

# **Hearts On The Road**

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How many nights have found me here Like this night?
A turn of the wheel, a song on the radio. Raindrops fall and shatter in the headlights. How many nights? I don't want to know. Hearts on the road so far from home. Somebody somewhere waits for you. But you're rolling hard tonight Down some endless line of white With the headlights and the red lights And the blues. Hearts on the road.

Someday I will make a map of my life, Of where I've been And all that I've been through, I will place you right here in the Heartland. And every line will lead away Then lead back to you. Hearts on the road so far from home. Somebody somewhere waits for you. But you're rolling hard tonight Down that endless line of white With the headlights and the red lights And the blues. Hearts on the road.

Hello again, I'm leaving.
Goodbye, I'm coming home.
But I need to know that you are there
When I'm out here on my own.
And I ain't no fallen angel,
No hero in a hurricane.
Just a lonesome traveler late at night
Driving through the rain...

And my hearts on the road so far from home. With every sweet, sad song I think of you. All alone in bed tonight
Are you wondering if I'm all right?
With the headlights and the red lights
And the blues. Hearts on the road.
Hearts on the road.

Hello, I'm leaving. Goodbye, I'm coming home.

### **Big Love**

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Big love. Big risk.
Big hurt to be alone like this.
Brokenhearted in the rain.
I placed a bet. What did I get?
A world of pain.

Now I'm waiting on the roof to be rescued After the storm's gone through. Big love. You choose. But if you lose, the damage big love can do. The damage big love can do.

Big plans fall short, And all your dreams end up in court. Confidence goes down the drain. I'm not the first, won't be the last, To love in vain.

Now I'm looking back In twenty-twenty hindsight At all the big mistakes I made. Big love. Bad breaks. Hard luck. Heartaches.
That's how the game is played.

But oh, now that we are through, I see how high we flew.
What am I to do without you?

Big loss. Big win.
I'm a big boy now so deal me in.
'Cause I know how love can feel.
And when it's big, and when it's real,
It's a real big deal.

So I'm knocking on your door again To ask you, What could we have been thinking of? Big pain. Big deal. Big hurt can heal. Remember our big, big love.

So let's take another chance, I know we'll make it.
And make it better than it ever was.
We're meant to be. It's destiny.
'Cause that's how it is with love. Big love.
Believe in our big, big love. Big love.

# The Turning Of The Tide

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We walk along the shore
At the turning of the tide.
We talk of love and war,
Of your hunger and my pride.
And I ask you if we've passed the peak
And now begun the slide.
The sand moves under us

At the turning of the tide.

Some hearts are hard to see, Like a rising daylight moon. They speak but don't reveal, Like yours this afternoon. For a moment I am with you, Then you duck down deep inside. And I am stranded here At the turning of the tide.

What goes out and comes in Doesn't end or begin. It ebbs and flows and there it goes again.

I feel the silence build
And it brings me to my knees.
The seagulls laugh at us
As they balance on the breeze.
And you say, "It's not a tragedy,
Just a fast and bumpy ride.
And we are balanced here
At the turning of the tide."

We go out and come in.
We don't end or begin.
We ebb and flow and here we go again.

We never get it right
But we might not be that wrong.
Not knowing where to go
May be right where we belong.
On the edge of this endless ocean,
Walking almost side by side.
We talk of love and war
At the turning of the tide.
We talk of love and war
At the turning of the tide.

### Miles & Miles

by Jon Cobert & Tom Chapin (with a nod and thanks to Robert Frost) © 2006 Red Wagon Music & The Last Music Co. (ASCAP)

In the middle of the night the baby came, Strong and clean, without a name. Now life seems like a brand new game, Let the music start.

A baby boy was born today. March 15th in far L.A. I'm in New York but it's okay, He's real close to my heart.

The river runs as wide and deep As the promises we keep. Miles to go before we sleep, Miles and Miles and Miles.

A babe brings joy to every face Warmth to every jaded place. The world is in a state of grace, The heavens are all smiles.



So here's to Rachel, here's to Jon, Here's to the road embarked upon, God bless the coming of the dawn And the birth of Mighty Miles.

The river runs as wide and deep As the promises we keep. Miles to go before we sleep, Miles and Miles and Miles.

# My Mother's Quiet Eyes

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My mother is an artist, been one all her life, While she was busy being daughter, sister, Lover, worker, wife.
But her quiet eyes kept watch
All through every hard-work day
'Til she found the time
To shape the world her way.

Life's not what it should be, You learn that early on When you're the eldest daughter Of a marriage that goes wrong. But through 80 years, Through all the tears For loved ones who have died, She's held onto the artist there inside.

And when we'd wound ourselves As children sometimes do, She's the one who we would run home to. And I still, to my surprise, Seek approval in her eyes, In my mother's quiet eyes. A family is a lonely ship
That we are thrust into.
She had six boys,
A joyful noise with such a rowdy crew.
But sewing was a refuge,
A quiet in the storm,
A secret place that somehow kept her warm.

She'd take a piece of fabric, She'd pin it on the wall. Colors, shapes and patterns, She would use them all. A small idea to build upon, To carry through each day, 'Til home at night to shape her art her way.

And though we've moved away As children someday do, She's the one who we all come home to. And I still, to my surprise, Seek the light there in her eyes, In my mother's quiet eyes.

My mother is an artist, I'm an artist's son.
And when things get a little rough,
I think what she has done.
I try to keep a watch
All through another hard-work day
'Til I find the time to shape the world my way.

And though I've moved away
As children someday do,
She's the one who we all come home to.
And I still, to my surprise,
Seek the light there in her eyes,
In my mother's quiet eyes.
In my mother's quiet eyes.

# **And Loving You**

That cold Chicago wind

by Bob Gibson & Tom Paxton
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Came howling down the street,
The rain has turned to sleet.
If I decide to go it will commence to snow,
It's overdue.
'Twas on a night like this
You blew in through my door.
I asked for kindness
And you gave me that and more.
You taught me how to do
The things that lovers do,
Like coming through, and loving you.

I got my banjo tuned, but now I lost the band, I must have missed a turn.
I'll never learn, it seems.
My music is my dreams, it's what I do.
They closed the hall
And put away the microphone.
I sit alone and idly scratch along the strings.
Then my banjo sings, as banjos often do,
Of coming through, and loving you.

We heard John Lennon play,
He sang "Norwegian Wood,"
We thought he'd hung the moon.
We slept on your floor.
You didn't work 'til four that afternoon.
You took a stranger to an unfamiliar shore.
He asked for kindness
And you gave him that and more.
You taught him how to do
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Like coming through, and loving you.

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#### I've Forgotten

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I've forgotten where we were...
Is this the beginning or the end?
Do we attack, do we defend?
Do we kickoff, do we receive?
Do we know who to believe?
I've forgotten where we were.
Do you remember where we were?

I've forgotten who we are...
Are we the good guys or the bad?
Are we the happy or the sad?
Do we stand up, do we sit still?
In the gathering storm I feel a chill.
'Cause I've forgotten who we are.
Do you remember who we are?

Such a dangerous innocence, Giving up on common sense. Trusting everything they say Is living life the hard way.

I've forgotten what we know...
How much money can a rich man use?

How much more can a poor man lose? Before the page begins to turn? Before the contract starts to burn? I've forgotten what we know. Do you remember what we know?

Such a dangerous innocence, Giving up on common sense. Believing everything we're told, While our world is bought and sold.

Do you remember what we do?
We ask a question, yes, and then
We ask the question once again.
And the questions never end
When you are a citizen.
Learn the truth and hold them to
The promise made to me and you.
Learn the truth and hold them to
The promise made... the promise made...
The promise made to me and you.

### **Distant Drummer**

by Si Kahn & Tom Chapin © 2006 Joe Hill Music & The Last Music Co. (ASCAP)

He was only 10 years old When he went off to war. And they gave him a calfskin marching drum, He beat it 'til his arms grew sore. At Vicksburg and The Wilderness, The older kids showed him the way, How to hold the sticks loose in his hands So he could play 12 hours a day.

He was listening to a distant drummer, Learning from the sounds of history. You could hear the rhythm rolling down From drummer to drummer, from Dad to me.

Dad was 17 years old the year he went away. He skipped school for 52nd Street Where he went to hear the big bands play. The joint was jumpin', his heart was thumpin', He'd found what he had to do. So he asked Gene Krupa late one night, "Would you teach me how to play like you?" Gene said, "Kid, I don't do that. Here's who you should see. Sanford Moeller, that's his name. He teaches drums. Hey, he taught me." Now Moeller had learned from old men Who'd been drummer boys Back in the Civil War.

And he taught my dad how to hold the sticks So he could play 12 hours or more.

He was listening to a distant drummer, Learning from the sounds of history. You could hear the rhythm rolling down From drummer to drummer, from Dad to me.

Dad was 49 years old,
Teaching drums and me,
When Gene Krupa called him up one night
And asked if he could come to see him.
The stroke had taken Gene's strength away,
He couldn't find the beat I guess.
So my Dad taught him how to play again
Like they were marching
Through The Wilderness.

He was listening to a distant drummer, Learning from the sounds of history. You could hear the rhythm rolling down From drummer to drummer. from Dad to me. I was only 12 years old
When Dad bought me my first guitar
At Manny's Music on 48th,
Where they treated me like the son of a star.
I never learned to play the drums
But he taught us more than just a song.
How to hold the music loose in our hearts
So we could play a whole life long.

He was listening to a distant drummer, Learning from the sounds of history. You could hear the rhythm rolling down From drummer to drummer, From drummer to drummer, From drummer to drummer, From Dad to me. From Dad to me.

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### Lamentation

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A piece of quilt is torn away
To be repaired but not replaced.
And yet it still extends its warmth
Around this family.
My older brother died too young,
A shooting star across the skies.
Yet every song he wrote and sung
Lives on in you and me.
Lamentation for those who now are gone.
Celebration, in us they carry on.

And now we gather once again
To mourn another brother gone.
And we are moved by grief and pain
To come back to this place.
Yet even here we laugh and sing,
We tell his stories, hear his voice.
For death still leaves us everything,
Except for his embrace.
Lamentation for those who now are gone.
Celebration, in us they carry on.

And I who was the third in line,
My universe is different now.
But what was theirs is not now mine,
It stays with them alone.
But they are with me every day,
And I'll remember what he said:
"We know we cannot fill his shoes,
But we can fill our own."
Lamentation for those who now are gone.
Celebration, in us they carry on.
In us they carry on.

### At The End Of The Day

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We sprang from a weed In the Garden of Eden All scattered by wind and foam. So hungry for shelter We seek out our true love To pick up the pieces and welcome us home.

Through many a storm,
Though I am no sailor,
I found myself caught at the wheel.
But trusting to fortune
And the help of some true friends
We somehow survived the ordeal.

At the end of the day, at the end of the year, At the end of the line I'm glad you are here. Blessed is the pilgrim who's able to say Once I loved you. Once you loved me. I still love you at the end of the day.

So glad to be here, so glad that you're near, Glad this year's come to an end. We faced our worst fears, We shed some real tears, As the world chased us 'round once again.

So reach out a hand To the ones who you love most And mourn for all those gone away. We'll count up our losses, We'll bind up our wounds And tomorrow we'll face the new day. At the end of the day, at the end of the year, At the end of the line I'm glad you are here. Blessed is the pilgrim who's able to say Once I loved you. Once you loved me. I still love you at the end of the day.

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# Follow The Light

by John McCutcheon, Michael Mark & Tom Chapin © 2002 Appalsongs, HCD Music & The Last Music Co. (ASCAP)

Seven and eight, my sister and I, Lost in the woods as lightning filled the sky. We ran through the rain And there up ahead Was a light on the porch. "Come home," like mama said.

Follow the light when you're lonely and lost. When out on the ocean You are tumbled and tossed. Follow your heart, wherever you may be. Follow the light on home to me.

Out on the sea the waves heave and rise. Far from the shoreline Storm clouds mount the skies. We look for a sign, A welcoming sight, A beacon that shines To guide us home tonight.

Follow the light when you're lonely and lost. When out on the ocean You are tumbled and tossed. Follow your heart, wherever you may be. Follow the light on home to me.

There's a hole in our skyline.
There's a hole in our town.
There's a hole in our hearts
The whole world around.
How do we heal?
Tell me, how do we see
That mercy that shines in you and me?
We follow the light!

When the world feels so big
And we seem so small
You wonder if life has any meaning left at all.
When you're losing your heart,
When you're losing the fight.
Hold onto my hand
And we will follow the light.

Follow the light when you're lonely and lost. When out on the ocean You are tumbled and tossed. Follow your heart, wherever you may be. Follow the light on home to me.

### **Sing For Peace**

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I was never one to raise my hand, Take a stand, upset the plan. But the child has grown into a man, Now that times have changed.

I was content to go along,
Sing the safe, the careful song.
Trusting right would vanquish wrong,
Oh but times have changed.
I sing for peace now.
I made a vow to reach for higher ground.
I sing for peace now,
Peace is how we'll turn the world around.

The news gets worse, so do the lies.
They hide the bodies from our eyes.
Thinking we won't realize
We have the power to change.
I sing for peace now.
I made a vow to reach for higher ground.
I sing for peace now,
Peace is how we'll turn the world around.

Children cry, mothers weep.
Been having trouble going to sleep
As brave young men lie buried deep,
Now that times have changed.
I sing for peace now.
I made a vow to reach for higher ground.
I sing for peace now,
Peace is how we'll turn the world around.

Sing for peace. Sing for peace.

Turn the world around.

Work for peace... Pray... Vote... Sing...

Turn the world around.

My brother Harry Chapin co-founded World Hunger Year (WHY) in 1975. I have been a board member since the beginning, and I have seen how WHY has touched the lives of millions of people. WHY continues to ask the single most important question about poverty and hunger worldwide and especially in America - the richest of all nations: WHY?

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