm gonna pawn my old guitar and buy a wedding ring
I'll be strumming out the rhythm on my heart strings
Welcome me home. Welcome me home. Welcome me home.

It took me years to get here today, and somehow find the nerve
Cause I don't often have a lot to say, Lord I'm tryin' to find the words
Cause I've been talkin' to the man in the October Moon
Tellin him that I'll be in your arms soon

There's a purple fire burnin in the sunset
It started in my heart on the day we met (it's cryin')
Welcome me home Welcome me home Welcome me home

So here goes everything. You never know what love will bring 'till you try
I've been talkin' to your old friends. They know the truth and they say you've been
Talkin' to the man in the October Moon. Tellin' him that I've been in your arms soon
God damn, dim the headlights. I got, three hundred miles to go tonight
Welcome me home Welcome me home Welcome me home

Thirteen hours on the road tonight, I'm drivin' home to you
The radio is playin' "Memphis in the Meantime". I'll be there by noon
Look out your window see who's drivin up. I've gotta talk to you
I'm travelin' at the speed of soundI won't get scared if I don't look down.
Thirteen hours on the road tonight. I'm drivin' home to you
Long distance information, give me Memphis could you please?

2. Questioning the Answer

Remember the day we met? Remember the nights spent together?
I waited a lifetime for you
But lately I've been so confused and baby I feel I've been used
Now I'm thinking that maybe we're through
You said, when I asked, that you loved me. Now I'm thinking that maybe you told a lie
Maybe you meant to say goodbye
Oh I, am questioning the answer. And I, I can see the writing on the wall
Oh I, am questioning the answer. I won't be there to catch you if you fall
I'm watching a dream walk away. It's hard to believe what you say,
When you're putting my heart of the shelf

And lately I feel out of place. And why can't you tell me to my face?

It really doesn't matter anymore.

They say you can take love for granted. You never know what you got, until it's gone

It's too late for you to hang on

CHORUS

Think it's time to go for a little change. Rearrange my plans, head on down that long, long road

CHORUS

I won't be there to catch you if you fall. I won't be there to catch you if you fall

3. Thinking of You

Whenever you see a rainbow, shinin' out after a storm

Maybe you'll think of me and remember

November's colors cryin' out, and you know what it's all about

If ever the will to carry on has come and gone

Whenever you see a rainbow, *I'll be thinkin' of you. I'll be thinkin' of you*

Counting falling stars some night. There'll be just one that's shinin' bright

There to show the way to go, when you're all alone. Whenever a star is falling

CHORUS

Whenever a star is falling, that's when you know I'm callin' out

CHORUS

4. All You Have To Know

You don't know how much I care and you're so far away

All this time without you is like another rainy day

And when I'm away (I'll be missin' you) Carrying that weight (what we're goin' through)

Whatever you do

Think of all the good times ahead, never letting go.

It's not too late if you believe, it's all you have to know
Seasons change anticipating letter I will write
Picture framed, you're looking at me. Holding you so tight
I know if I wait (the wind will be the same) and time unlocks that gate (ending all this pain)

CHORUS

Why can't answers ever be as easy as they seem
Love will never look my way, 'till I have you here with me

CHORUS X2

You have to know... you have to know... all you have to know

5. Fool in The Moon

I thought we were going down this road together, making up our dream 'cause we could
I thought our world was bound and tied together, guess that I had misunderstood
Looking over my shoulder at the Fool in the Moon
Thinking over and over you'd be home soon
Oh, bad dream don't you become familiar. Don't make me sit right straight up in my bed
I lived through the lightning, I'll survive the thunder
But damned if I can get it through my head

CHORUS

I think I'm through with lookin' back forever, fix my eyes on the horizon instead
If they say all your hope is gone just tell 'em.... never
The sky is turning blue over our heads
But you're still in my heart, like it was today
And I might still think about you.....that's ok.....that's ok

6. Hats Off

With Autumn's breath, the leaves are on the ground.

As I walk along, among the reds and browns

And the robin's song, is all but gone now. Just like him, I'll learn to carry on.

Hats off to your new love. You found the jewel of happiness. Hats off to a true love.

The sky is clear, the stars are bright.....But each of them are still alone tonight
Yet looking down, from way up there....seems they understand somehow, it isn't fair

Hats off to your new love. You hold the jewel of happiness

Hats off to a true love. What more could anyone possess?

I can take what old man winter brings, when he comes knockin' on the door

But hope is constant like a rose in spring. Love will find me once more

Hats off to your new love. You hold the jewel of happiness

Hats off to a true love. And here's wishing you best. Hats off to your new love....

7. Guessing Game

I'm so tired of playin' your guessing game

Never knowing day to day, or believing what you say.

So inspired, by love that you gave to me

But we threw it all away, now there's nothing more to say

Truth hurts and the heartache never quits. She says that she'll have no more of this

I'm watchin' my love walk out that door. She's not gonna take it anymore

Every time I look at that picture frame, and I think what might have been

Then I think it through again

Best laid plans and promises never kept

Nothings written here in stone. Can we just leave it alone?

Cold winters and lonely summer nights. Who know why we never got it right

Those feelings are coming back to me. I'm blind but I really wanna see

Sunrise to sunset that old feeling's still the same

But somewhere in between I find you there. I find you there

Just remember whenever you think of me that my heart will always show

That 'ol love we used to know

If you ever think that you can't go on, you don't have to feel so sad

And remember what we had

CHORUS

8. Old Letter

Dear Mom, Dear Dad, I found an old letter you had sent

The oldest of six, well I figured I'd get lost in the mix

In '82 I was strugglin' through pains of my youth and college too

That 'ol chevy saw the best of times, but the worst of times, well they weren't through

Dear Mom, Dear Dad, I found an old letter that you sent

That payphone down the hall, well it stopped working so I never got to call

I brought "Bailey" home for brother Jim. It was the best for him, that Xmas

And he was sicker than he'd ever been.....but I was lost again, up in New England

Dear Mom, Dear Dad I'm sending out this letter just to say

Your number one son, has got a way to go before his work is done

You know the future just keeps rollin' in. Wish I could wipe away all your worry.

They say it robs you of your piece of mind, but you can find the time, if you hurry.

Dear Mom, Dear Dad Dear Mom, Dear DadDear Mom, Dear Dad

9. First Wrong Move

I'm still surprised and still amazed, we watched the sunset on our days

An early exit that we never planned

Finished with October skies. Took too long to realize

The hour glass was running out of sand
And I made the first wrong move, didn't know how it started
I had so much to lose, left with a broken heart
The situation might improve, but I made the first wrong move
Great decisions go so far, depending where you set the bar
Times and little lies I should let go
Darkest clouds are in the past, and though we've come so far so fast
I'm wishing we could just restart the show

CHORUS

Verses written long ago, took so long to hear
Things I never understood, now becoming clear

CHORUS

The situations not improved. I just can't find a different tune
Won't feel like home anytime soon, I made the first wrong move

10. Chatham (you're my home)

There is a place that I know where an Island welcomes the sea
And men make their living through ice and snow
Filling their nets with the catch of the day
And upon their return, every day of the year,
To the SQUIRE for whiskey and beer

Onto their home away from home
Friends that they make and friends that they know
The tide never gets too high, for me to get by
Where I'm never alone, Chatham you're my home

Surrounded by water, this little 'ol town never loses its identity

And even when all summer suns have gone down

There's no place where I'd rather be seen

And the people that stayed, when the Chatham Band played

Well, they're coming back year after year

And the days all run short. Many people have gone

But the feeling is there, and it won't be that long

I can tell you for certain, time and again

You can fight it but you'll never win.....you'll never win

CHORUSYou're my home

11. Papers Never Signed

You know the wine was nice, and the time was too

I'm feelin' fine now girl, tell me what about you?

When I woke up finally, from my frozen world

You know I couldn't be stopped. Had to find you girl

Tell me what do we do now? Gotta get things started, get it right somehow

I know you're used to better, the everlasting kind

Wrote you all those letters. Papers never signed

I'm getting' too excited, you never can be sure.

That I'll wake up to find, what I can't ignore

They tell me yesterday, is just a day gone by

When I brought you home, I could tell what was on your mind

CHORUS

You never find the time to answer what I send

Day after day, we're getting closer to the end

CHORUS

I know you're used to better, the everlasting kind

Wrote you all those letters. Papers never signed

12. You Never Know

Saw Louise in a bar last night. I asked her to dance, she held on tight.

Told me how she's tryin' to carry on. The one she cared about is long since gone.

Out on the floor with the lights down low, it was like I never let you go.

Some old feelings just refuse to die. Now I think I know the reason why

But you never know (love might find you)

You never know (Maybe one of these times)

I hope you never know where the brokenhearted go.

Later on, in a room upstairs, we talked of similarities in our sad affairs.

How deepest cuts don't always show the scars, of broken promises on fallen stars

CHORUS

So baby don't be afraid, to leave the past behind you.

The things that mattered then well they don't matter now.

And all we gotta do is the best that we can.

A fire can start from the smallest spark. And here a flame flickers in the dark.

There's a song we all sing while we wait. Hang on tight before it's too late...

CHORUS

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