

A person is walking on a beach at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The ocean waves are visible in the distance. The person is in the lower left foreground, walking towards the water.

SIMPLIFY

KEN
LIM

*T*hese songs came from somewhere
within me.

You could say they are a distillation
of my life's knowledge and
experiences to date.

A few were born from an inner cry
against injustice.

One practically wrote itself out
during meditation.

Most have a message.

I hope you will
be touched
by them.



1. Simplify

(Ken Lim) © 1997

You don't need much to survive, just water & air
Shelter and a little food, enough to get by
The more you have, the more you find
the problems multiply
Simplify, just simplify, just simplify

Chorus:

Hold on to what you are
there's no one else like you
In the whole wide world, in the universe
that is so true
You are what you are
there's no one else like you
Just be the best that you can be
that's all you can do

There are times you may find some will criticize
that you may not be good enough
some doubt will arise
You got to know who you are deep down inside
Strive and work real hard until you get it right

Chorus

There's no point to look back
what might or could have been
Time once gone cannot come back
what's the use of regret?
There's no need to expect
what's next or coming by
Things may change and you may find
it's a whole waste of time

Chorus

(Repeat first verse)

2 Where is Your Soul?

(Ken Lim) © 1997

It's a lovely city in the sun
There's money to be made for everyone
The streets are so clean, there's a lot of green
There's a lot to be thankful for

Such a lovely city in the sun
There's money to be made for everyone
You can dine like a king
you can buy anything
But have you asked what you're living for?

And I hope you don't mind me asking this
'cause, something to me seems to be amiss
Where is your soul, my brother?
Where is your soul, my sister?
Where is your soul, my friend?
Oh where is your soul, in the end?

Such a busy city in the sun
Money to be made, no time for fun
The Condo, the Car, those other damn C's
Is that what you're living for?

And what's this I sense, is it fear in the air?
Then I got to ask: do you really care?
What do you fear, my brother?
What do you fear, my sister?
What do you fear, my friend?
Oh what do you fear in the end?

And I hope you don't mind me asking this
There's got to be more to life than this
Where is your soul, my brother?
Where is your soul, my sister?
Where is your soul, my friend?
Oh where is your soul in the end?

3. The Blood Flowed Freely

(Ken Lim) © 1990

It was in the June of 1989
that the students at Tiananmen Square
they gave of their lives
And all for the cause of
freedom and liberty
All the things you and I believe in
democracy

Tiananmen Square (8 times)

The tanks and many more
they couldn't stop one man
But that was just for a moment
a moment or so
The courage of this single man
was for all the world to see
But the world couldn't stop the killing
of humanity

Tiananmen Square (8 times)

Oh the blood flowed freely at Tiananmen Square

It was in the June of 1989
the sound of machine guns echoed in the air
And in the summer of 1989
they said hundreds had died
at Tiananmen Square

Tiananmen Square (8 times)

Oh the blood flowed freely at Tiananmen Square

4. Gotta Take a Chance

(Ken Lim) © 1981

You gotta take a chance
gotta take a chance on love, oh love
You gotta take a chance
gotta take a chance on love, sweet love
'cause love is so very hard to hold
Take a chance on love
and it may grow

Chorus:

Just follow your heart's direction
Don't stinge on love and affection
Throw off your shams and pretensions
Give in to your heart's direction

You gotta give some time
gotta give some time to love, oh love
You gotta give some time
gotta give some time to love, sweet love
With time you'll know
then you'll be sure
Give some time to love, and watch it grow

Chorus

(Repeat first verse)

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5. Look Beneath the Skin

(Ken Lim) © 1991

Red or yellow, black or white
brown or in between
It doesn't matter what you see
aren't we all the same within
Wouldn't it be great if everyone
were to look within
Look beneath the skin

They may speak a different language
'cause they come from a far away land
Wear a different dress
but I hope you will understand
If we could just take a moment
and think it over again
And look beneath the skin

Do you believe in Jesus Christ
Well he may believe in Buddha
There are some who follow Mohammed
and some who follow Krishna
Isn't it strange that everyone
Think their God is the only one
But isn't He the same?

Red or yellow, black or white
brown or in between
It doesn't matter what you see
aren't we all the same within
Wouldn't it be great if everyone
Were to look beneath the skin
Aren't we all human beings (3 times)

6. Something Old, Something New

(Ken Lim) © 1991

Ain't no use pretending
things are gonna be the same again
Nothing you can do can change
what's past and gone
So pick yourself up
And start over again
Tomorrow's gonna be a brand new day

Chorus:
Something old's gotta make way
for something new
It's a fact of life you know it's true
As sure as the night must fall
for the sun to come through
Something old's gotta make way
for something new

What can I say
that hasn't been said before
Life is full of changes that you ought to know
There're ups and downs in life
Someday we'd all have to go
So in the meantime let's go with the flow

Chorus:
As sure as the night must fall
for the sun to come through (2 times)

7. Baby-cryin'-in-the-background blues

(Ken Lim) © 1979

Saturday night all alone
Sitting here in my lonely room
Just pickin' on any ol' tune
I hear a baby cry in my neighbour's room

Chorus:

Baby cryin' in the background
Baby cryin' in the background
Baby cryin' in the background
I've got the baby-cryin'-in-the-background
blues

Got my eye on sweet young Sue
Oh sweet Sue I love you
Maybe someday when we are sure
Gonna have a baby cry in the background too

Chorus

8. You Can't Hurt Me

(Ken Lim) © 1997

You can't hurt me
I won't let you
I will build a fortress strong
You can't hurt me with your wrong

Though you taunt me
and you wrong me
Let me hold my head up high
Let me fight until I die

There is much more to life than to
pity and grief
Give me hope, give me strength,
give me love, give me peace
I can do all that I want
I can conquer all my fears
All I need is to believe and be strong

You can't hurt me
I won't let you
I will build a fortress strong
You can't hurt me if I'm strong

There is much more to life than to
pity and grief
Give me hope, give me strength,
give me love, give me peace
I can do all that I want
I can conquer all my fears
All I need is to believe and be strong

Oh please God help me believe
and be strong

9. For Baby

(John Denver) ©*

I'll walk in the rain by your side
I'll cling to the warmth of your hand
I'll do anything to help you understand
I love you more than anybody can

Chorus:

And the wind will whisper your name to me
Little birds will sing along in time
Leaves will bow down when you walk by
and morning bells will chime

I'll be there when you're feelin' down
to kiss away the tears if you cry
I'll share with you
all the happiness I've found
a reflection of the love in your eyes

And I'll sing you the songs of the rainbow
Whisper of the joy that is mine
Leaves will bow down when you walk by
and morning bells will chime

I'll walk in the rain by your side
I'll cling to the warmth your hand
I'll do anything to help you understand
I love you more than anybody can

Chorus

10. Music is My Life

(Ken Lim) © 1990

Chorus:

Music is my life
Music is my way
I believe in music
And I believe in me
I put the two together
to sing my song for you
Nothing I like better than
to sing my song for you

I don't know why it took so long
for me to realize
The power that lives inside of me
is waiting to be free
And everyday I thank the Lord
for the beauty that's within me
Haven't you heard the good Lord lives
within you and me

Chorus

And now it's time to realize
it's up to you and me
The power that lives inside of us
is waiting to be free
And what it takes is to find the path
to set your spirit free
The energy of the universe
breathes in you and me

Chorus

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