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### TONIGHT

FEELS LIKE HEAVEN
WHEN I LISTEN TO YOUR VOICE
AND REALIZE JUST HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU
I AM TOUCHED EVERY TIME YOU WHISPER OF
OUR ENDLESS LOVE, MY LOVE
YOU WHISPER OF OUR LOVE

FEELS LIKE HEAVEN
JUST TO LOOK INTO YOUR EYES
AND REALIZE I WILL NEVER LOSE YOU
NOW I KNOW WE WILL TOUCH ETERNITY
AND FINALLY YOU'RE HERE WITH ME
YOU ARE HERE WITH ME TONIGHT

Tonight, my love, tonight I'll hold you in my arms tonight Beside you 'till the morning light Tonight

FEELS LIKE HEAVEN
FOR I'LL DEDICATE MY LIFE TO YOU, MY LOVE
YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON
YOU WILL BRING HAPPINESS INTO MY HEART
LET'S MAKE A START TONIGHT
YOU ARE HERE WITH ME TONIGHT

TONIGHT, MY LOVE, TONIGHT I'LL HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS TONIGHT BESIDE YOU 'TILL THE MORNING LIGHT TONIGHT YOU'RE MINE COMPLETELY 'TILL THE MORNING LIGHT, TONIGHT

### ESTRANGED

ARE WE ESTRANGED
AMAZING HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED
SINCE I TOLD YOU HOW I FEEL
DID I GO TOO FAR, DID I BREAK YOUR HEART
ARE WE APART, DO YOU FEEL USED
ARE YOU CONFUSED

SOMETIMES YOU SAY YOU STILL LOVE ME BUT THEN YOU CHANGE ONCE AGAIN DEAREST FRIEND

ARE WE ESTRANGED
MY LIFE HAS BEEN REARRANGED
WHEN I WALKED AWAY FROM YOU
I'M CRYING EACH NIGHT
IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT, HURTING INSIDE
I'M LOSING YOU, WHAT CAN I DO

THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH TIME
TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR OUR PROBLEMS
DOES IT MATTER TO YOU HOW MUCH I CARE

This is the moment we've dreaded for years Releasing our fears, moving on

ARE WE ESTRANGED

### EIGHTEEN DAYS

BEING WITH YOU
IT FEELS SO GOOD, TALKING TO YOU
BEING YOUR FRIEND
IT FEELS SO RIGHT, IT'S ALL I NEED
I'VE NEVER EVER MET A MAN LIKE YOU BEFORE
I'VE NEVER EVER BEEN SO OPEN-HEARTED

WHEN YOU'RE AROUND
I FEEL SO SAFE AND SO SECURE
WHEN YOU'RE NOT HERE
I THINK OF YOU EVERY HOUR
I'LL NEVER EVER LET SOMEONE TEAR THIS APART
I'LL NEVER EVER TRY TO HURT YOUR FEELINGS

JUST EIGHTEEN DAYS I WAS BY YOUR SIDE JUST EIGHTEEN DAYS, I NEVER KNEW HOW MUCH I CARED UNTIL SOMEBODY TOLD YOU YOU SHOULDN'T SEE ME ANYMORE, IT BROKE MY HEART Just eighteen days I was by your side Just eighteen days, you'll never know How much I cried because somebody told you You shouldn't see me anymore. It broke my heart

BECAUSE ALL I REALLY WANTED WAS TO BE YOUR FRIEND BUT YOUR LOVER DIDN'T SEE IT, COULDN'T UNDERSTAND AND I NEVER GOT TO SHOW YOU JUST HOW RIGHT IT FELT TO BE WITH YOU

EACH TIME WE MEET
EACH TIME WE TALK I LEARN A LOT
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO MAKE SENSE
WHEN YOU ARE NEAR
I'D NEVER EVER MAKE YOU CHOOSE AGAINST YOURSELF
I'D NEVER EVER FORCE MY WILL UPON YOU

JUST EIGHTEEN DAYS I WAS BY YOUR SIDE JUST EIGHTEEN DAYS, I NEVER KNEW HOW MUCH I CARED UNTIL SOMEBODY TOLD YOU YOU SHOULDN'T SEE ME ANYMORE, IT BROKE MY HEART

JUST EIGHTEEN DAYS I WAS BY YOUR SIDE
JUST EIGHTEEN DAYS, YOU'LL NEVER KNOW
HOW MUCH I CRIED BECAUSE SOMEBODY TOLD YOU
YOU SHOULDN'T SEE ME ANYMORE, IT BROKE MY HEART

AND I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE IT IF YOU CAN'T MAKE UP YOUR MIND

### THE PHOENIX

HIDING IN SHADOWS, DARKNESS APPROACHING I'M LONGING FOR THE NIGHT TO COMFORT ME I AM THE PHOENIX, BURNING MY BRIDGES I'M FORGED IN FIRE, CLEANSED BY FLAMES

A voice from within Keeps telling me I should run Where do I begin, I hide myself from the sun From the sun  $-\,$  I have to run

IS THERE SOMEONE WHO WILL GUIDE ME WHO WILL HELP ME FIND THE ANSWERS I NEED SOMEONE TO APPEASE MY ACHING HEART

ANCIENT AND AGELESS, I AM RELENTLESS
THE SCOURGE OF TIME CANNOT TAKE HOLD OF ME
MY DESOLATION, FEAR AND FRUSTRATION
I MUST TAKE SHELTER IN THE DARK

The voices inside keep telling me I must leave My fate is to hide, to sneak away and retreat I'll retreat — hiding indeed

IS THERE SOMEONE WHO WILL GUIDE ME
WHO WILL HELP ME FIND THE ANSWERS
I NEED SOMEONE TO APPEASE MY ACHING HEART

DISILLUSION, SADNESS AND FEAR
I AM LOST IN THE DARK — I'M FOREVER BURNING
LIKE A PHOENIX, BURNING AGAIN
BUT WILL I RISE FROM THE ASH
WILL I SURVIVE THE FLAMES

FLAMES ALL AROUND ME, MAGIC HAS BOUND ME THERE'S NO ESCAPE AND YET I STILL HAVE HOPE SLOWLY I'M BURNING, FOREVER YEARNING BUT SOON I WILL BE BORN AGAIN

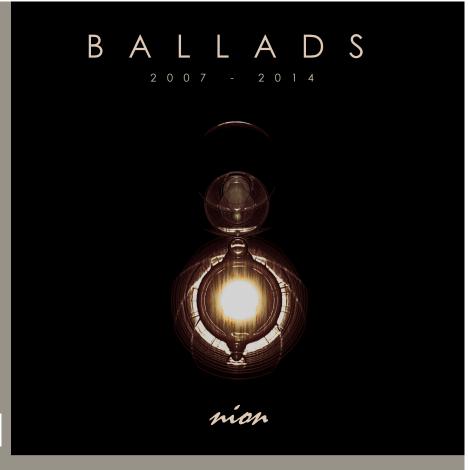
The voice of my heart is crying out in despair I'm falling apart and no one seems to take care No one cares — It isn't fair

IS THERE SOMEONE WHO WILL GUIDE ME WHO WILL HELP ME FIND THE ANSWERS I NEED SOMEONE TO APPEASE MY ACHING HEART

DISILLUSION, SADNESS AND FEAR

I AM LOST IN THE DARK — I 'M FOREVER BURNING
LIKE A PHOENIX, BURNING AGAIN
BUT I WILL RISE FROM THE ASH
I WILL SURVIVE THE FLAMES

ALIVE AGAIN, I'M BORN AGAIN



#### AZURE EYES

Summer night, glass of wine Then I saw you arrive Looking good, feeling fine Now I'm glad I'm alive

AZURE EYES LOOK AT ME AND DRIVE ME WILD I admire everything that you say or do My desire's breaking free just like a fire Every night you are mine AND MY LOVE FOR YOU IS TRUE

WALKING THROUGH THE PARK BIRDS LEAD US INTO THE DAWN WITH A SONG MAGIC ALL AROUND THIS MYSTIC SUNRISE, SO PURE, NOW I'M SURE

WE ARE AS ONE, BEAUTIFUL FRIEND THIS WILL NOT END, THIS LASTS FOREVER

AZURE EYES LOOK AT ME AND DRIVE ME WILD I ADMIRE EVERYTHING THAT YOU SAY OR DO MY DESIRE'S BREAKING FREE JUST LIKE A FIRE EVERY NIGHT YOU ARE MINE...

SUMMER NIGHT, PERFECT SKY YOU AND ME IN THE MOONSHINE EACH TIME YOU TAKE ME HIGH I AM YOURS AND YOU'RE ALL MINE

Azure eyes look at me and drive me wild I admire everything that you say or do My desire's breaking free just like a fire Every night you are mine AND MY LOVE FOR YOU IS TRUE

NIGHT OUT ON THE TOWN I GO WHEREVER YOU GO, NEED YOU SO FEELINGS NEVER KNOWN COME TO THE SURFACE WHEN I HOLD YOU TIGHT

Your beauty took me by surprise Your sparkling eyes made me surrender

AZURE EYES LOOK AT ME AND DRIVE ME WILD I ADMIRE EVERTHING THAT YOU SAY OR DO MY DESIRE'S BREAKING FREE JUST LIKE A FIRE EVERY NIGHT YOU ARE MINE AND MY LOVE FOR YOU IS TRUE

### QUEST

AN ANCIENT TALE, A MYSTERY A QUEST TO FIND THE TRUTH - LOST IN TIME

NOW I AM SEARCHING - A JOURNEY BEGINS SEARCHING WITHIN FOR THE TRUTH AND I AM DRIFTING - CONCLUSION FORGONE STILL I GO ON, I BELIEVE WE WILL BE FREE NOW I AM SEARCHING - HOW COULD I FORESEE YOU COULDN'T FLEE FROM YOUR FATE AND I AM DRIFTING - NOW I'M LEFT BEHIND LOSING MY MIND TO THE PAST

WHILE YOU'RE GONE, IS THERE A REASON TO GO ON NOWHERE TO RUN, NO PLACE TO GO, STILL I LOVE YOU SO

NOW I AM SEARCHING - I GAVE YOU MY SOUL TOTAL CONTROL OVER ME AND I AM DRIFTING - FOREVER YOUR FRIEND I WON'T PRETEND, I BELIEVE WE WILL BE FREE NOW I AM SEARCHING - SOMEDAY YOU'LL RETURN ALL MY CONCERNS DISAPPEAR AND I AM DRIFTING - WE GATHER AT LAST FIGHTING THE PAST ONCE AGAIN

WHILE YOU'RE GONE, IS THERE A REASON TO GO ON NOWHERE TO RUN, NO PLACE TO GO, STILL I LOVE YOU SO

### THE VOID

SO TELL ME, WHAT WERE YOUR INTENTIONS SOME TIME AGO WHEN YOU SPENT THE NIGHT WITH ME AND TELL ME, DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD I NEED TO KNOW IF IT FELT ALRIGHT WITH ME

SHIED AWAY AGAIN AND AGAIN THOUGHT WE'D BE FOREVER FRIENDS HAVE MY EFFORTS BEEN IN VAIN

DESPERATELY TRYING NOT TO FALL INTO THE VOID IT SEEMS OUR LOVE HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND, YES, I AM DEFINITELY CRYING NOW THE NIGHTMARE HAS COME TRUE BUT, BABY, I WANT TO BE WITH YOU

SO LISTEN, I DON'T WANT TO FORCE YOU BUT TELL ME IF WE CAN BE TOGETHER SOME DAY I GUESS IT'S ALL A BIT CONFUSING BUT IF YOU DO TRY AND HELP ME FIND A WAY

BUT EVEN THOUGH | REALLY CARE I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S ENOUGH YET | KNOW THERE IS SOMETHING THERE

BECAUSE THERE'S SOMETHING BURNING DEEP INSIDE MY HEART, I CAN'T DENY THE INSECURITY IS TEARING ME APART EACH NIGHT I CRY

DESPERATELY TRYING NOT TO FALL INTO THE VOID IT SEEMS OUR LOVE HAS BEEN DESTROYED AND, YES, I AM DEFINITELY CRYING NOW THE NIGHTMARE HAS COME TRUE BUT, BABY, I WANT TO BE WITH YOU

It's so hard to live without you I can't bear a life without you See me fall into the void - I've been destroyed So hard to live without you, my love

#### I STILL CARE

I know my love for you is true, so true So where do we go from here After meeting you again AFTER MEETING YOU AGAIN
EVERYTHING WE SHARED CAME BACK TO ME
I REALIZED I REALLY MISS YOU SO MUCH
BUT I DON'T KNOW
IF WE CAN MAKE IT WORK THIS TIME
ALTHOUGH I LEARNED FROM MY MISTAKES
YOU, I NEED YOU, ALL I NEED IS YOU HERE WITH ME

I STILL CARE FOR YOU, BABY I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT I DO WANT YOU BACK IN MY LIFE AGAIN I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU I KNOW MY LOVE FOR YOU IS TRUE

Mark my words, simple but true, I love you So do you still care for me DOES IT MATTER WHAT I FEEL MAYBE YOU DON'T WANT ME ANYMORE I NEED YOU SO I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE IT A CHANCE I KNOW THAT I CAN MAKE IT WORK FOR US THIS TIME BECAUSE I LEARNED FROM OUR MISTAKES YOU, I NEED YOU, ALL I NEED IS YOU HERE WITH ME

I STILL CARE FOR YOU, BABY I DON'T KNOW MYP BUT I DO
I WANT YOU BACK IN MY LIFE AGAIN
I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU
COME BACK IN MY LIFE AGAIN
I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU
I KNOW MY LOVE FOR YOU IS TRUE, SO TRUE

### LOSING AGAIN

LIFE WITHOUT YOU IS COLD AND HARD FEELS SO USELESS NOW WE'RE APART SO CONFUSING, I AM LOSING SILENT ARE MY TEARS

FEELS LIKE SOMETHING DEEP DOWN INSIDE WAS ASSAULTED, THEN SLOWLY DIED ALL THE SUFFERING AND THE ANGUISH I CAN'T TAKE NO MORE - SO INSECURE

DON'T PRETEND WE'RE STILL FRIENDS YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW IT'S NOT ENOUGH LOSING ONCE AGAIN, I AM THE LOSER IN THE END

NEVER WANTED TO CAUSE YOU PAIN SEEMS MY EFFORTS HAVE BEEN IN VAIN I'M PRETENDING, STILL DEFENDING DISTANT YOU REMAIN - I LOSE AGAIN

DON'T PRETEND WE'RE STILL FRIENDS YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW IT'S NOT ENOUGH IT'S NOT ENOUGH, NEVER ENOUGH, NO, NO, NO

#### WAIL OF THE BANSHEE

FIELDS ARE COVERED IN SNOW TREES HAVE LOST THEIR LEAVES HERE THE CHILLING WINDS BLOW OH, MY EMERALD ISLE THEN, IN THE DISTANCE, I HEAR A SOUND A VOICE CUTS THROUGH THE SILENCE OF THE NIGHT IMMORTALITY SUBLIME A SPIRIT IN THE FOREST SUMMONS ME

TEARS BEGIN TO FALL AS I ANSWER TO THE CALL

I hear the wail of the Banshee Announcing death, resurrection The wail of the Banshee Immortal spirit of death

Now I roam in a dream Destiny unknown She approaches, I scream Oh, my emerald isle Then, when she holds me I fade away A haze appears and shrouds us both in white IMMORTALITY DIVINE
ETERNAL LIGHT, AND THEN, ETERNAL LIFE

SLOWLY I ASCEND, I KNOW DEATH IS NOT THE END REINCARNATION
FEAR IS FADING FAST, I AM FREE FOR GOOD AT LAST

I HEAR THE WAIL OF THE BANSHEE ANNOUNCING DEATH, RESURRECTION THE WAIL OF THE BANSHEE IMMORTAL SPIRIT OF DEATH

## FADING AWAY

They say she's only growing older But I just know they are wrong Sometimes she cries and doesn't know why She knows she's fading away a little each day FADING AWAY, AWAY

THEY SAY SHE GETS A LITTLE SLOWER THAT VACANT LOOK IN HER EYES TELLS ME THEY'RE WRONG SHE USED TO BE STRONG BUT NOW SHE'S FADING AWAY A LITTLE EACH DAY

SHE USED TO KNOW THEIR NAMES BUT NOW THEY'RE ALL THE SAME THEY COME AND THEY GO AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHO THEY WERE
THE PRESENT MEANS NOTHING TO HER
SHE'S FADING AWAY, A LITTLE EACH DAY, AWAY

They say she's only growing older The twilight hour of her life Clear is the Past, today doesn't last She knows she's fading away a little each day Fading away, away

### THE ANGUISH

SO LONG AGO, A WINTER'S NIGHT I HELD YOU CLOSE TO ME SO STRANGE, I STILL REMEMBER YOU JUST LIKE YOU USED TO BE

TRAVELLING ON THE PATH OF TIME KISSING YOUR TEARS AWAY SO STRANGE, YOU ARE ALWAYS IN MY HEART EVERY EMPTY DAY

LIFE REACHES FOR THE END, EASILY SLIPS AWAY DEATH, COLD AS ICE, ON THE HUNT, YOU'RE THE PREY MY EVERLASTING LOVE NEVER FADES, NEVER ENDS AND NOW WE WILL BE FOREVER FRIENDS

AS I AWAKEN WITH A SCREAM SALT ARE THE TEARS I TASTE SO STRANGE, I MET YOU IN A DREAM LIFE REACHES FOR THE END, EASILY SLIPS AWAY DEATH, COLD AS ICE, ON THE HUNT, YOU'RE THE PREY MY EVERLASTING LOVE NEVER FADES, NEVER ENDS AND NOW WE WILL BE FOREVER FRIENDS

I'D GIVE MY SOUL TO BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU ARE NOW SO STRANGE, ANYTHING TO HAVE YOU NEAR THIS IS MY SOLEMN VOW

#### NO REMORSE

BEHIND A DISGUISE, MYSTERIOUS EYES BEHIND A DISOUSE, MISTERIOUS ETES
AN ANGEL OF THE DARK
YOU'VE SET ME ON FIRE, YOU CONTROL MY DESIRE
ONCE LIT WITH JUST A SPARK
I GIVE, YOU JUST TAKE, A TRAGIC MISTAKE
BUT STILL I DEEPLY YEARN FOR YOU
BUT YOU'VE LEFT ME AND THERE'S NO RETURN

My desperate heart, once taken apart So easy to acquire Yet you're not to blame, it's your nature to gain The things you most desire You know how to play every man on your way I get what I deserve Obeying your wishes - guess I'm born to serve

I SHOULD HAVE SEEN THROUGH YOUR DISGUISE I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED YOUR EVIL LIES NOW IT'S TOO LATE TO CHANGE MY COURSE CLEARLY YOU HAVE NO REMORSE

A MASTER, INDEED, YOU TAKE WHAT YOU NEED YOU JUST DON'T CARE AT ALL NO MATTER THE COST, ALL YOUR VICTIMS HAVE LOST WITH MAGIC YOU ENTHRALL VITH MAGIC TOD ENTHKALL
I'M UNDER YOUR SPELL AND YOU KNOW ALL TOO WELL
I CAN'T ESCAPE YOUR HOLD
I'M BURNING FOREVER FOR A MAN SO COLD

I SHOULD HAVE SEEN THROUGH YOUR DISGUISE I SHOULD HAVE NOTICED YOUR EVIL LIES NOW IT'S TOO LATE TO CHANGE MY COURSE CLEARLY YOU HAVE NO REMORSE

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### **ASTRAY**

EVERY DAY JUST DRIFTS AWAY WITHOUT YOU AND EVERY NIGHT I SLEEP ALONE NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D DISAPPEAR BUT NOW YOU'VE GONE

I THOUGHT OUR LOVE WAS REALLY STRONG
I MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN
FOR HERE I AM, ON MY OWN

I'D THOUGHT THAT WE'D BE TOGETHER FOR SO MANY YEARS, I HAD NO FEAR OF LOSING THE LOVE THAT WE SHARED OH HOW CAN IT BE THAT I WAS SO BLIND MISLEAD, MISGUIDED, YOU'VE LEAD ME ASTRAY

FOR YOU HAD PROMISED TO HAVE AND TO HOLD FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, IN SICKNESS AND HEALTH I REALLY BELIEVED THOSE VOWS OF LOVE BUT YOU'VE DECIDED TO BREAK THEM AND LEAVE FOR SOMEONE FLSE

NOW THE DAYS JUST DRIFT AWAY WITHOUT YOU I HARDLY SLEEP SINCE YOU'VE BEEN GONE SOLITUDE AND MOURNFULNESS AN EMPTY HOUSE AS EMPTY AS MY LIFE'S BECOME WITHOUT YOU THERE IS NOTHING LEFT AND ONCE AGAIN, I'M ON MY OWN

I'D THOUGHT WE'D BE TOGETHER
AND FOREVER MORE, BUT I WAS WRONG
AND WHAT CAN I DO NOW YOU'VE GONE
THE LIES THAT YOU TOLD, I MUST HAVE BEEN BLIND
MISLEAD, MISGUIDED, YOU'VE LEAD ME ASTRAY

FOR YOU HAD PROMISED TO HAVE AND TO HOLD IN GOOD TIMES, IN BAD, 'TILL DEATH DO US PART I REALLY BELIEVED THOSE VOWS OF LOVE BUT YOU'VE DECIDED TO CAST THEM ASIDE THERE'S NOTHING LEFT

