

Folk Rock by John & Sheila Ludgate



We call this recording “*Folk Rock*” because we are joined on many of the songs by our sons – Luke, Anthony and Shane Ludgate.

We are the *Folk* part of the collaboration. When we play live there is usually just us – two voices, an acoustic guitar, a bass and a harmonica.

Our sons are the *Rock* part of the collaboration - Luke, Anthony and Shane belonged to the popular alternative band *Beautiful Nothing* whose videos received rotation on both *Aux TV* and *MuchLoud* and their live shows had them sharing the stage with names like *The Trews*, *Monster Truck* and *The Arkells*.

The family ensemble takes what were originally acoustic-based folk songs and gives them a new and interesting twist with a *Folk Rock* sound.

For more information on who we are and what we do please visit our website at: johnandsheilaludgate.com/

Folk Rock - Track Sheet

Track 1 – “Electric Guitars” (4:19) – From *The Beatles* to *Bob Dylan* – electric guitars have surely made and left their mark on the world of music.

Track 2 – “Northern Soul” (4:06) – A song about Canada – our home – *so wild and true, so old, so new.*

Track 3 – “Masquerade” (3:29) – The disguises we wear to get through the day.

Track 4 – “Sad And Beautiful” (5:57) – There are so many things that are both sad and beautiful at the same time.

Track 5 – “Never Too Late” (4:17) – It’s never too late and it’s never easy ‘cause it’ll take all your strength to let go.

Track 6 – “Coming Home To You” (2:59) – “*Thought I was doing OK, till my shadow started laughing at me...now I’m coming home to you*”

Track 7 – “Fleeing Forward” (3:33) – “*Playing with things that we don’t understand...*”

Track 8 – “Requiem For Love” (4:35) – A requiem for a lost love and all that goes with it.

Track 9 - “Grace” (3:46) – “*The grace of God is all that’s left in the end*”

Track 10– “Through The Glass Darkly” (3:23) – “*Through the glass darkly, a dream in a dream, Through the now and forever of what might have been*”

Track 11 - “One Thing’s For Certain” (3:24) – Every day’s a choice, the future’s still unwritten but one thing’s for certain, things are going to change

Track 12 – “I Walk On” (7:44) – We’ll walk on ‘til the last song is sung...

All songs written by John & Sheila Ludgate.

The participating musicians on almost all the songs are:

Anthony Ludgate – Acoustic Guitar, Producer

John Ludgate – Vocals, Acoustic Guitar, Harmonica

Luke Ludgate – Electric Guitar

Shane Ludgate – Percussion & Keyboards

Sheila Ludgate – Vocals & Bass

There are guest appearances by some of our musician friends as follows:

- Steve Ashley - Electric Guitar, Keyboards on *Fleeing Forward and Grace*
- Kelly DelFiacco – Piano on *Sad & Beautiful* and *I Walk On*
- John Harris - Acoustic Guitar on *Through The Glass Darkly*
- David Lum - Acoustic Guitar on *Requiem For Love* / Slide Guitar on *Coming Home To You*

Folk Rock” - Lyrics

Electric Guitars

Summer sun, warm light, Blackbird singing, just out of sight
The Beatles are playing, something called Rain, but the sun is
shining, on our Penny Lane

The future's forever, today's a song, Tomorrow Never Knows,
Yesterday is gone

We Can Work It Out, It Won't Be Long, electric guitars and
Beatles songs

Ooh...when the rain came, Ooh...when the rain came,

Ooh...when the rain came,

Everything changed

It's All Over Now, Hard Rain's Gonna Fall, The Time's Are
Changing, for us all

Dylan singing, “how does it feel”, Don't Think Twice, nothing
is real

Summers ending, fading away, colours changing to shades of
gray

Who knows how long, who knows how far, Dylan's still singing
with his electric guitar

Ooh ...how does it feel, Ooh ...how does it feel, Ooh ...how
does it feel,

When it all gets so real

...Ooh, summertime dream, Ooh summertime stars

Ooh, radio songs, Ooh ringing guitars...

Northern Soul

The water shines, and marks the way, through the forest pine
Nature's gift, nature's song, nature's sign

From silent trees, to the wind-swept quay, so wild and true
Northern land, so strong & free, so old, so new

Chorus

So many miles, so many roads, we've come so far, so far to go
From sea to sea, one land one home, a silent wish, in the falling
snow

The open road, the open sky, the northern light
Open arms, open minds, we'll be alright

Repeat Chorus

...a silent walk, ancient, unknown
...a silent wish

Étoile du nord, northern soul, dans le nord vrai
La terre du nord, libre et fort, here I'll stay...

(Translation: Northern star, northern soul, in the true north
Northern land, strong and free, here I'll stay...)

Masquerade

I know where the line is,
I know what I've been told
I know what my price is,
And I know how far I can go

I'm afraid to look too close,
I'm getting too good at getting by
The promise of youth got broken,
Floating on a sea of compromise

Chorus – I make the doubt disappear
I wipe the fear from my eyes
I don't look in the mirror
I might fall for my disguise

I make my truth fit the times
I get along, I get ahead
I make my mind, the right kind
While my heart and soul, hang by a thread

Repeat Chorus -2X

Sad And Beautiful

Faded photo, on the wall, so young so sure, about it all
A memory, of what used to be, before the unknown future that
the camera couldn't see

Chorus

So sad and beautiful, it hurts
So sad and beautiful, it hurts

Sweet souvenirs, long gone years, the colours fade away, the
faces disappear
The price of wisdom, the price of gold, the price of love, now
we know

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

The picture, the time, the innocence, the signs
The promise of a warm, and wide, open sky

So sad and beautiful, it hurts
...so sad and beautiful, it hurts
...so sad and beautiful, it hurts
...so sad and beautiful, it hurts

Never Too Late

When you were burning bridges, did you cross the line
Were you blinded by pride, are your memories now unkind
It's never too late, grace always comes in time

Innocence lost, trading silver for fool's gold
Your mind for money, paying that lost highway toll
But it's never enough, what's wanted here, is your soul

Unforgiven, the fire has grown cold
Fallen angel, that story's been told and told
It's never easy, it'll take all, your strength to let go

It's a hard road, the only way out of here
The futures unknown, what's been lost is unclear
You're broken brother, but your faith is stronger than your fear

Coming Home To You

Riding on this train again, nothing left to lose
Riding on this train again, coming home to you
The days were fine, I drank the wine, now the good time bill is
due
Riding on this train again, coming home to you

Thought I was, doing OK, saw what I wanted to see
Thought I was doing OK, till my shadow started laughing at me
In a land where, the con is king, how right can wrong be
Thought I was doing OK, till my shadow started laughing at me

Bridge - The days we have are so few
Everything's changed, nothing new
But I always come back to you

The heart has its reasons, that reason cannot know
We carry what we left behind, wherever we go
Age in my eyes, scars on my soul
We carry what we left behind, wherever we go

With age in my eyes, and these scars on my soul
Riding on this train again, am I still someone you know
... Riding on this train again, am I still someone you know

Fleeing Forward

Drifting down, one more nowhere road
Where it leads, you don't want to know
Buy and sell, one more thing nobody needs
Trinkets and trash, distraction guaranteed

Drugged and bored, chasing lives of senseless ease
Watching our TV screens, celebrate celebri-tease
Filled with pride, just before the fall
Flying high, while we're learning to crawl

Chorus 1

Fleeing forward, falling fast, Trying to keep ahead of the
inevitable past
Playing with things that we don't understand, Evil is easy, till it
makes its demands

The snake is charming, the apple looks so sweet
Take what you want, feed your conceit
Losing your way, forgetting your place
The enemy, doesn't have a face

Repeat Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Fleeing forward, falling fast, Trying to keep ahead of the
unforgiving past
In a world of mystery our ignorance knows no bounds,
The only thing I know that's real is the love that I've found
... Fleeing forward, falling fast,

Requiem For Love

I speak, but I don't feel
I'm here, but nothing is real
My nerves are shattered, I'm alone with all the years
I keep the flame burning, but your light is gone from here

It all comes round, to where it all came from
I can't let go, of what's left undone
I deal with the distance, I watch for a sign
I don't know where you are, but you live in my heart and mind

Bridge – I get the big picture, it's the details that do me in
I thank the well-wishers, with no idea how I'll begin again

Broken reasons, broken rhymes
Broken hearts, broken minds
You broke free of these chains, you left this house of cards
You're as close as a memory, far away as the farthest star

Grace

I know my leaving is too long overdue
I've lost my faith in the things of this world, the things I thought
were true
And the years no longer wait for me
To show them what I might do, what I might be

Once our lives were young, we never had to care
The world's seduced by the young, the beautiful, the fair
The time was ours we never had to try
We had all the answers so we never asked why
...Mmm...

I know my leaving is too long overdue
It was good while it lasted but the good times here are through
What once seemed so easy now seems too hard
And what once seemed so close now seems too far

I have no idea how all of this might end
The things that I've done, some things I can't defend
You're going to find you're going to break if you do not bend
You're going to find some broken things that you cannot mend

...And the love that you keep is the love you spend
And the grace of God is all that's left in the end
And the grace of God is all that's left in the end

Through The Glass Darkly

The days, the years, they're here and they're gone
I know I can't hold them, time marches on
The last tear, last fear, the last time, the last care
Here and gone on a wing and a prayer

Chorus

Through the glass darkly, a dream in a dream
Through the now and forever of what might have been
Will I know you, will you know me
In the afterlife, who will we be

We dance for the dream, we dance for the stars
We dance together, through the near and the far
We dance for reasons, we'll never know
In the end, we all will dance alone

Repeat Chorus

What will be said, what tale will be told
The promise of youth, in a world that's grown old
The last tear, last fear, the last time, the last care
Here and gone on a wing and a prayer

Repeat Chorus

One Thing's For Certain

You put one foot, in front of the other
You hold out your hand, to your sister and your brother
We're all here together, one for another
And you put one foot, in front of the other
You keep your head, you stumble you recover
You find your voice, among the noise and the clutter
And you put one foot, in front of the other

You do the best you can, with what you've been given
Don't lose your way, among the takers and the driven
Secrets hidden, temptation, the forbidden
You do the best you can, with what you've been given
Mistakes are made, made to be forgiven
Every day's a choice, the future's still unwritten
You do the best you can, with what you've been given

Bridge – Hanging on, letting go

You might never know, all the reasons why...

One things for certain, things are gonna change
You don't know where it's going, still you ride this train
One day it's sunshine, the next it's rain
One things for certain, things are gonna change
So long gone, nothing stays the same
The end of the line, starting over again
One things for certain, things are gonna change
...one thing's for certain, nothing stays the same

Repeat Bridge ...all the reasons why

I Walk On

I've been on this road for so long
Everyone I know has moved on
Found their way, found their own song
But I walk on, I walk on...

Through the night to the morning
Through the Winter to the Spring
Stay the course don't heed the warnings
I walk on, I walk on...

Chorus

This is all I know, a change is going to come
And with every change I've known, I always lose someone
But I'll be here, for the long run
I'll be here, 'till that last song is sung
Walk on, Walk on, Walk on, Walk on

Tried the push and the shove,
Fought with the hawk and the dove
All and more of the above
But I settled on love, I settled on love

Repeat Chorus