



The first day
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What began as a simple poem about my experiences as a volunteer in the aftermath of the Asian tsunami in January 2005, evolved into an extraordinary musical journey. So many people to thank for their inspiration, support and help. For their experiences and ideas (you know who you are). And my family for their love and tolerance. Thanks.



RUMOUR HAS IT

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
Arrangement & mix: Noel Quinlan
Sound engineer: Kelvin Singh

He said that she did what somebody heard
Something about her that's completely absurd
Now he can't trust her like he did before
Based on what he heard that somebody saw

She heard that he'd been with her best friend
So sad she thought their love just had to end
But it happened one night he was home 'n sick in bed
So he couldn't have done what that somebody said

Rumour has it, suspicion is rife
Rumour has it, changin' my life
When I hear somethin' from someone 'bout somebody else
It's friendship over rumour 'till I've proved it myself

He thought if she heard stuff 'bout her new man
She'd wanna come back 'n start all over again
Made up evil stories but to his sad surprise
She asked her man and saw the truth in his eyes

I heard that she said I don't love you no more
You're scared I'll leave you like he did before
Want you to know 'n I'll say it straight to your face
You're in my heart, no-one can take your place



NEXT TIME

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
Arrangement: Noel Quinlan
Remix & Sound engineer: Kelvin Singh

I said to her "please take care of my heart"
But she abused my trust and tore me apart
I'd be a fool to fall again for all those lies
Look at me baby, see the fear in my eyes?

Don't want to stop you 'cause your love is healin' me
Please unlock these chains, my heart wants to be free
You're reachin' out to me and wonder why I'm cold
Damage done before you so I guess you should be told...

Things will be different next time, I'll be more careful next time
My heart still feels the pain and it won't survive again
Protect myself from harm but I'm fallin' for your charm
Things will be different next time

Is it a dream to have a love just like before?
But with a heart so black, can I love any more?
It's not fair that I hold back my love this way
Your warmth inside me makes me wonder when I say...

Love will be different next time, I'll be more careful next time
Maybe wrong to think this way, I'll get over it someday
Don't mean to make you cry but once bitten twice shy
Love will be different next time

Now its time for me to fall in love again
My soul drinks up your love like flowers in the rain
Better to have loved and lost than not to love at all
I'm gonna give myself to you, don't care if I fall

Love will be better this time, I'll give more lovin' this time
You're wantin' me so much and I long to feel your touch
Wanna keep my self control but it's you that makes me whole...

Love will be better this time (please take care of my heart)
I'll give more lovin' this time (please take care of my heart)
I can't keep you out no more, want a love just like before
Need to give you all my trust, 'cause I love you so much
Love will be better this time!

REMEMBER

Dedicated to John Charles Walker (1919 – 2006)
Rest in peace, Dad

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
Arrangement & mix: Noel Quinlan
Sound engineer: Kelvin Singh

Take your darling by the hand, walk down the aisle again
Relive the joy of your first love and try forget the pain
Fly that bird of war once more, take off into the sky
If the clouds clear for a while, remember I said goodbye

Remember the good times, remember them with pride
Remember that you loved me and I came to say goodbye
You're my father and you know me, excuse me if I cry
Just came because I love you and want to say goodbye

Glide across the floor again, show 'em how it's done
Show them the man who's done it tough and lives on through his sons
Ride your boat into the waves, drown the ghosts that haunt your mind
Your proud family standing by the shore to wave goodbye

While you still can hear me, let me say goodbye
I know you won't remember, please god help him try
You're my father and you know me, excuse me if I cry
Just came because I love you and want to say goodbye

"Do I know you young man?" Dad don't you know it's me?
"Oh please come visit soon" I was there just yesterday
It was you I'd come to see

Many would have folded with the cards that you've been dealt
Wouldn't have the courage to bear the pain that you've felt
Soon you can lay down to rest, your sweetheart by your side
Was too young when she left us, please tell Mum I said goodbye

Remember the good times, remember them with pride
Remember that you loved me and I came to say goodbye
You're my father and you know me, excuse me if I cry
Just came because I love you and want to say goodbye

I came because you loved me and I said goodbye





FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

Summer holidays 2005, Margaret River West Australia
An early morning walk with the kids

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
Duet & backing vocals: Natalie Walker, Jessica Walker
Arrangement & mix: Noel Quinlan
Sound engineer: Kelvin Singh

Just a baby cradled in my arms
Now a young lady, give the world your charms
I kissed your tiny head wrapped safely in my hand
Now you're walking in my footsteps. Footprints in the sand

Walking in my footsteps, walking by the sea
Life's what we make it. Try to step beyond our reach
And we'll be leaving our life's footprints on the beach

Helpless like a doll you danced me round the room
Fairy tales and Doctor Seuss, another funny tune
Laugh 'til my face hurts, cry when you get mad
Walking in your footsteps, a friend, a man, my Dad

Walking in your footsteps – (in the sand along the beach)
Walking by the sea – (too big for me to reach)
Life's what we make it. Try to step beyond our reach
And we'll be leaving our life's footprints on the beach

Please understand that I'm not you
I love you just for who you are
I'm here to guide you and to pick you up if you should ever fall
Walk proud, walk tall

Now I'm learning to travel my own road
Make my own footprints, carry my own load
On that journey you can always count on me
To celebrate your footsteps. Always be your princess
Your love unlocks my dreams and sets me free

HALF WILL BE ENOUGH

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
Arrangement & mix: Noel Quinlan
Sound engineer: Kelvin Singh

Are there love notes on your pillow before you come to bed?
Does he put his problems out of mind and care for you instead?
Does he sing to you over the phone when he can't be near?
Does he think about the love with you and quietly shed a tear?

Does he smile when you fold into him and hold him so tight?
Does he touch your face while you sleep in the middle of the night?

Does he kiss your lips and make you smile while you gently dream?
Does he thank you for the love you give, a love that's so serene?

'Half' isn't good in love, it seems not quite enough
'Half' isn't good in love, acceptance can be tough
But if a man can love you just half as much as me
I'll be happy in the thought that it was right to set you free
So 'half' will be enough

Does he boast to all about your love almost every single day?
Does he see your face in every girl who happens to look his way?
Does he love you for who you are, what you've done and
how you've grown?
Does he build you up to be your best and let you fly alone?

I think I spoiled you with a love intense and pure
No one could love you like I do, of that I'm fairly sure
But you cannot share the man you truly love
That's the one thing in my life that I could only give you half
Does he care about your 'heaven' making love to you that way
Does his heart jump when he gets your call even
though you're far away?
Does he care about your family and respect the role you play?
Will he cry when you leave him and take his heart away?

MOTHER INDIA

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
Backing choir: Natalie Walker
Programming and
Arrangement: Vinayak Gupta and
Joe Balakrishnan
Keyboards: Vinayak Gupta
Lead guitar: Saibal Basu
Mixing and sound engineer: Joe Balakrishnan

When I first saw you my eyes were wide and new
You wrapped me in wild colours
Made me drunk with your perfume
Strings of your sitar, your chants in gods name
You entered my soul and I'd never be the same

A mother is wise and a mother is kind
She shows me the way when naivety blinds
She gives me the courage to do just what's right
Mother India. Mother India

When I'm away and when I'm all alone
You always smile and welcome me home
Your head in the mountains and feet in the sea
We're not the same blood but you're a mother to me
A mother is wise and a mother is kind
She shows me the way when naivety blinds

From the spiritual depths of the mighty Ganges
Mother India, Mother India

Who am I Mother India? Is this home Mother India?
Am I your son Mother India? Please tell me Mother India?

One billion children ask so much of you
Many still left wanting, wealth for just a few
A smiling urchin's face framed in a blazing shawl
Your family may have nothing, maybe they've got it all?

A mother is wise and a mother is kind
She shows me the way when naivety blinds
She cares for her children at home and away
Mother India, Mother India

FREQUENT FLYER

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
Arrangement & mix: Kim Walker
PA announcer: Cursty Wong

Another day, another place, another security guy with snarl on his face
Another plane, another crew another airport immigration queue
Another car there waiting to rush me someplace I just gotta go
A day full of something's, meeting someone's my diary knows

I'm a frequent flyer. And my points climb' higher
I got the cards, Got the miles, Got the status, Got the smiles
I'm a frequent flyer

Another text, another call, another e-mail to be sure that I know it all
Another lunch, another drink, another idea from a brain too tired to think
Another grand hotel welcome but just me in a room for two
Draw the curtains across another city and dream about you

What's today and where am I? Can't be late, another city, I gotta fly
Where to next? Don't really know. When problems strike
I just have to get up 'n go
To the family, I'm just a guy who drops in for a few days stay
Someone who travels to get free tickets for their holiday

ANGRY PEOPLE

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
Programming and Arrangement: Vinayak Gupta and Nikhil Chauhan
Keyboards: Vinayak Gupta
Lead guitar: Saibal Basu
Mixing and sound engineer: Joe Balakrishnan

Angry people, hearts filled with rage

Innocent victims, have no escape
Angry people, exploding with hate
Victory is murder, no heaven will wait

Angry people, staring at me
Bloodied faces, on my TV
Angry people, vengeance in mind
Bury their children, outrage to mankind

Why do they do what they do, surely no god considers this right?
Why do they do what they do, peace is the best way to fight

Angry people, paradise found
Terrorists bodies, all over the ground
Angry people, living in doubt
Are we the next target next time we go out?

Angry people, plan their next hit
Maximum carnage makes the best fit
Angry people, spreading their fear
Spoiling the freedom of things we hold dear

Why do they do what they do, surely no god considers this right?
Got to forgive and move on so the world will sleep better tonight

LADY OF THE NIGHT

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
Backing vocals: Michaela Therese
Arrangement & mix: Noel Quinlan
Sound engineer: Kelvin Singh

You rent your love, he buys your smile,
Hires your body and warmth for a while
Sit on his knee and sing him a song
When money runs out you'll be sayin' "so long"

Tell him you love him and miss him so much
Thinks you mean it and longs for your touch
Thinks you're special and don't wanna know
You've many more lovers as soon as he goes

Lady, lady of the night. Wear those jeans so tight
Man you're such a sight. Lady of the night

Round and round the pole you spin
Your folks don't know 'bout your life of sin
No money at home so they sent you afar
Maybe don't care that you work in a bar

Lady, lady of the night. Hope that love ignites
Sleep right through the daylight. Lady of the night



Looks like you're having fun, but there's a place you'd rather be
 No drunken breath, no angry hands, no risk of HIV
 You make this sacrifice so your family might be free
 Your own small home, a normal job, escape from poverty

He buys you things and makes you feel cool
 Old man with young lady don't seem like a fool
 Your body clock's tickin' gotta keep pace
 This job dies with the lines on your face

Lady, lady of the night. Who'll be your man tonight?
 Don't care about your plight. Lady of the night

CRUEL TRICK

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
 Arrangement & mix: Noel Quinlan
 Sound engineer: Kelvin Singh

You look so fine as you walk up to me
 The love in our eyes clear for all to see
 You hold me, and kiss me just like the first time
 My soul is alive with the joy that you're mine. Then I wake up...

Just a cruel trick of the mind, and a painful game with my heart
 When I dream that once more, we're in love like before
 It's just a cruel, cruel trick of the mind

See your call on my phone and I smile deep inside
 You tell me you love me and secrets confide
 The sound of your breath is like music to me
 Time's frozen just for us, please let it be. Then I wake up...
 Just a cruel trick of the mind, and a painful game with my heart
 When I dream once again that you're calling my name
 It's just a cruel, cruel trick of the mind

Dreams can be beautiful, they can seem so real
 Dreams can be a curse when they won't let my wounded heart heal

Our bodies flow over waves of the sea
 Locked in a sculpture of rhythmic harmony
 We touch, we kiss, I look into your eyes
 But now there's darkness your smile can't disguise. Then I wake up...
 Just a cruel, cruel trick of the mind, and a painful game with my heart
 When I dream that last year didn't end with a tear
 It's just a cruel, cruel trick of the mind
 And a painful game with my heart

THE DAY MY HEART DROWNED

Written aboard R55 Endeavour on return from 10 days in Meulaboh, Aceh, Indonesia as a first wave* volunteer to help survivors of the Asian Tsunami

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
 Arrangement & mix: Noel Quinlan
 Sound Engineer: Kelvin Singh

Where's father? Where's mother? Where's son? Where's wife?
 Swallowed by the angry waves that flooded my life
 Where's meaning? What purpose? Why go on as before?
 My world's just been washed away, no motive anymore

Oh, love was lost and never found. Oh, the day that my heart drowned

What faith? Which god? How can you do this to me?
 Take the very things I love and give them to the sea
 What hope? What future? How to keep my sanity?
 I must embrace a new family now, it's called 'humanity'

What smile? What laughter? Can I be happy as before?
 Got to love what's gone and love what comes
 Love them more and more

I thought you were my good friend and I took what I could get
 But now I know it was just a loan and you came to claim your debt

Where's sister? Where's brother? Where's daughter? Where's my wife?
 Swallowed by the angry waves that flooded my life
 Think future, not history, I have to carry on
 Their memory is forever so they're lost but never gone

Oh, love was lost and never found, the day that my heart drowned
 Oh, love was lost but can be found, got my feet back on the ground

24 HOURS

Music, lyrics & vocals: Kim Walker
 Arrangement & mix: Noel Quinlan
 Sound engineer: Kelvin Singh

High above the city one cold December eve
 We gently held each other hand and you cried on my sleeve
 But your tears turned into joy and a smile replaced the frown
 As we sipped champagne together and watched the sun go down
 We watched the sun go down

Your hair flowed across your cheek, framing beauty and your fear
 An orange streak ran down your face where the sun lit up your tear
 Both afraid to admit what this might become
 As we sipped champagne together and watched the sun go down
 We watched the sun go down

24 hours - A blink in the eye of life, a star in the sky of time
 24 hours - To dream of life if I were yours and you were mine
 24 hours - A grain of sand on the beach of history
 Enough to show you my soul and how much you mean to me

I wrapped my arms around you and held you oh so tight
Lost in the thrill of love's first kiss, we descended in the night
Something special started that night, in that crazy town
When we sipped champagne together and watched the sun go down
We watched the sun go down

Afraid to fall in love again with someone far away
To give your heart to someone you think cannot repay
But this feeling is worth keeping I'm sure we both have known
Since we sipped champagne together and watched the sun go down
We watched the sun go down

THE FIRST DAY

Inspired by Gokyo Ri summit (5,500m) in Khumbu, Nepal
With my brother Chris in December 2004

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Sound engineer: Kelvin Singh

Standing at the summit filled with pride with what I've done
Of mountains that got in my way and problems overcome
Won't go back to the valley and become an average me
I'll climb new and distant peaks in life and chase uncertainty

Every sunrise brings new rays of hope, a chance to start anew
Taste sweet milk from the breast of life, good food for all who do
When dark fears have tried to hold me down, to kill the dreams I have
Imagine this day is my last on earth and when I wake up
I'm so glad

It's a new day, a bright day, the best day, for a better way
This is the first day, the first day of the rest of my life

At birth life was an empty book, a gift to write my plans
The power to make it rich and full, lay only in my hands
Then each day is a new page of adventures to be had
Live each day as the first day and my book will not be sad
It's a new day, a bright day, the best day, for a better way
This is the first day, the first day of the rest of my life

The greatest gift I can give my kids is to show them how to live

It's a great day, a fresh day, a better day than yesterday
Yea it's the first day, the first day of the rest of my life
It's a new day, a bright day, the best day, for a better way
This is the first day, the first day of the rest of my life
It's a great day, a fun day, it's the best way to keep fear away
Oh yea it's the first day, the first day of the rest of my life

SORRY

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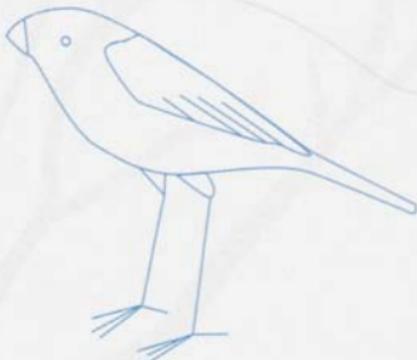
How could I help not fall in love with you
When just your glance lit up my heart?
Even if I knew that it'd end like this
I'd still have wanted it to start

I'm so sorry that I hurt you, so sorry that you cried
And I'm sorry this dream won't come true
We both know how hard we tried

Why does love always end with tears
Keep happiness, avoid the pain
Why can't we just trade up emotions
Soak up new love and leave no stain

New leaves unfold to springs first kiss
We can't deny the joy of this
Now golden sheets on winters' floor
Just as precious as before

So here I stand saying goodbye again
The softest words make our hearts burn
Two souls now crippled with their emptiness
Love's journey takes another turn



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