

Bertie Higgins

PIRATES AND POETS

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As Time Goes By

(Herman Hupfeld)

You must remember this
A kiss is still a kiss
A sigh is just a sigh
The fundamental things apply
As time goes by

And when two lovers woo
They still say I love you
On this you can rely
No matter what the future brings
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(Bridge)

Moonlight and love songs
Never out of date
Hearts full of passion
Jealousy and hate
Woman needs man
And man must have his mate
That no none can deny

It's still the same old story
A fight for love and glory
A case of do or die
The world will always welcome
lovers
As Time Goes By

Pirates and Poets

(Bertie Higgins, Sonny Limbo)

I was born beside a big blue bay
Grew up on the Gulf of Mexico
Dreamed of the islands with Papa
Hemingway
And ol' Errol Flynn was my hero

All I ever wanted was to find you girl
Make love upon the seven seas
But if we never made it around the
world
Key West would be all right with me

(Chorus)

Pirates and Poets and me you see
Are one of a kind
Searching for a treasure like you
And finding the perfect rhyme
Pirates and Poets and me believe
In love only when it's true
And the buccaneer and Shakespear
in side of me
Believe that we're in love with you

Pirates have their silver swords
They can steal your heart away
Poets have their golden words
They can win you with what they say
Never knew I had any hero in me
Never found much worth fighting
for
Never knew the beauty of poetry
But I'd never loved you before

When you Fall in Love (Like I fell in love with you)

(Bertie Higgins, John Healy, Sonny Limbo,
Jeff Pinkham)

Never knew I needed
Needed someone before
Never knew I wanted
Wanted something more
You never feel the feeling
'Til it finally comes around
You never know you're searching
'Til you find what you have found

(Chorus)

When You Fall in Love
With the one that falls in love with
you
And you're reaching out to touch the
one
Who's trying to touch you too
Then you realize that all your dreams
Really can come true
When You Fall in Love
Like I fell in love with you

Never knew my days were empty
'Til you filled my nights with love
Never knew it was simply
You I'd been dreaming of
My heart was sleeping
'Til you woke it with your touch
And now I rise and realize
What I need and want so much

Leah

(Roy Orbison)

Oh, Leah, Leah
Oh, Leah, Leah
Here I go
From the hut, to the boat, to the sea
For Leah

Gotta go diving in the bay
Gotta get a lot of oysters find some
pearls today
To make a pretty necklace for Leah
Leah

Gotta go deep and find the ones just
right
I'll bet my Leah will be surprised
tonight
I'll place the pearls around the only
girl for me
Leah

Oh, Leah, Leah
Oh, Leah, Leah
Here I go
From the hut, to the boat, to the sea
For Leah

But something is wrong I cannot
move around
My leg is caught it's pulling me down
I'll keep my hand shut tight for if
they find me
They'll find the pearls
For Leah

Now it's over I'm awake at last
Old heartaches and memories from
the past
It's just another dream about my lost
love
Leah

Oh, Leah, Leah
Oh, Leah, Leah
Here I go
Back to sleep in my dreams I'll be
with Leah

Under a Blue Moon

(Gary Baker, Quentin Powers)

Down on the coast, trying to shake
off a ghost
Of a love that has broken my heart
The last thing on my mind
Was thinking I might find someone
new
I meet you and it seems something's
happened to me
I'm awake yet I'm living a dream
I thought I was safe
Now my heart is making waves

(Chorus)

Under a Blue Moon Tonight
Everything feels so right
Just you and me, lying by the sea
In the moonlight
Under a Blue Moon Tonight
Falling in love at first sight
Here beneath the stars
Under a Blue Moon Tonight

It's easy to see, I know magic can't
be
But there's magic when I look in
your eyes
Tell me that it's true
That I feel the way I do
When you touch me
Just the sound of the tide, my heart's
pounding inside
In a night that goes on forever
I know our love will stay
When the tide washes away

Tokyo Joe

(Bertie Higgins, Sonny Limbo)

Dreaming of Tokyo again
With a pocket full of yen to spend
Sipping sake' all alone
At a table for one
Suddenly it was you and me
Laughing and having tea
'Neath the August moon

In the land of the rising sun

(Chorus)

You called me Tokyo Joe, oh, oh, oh
You were my rose of Tokyo
I still love you so, oh, ah, so
Did you misunderstand
Saying sayonara made you cry
That's not what I meant when I said
goodbye
How could I forget the love that you
and I
Made in Japan

From the Orient to Tampa Bay
You know is half a world away
Your Daddy and Mama-san
Said you could not go
So, this American boy sailed on
home
Left his Japanese girl alone
But my heart stayed there with you
in Tokyo

Beneath the Island Light

(Bertie Higgins, Jeff Pinkham, Sonny Limbo)

Seems to me I've been at sea
Sailing near a year now
But brightly off my starboard bow
The island light is clear now
You whirled across the tavern floor
Shining like that lighthouse beacon
Guided me in, said come be my friend
And offered me the wine that I was seeking

(Chorus)

Come glide with me upon the gulfstream
Come lie with me upon the waves
Captured in my pirate's dream
My maiden upon the bay
Close up on the shoreline
Where the Nor'wester winds won't bite
Oh what a night
Beneath the Island Light

You were like a Southern wind
Blowing warm as you came to me
Like a treasured smuggler's friend
Eventhough you hardly knew me
Do not fear the buccaneer
Who claimed you as his plunder
Off Mexico, a fortnight ago
Far from shore, our cannons roared
And he went under

(Bridge)

There's a fire inside of me that's burning
I can see the flames a'dancing in your eyes
To the sky and the sea we'll take our yearning
And we'll roll like the ocean
'Til it dies

Only Yesterday

(Bertie Higgins)

I watch my life go turning in circles
'Round a face I once cupped in my hands
Whirling and twirling like a leaf on the wind
Sometimes it's more that I can hardly stand

And more and more with everyday
she's with me
Hiding deep down somewhere in my mind
Then at night she tiptoes out to wake
But she's gone before I can open my eyes

(Chorus)

How the years pass me by so swiftly
Since I felt her warmth where I lay
I keep thinking, lord, I can hold her tomorrow
'Cause it seems that I touched her
Only Yesterday
Seems that I touched her
Only Yesterday

And her laughter was sweeter than golden honey
The sparkling sound just won't let me go
Just to find that moment still shining
When I held her such a long time ago

Marianna

(Bertie Higgins)

Marianna comes to me
With a seashell to her ear
Listening to my world through her golden hair
She hears my ocean near
Her eyes have been begging for my sail
Her sunsets they come and go
Her young heart has been running so fast
But the tide she moves so slow

Marianna comes to me
At the café at the break of day
Sitting there she warms my tea
And begs for me to play
Her Mercedes is flying now
'Cross Barbados toward the sea
Running naked in the salty waves
My young heard begins to sing

(Chorus)

And I'll sing,
La, da, da, da, da, de, ay
I need the trade winds upon my face
La, da, da, da, da, de, ay
The mariner must find his place
La, da, da, da, da, de, aye
Blow the candle out at night
La, da, da, da, da, de, aye
It's not my time to take a wife

Someday when my sails cannot pull me out
And the wind she forgets to blow
The fish they ain't so plentiful
And the sea she is dying slow
My compass he will turn to me
With the wisdom in his eye
I'll be reaching for the shore and her gentle hand
To hold until I die

(2nd chorus)

And I'll sing
La, da, da, da, da, de, ay
I've had the trade winds upon my face
La, da, da, da, da, de, ay
The mariner has found his place
La, da, da, da, da, de, aye
Don't blow the candle out at night
La, da, da, da, da, de, aye
It's now my time to take a wife

Pleasure Pier

(Bertie Higgins)

I was peeping through a knot hole
In the dressing room wall
I was standing on my tiptoes
"Cause I wasn't very tall
I was in his, wishing I was in hers
As her swimsuit hit the floor
I was rushing like a schoolboy
When her daddy hit the door

(Chorus)

It was just another year
On the Pleasure Pier
Growing up too fast
Showing up at last
What the hell am I doing here?
Stick it in your ear
Give me the Pleasure Pier
Give me some red, hot passion in
the summertime
And ice me down another cold beer

Sixty two Dodge
convertible on the beach
The mosquitoes and me and she
Were biting in the back seat
Loving and laughing, struggling and
scratching
Letting down the tops
mooning in the moonlight
Flashing the flashlight and the cop

You know I finally won that girl
"Cause her daddy finally gave her
away
Started living in soap opera world
Pleasant valley, U.S.A.
But my queen of the hop ran off
with the cop
And Reagan took my job yesterday
Now dontcha' get screwed, don't let
it happen to you
You gotta dig on what I have to say

(2nd chorus)

You gotta live another year
On the Pleasure Pier
You gotta make it last
Don't grow up too fast
I want you all to listen here
Stick it in your ear
I'm talking 'bout the pier
Some red hot passion in the
Summertime
And ice you down another cold beer.

Never Looking Back

(Bertie Higgins, John Healy, Donny Dupuy)

The soldier boy in Hanoi
Got by by staying high
Back in sixty eight
It was the only way that he could
cope
You learned to kill or you learned to
die
The strong and the stoned seemed
to survive
So between the bong and the blood
and the bullets
He chose to live as he smoked his
hope

At twenty one he laid down his gun
A hero in Nixon's lie
There was pressure on the president
To bring the boys back home
And because he'd played his part
They gave him a broken purple heart
Then they cut him loose to find his
way
Soon forgotten and alone

(Chorus)

The veteran of the war
But wars are all the same
Another pawn another believer
Another loser in the game
But losers learn to be winners
When they learn to refuse to play
And now he's Never Looking Back
At the V.A.

His old friends had found a new
flame
and the white lady was her name
They made the introduction
They taught him how to connect
Colombia to Peru
He was the best a flying it through
Wearing Guccis on his feet
And gold around his neck

One night it all came down
When he was Miami bound
He took a fall from a seven forty
seven
Behind his mule
And though it took some time
To find the Judas who dropped the
dime
He bailed out long enough
and he wasted the fool

(2nd Chorus)

And now he's never looking back at
the D.E.A.

When he finally made parole
He left the last of his mortal soul
in the solitary heart
Of a Florida cell
He knew he wasn't beat
His education was complete
From the lesson he learned
From yet another lifetime in hell

Looking back for one last time
Thinking 'bout how he'd bought up
all their lines
And how he'd paid through the nose
For a lovely bunch of lies
He found he was his only friend
Bound to escape the bitter end
Left alone he started pushing hard
for paradise

(3rd Chorus)

And now he's Never Looking Back
at F.L.A.

Now he's hiding from the heat
In a mansion on Martinique
It's so much cooler down there
Counting cash under a paddle fan
He's forgotten old friends and jail
To hell with the Ho Chi Minh trail
He's just another lonely, quiet, and
rich
Ex-American

(3rd Chorus)

And now he's Never Looking Back
at the U.S.A.