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Building a Mystery
(Sarah McLachlan/Pierre Marchand)

You come out at night
That's when the energy comes
And the dark side's light
and the vampires roam

You strut your rasta wear
and your suicide poem
And a cross from a faith that died
Before Jesus came

You're building a mystery

You live in a church
Where you sleep with voodoo dolls
And you won't give up the search
For the ghosts in the halls

You wear sandals in the snow
And a smile that won't wash away
Can you look out the window
Without your shadow getting in the way

You're so beautiful
With an edge and charm
And so careful
When I'm in your arms

'Cause you're working
Building a mystery
Holding on and holding it in
Yeah you're working
Building a mystery
And choosing so carefully

You woke up screaming aloud
A prayer for your secret god
You feed off our fears
And hold back your tears oh

You give us a tantrum
And a know it all grin
Just when we need one



When the evening's thin

You're a beautiful
A beautiful fucked up man
You're setting up your
Razor wire shrine

I Love You

I have a smile
stretched from ear to ear
to see you walking down the road

we meet at the lights
I stare for a while
the world around disappears

just you and me
on this island of hope
a breath between us could be miles

let me surround you
my sea to your shore
let me be the calm you seek

oh and every time I'm close to you
there's too much I can't say
and you just walk away

and I forgot
to tell you
I love you
and the night's
too long
and cold here
without you
I grieve in my condition
for I cannot find the strength to say I need you so

oh and every time I'm close to you
there's too much I can't say
and you just walk away

and I forgot
to tell you
I love you
and the night's
too long
and cold here
without you

Sweet Surrender

It doesn't mean much
It doesn't mean anything at all
The life I've left behind me
Is a cold room

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I've crossed the last line
 From where I can't return
 Where every step I took in faith
 Betrayed me
 And led me from my home

Sweet surrender
 Is all that I have to give

You take me in
 No questions asked
 You strip away the ugliness
 That surrounds me
 Are you an angel
 Am I already that gone
 I only hope that I won't disappoint you
 When I'm down here on
 My knees

Sweet surrender
 Is all that I have to give
 Sweet surrender
 Is all that I have to give

And I don't understand
 By the touch of your hand
 I would be the one to fall

I miss the little things
 Oh I miss everything
 About you
 It doesn't mean much
 It doesn't mean anything at all
 The life I left behind me
 Is a cold room

Sweet surrender
 Is all that I have to give
 Sweet surrender
 Is all that I have to give

Adia
 (Sarah McLachlan/Pierre Marchand)

Adia, I do believe I failed you
 Adia, I know I've let you down
 Don't you know I tried so hard
 To love you in my way
 It's easy let it go

Adia, I'm empty since you left me
 Trying to find a way to carry on
 I search myself and everyone
 To see where we went wrong

There's no one left to finger
 There's no one here to blame

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There's no one left to talk to honey
And there ain't no one to buy our innocence

'Cause we are born innocent
Believe me Adia, we are still innocent
It's easy, we all falter
Does it matter?

Adia I thought that we could make it
But I know I can't change the way you feel
I leave you with your misery
A friend who won't betray
I pull you from your tower
I take away your pain
And show you all the beauty you possess
If you'd only let yourself believe that

We are born innocent
Believe me Adia, we are still innocent
It's easy, we all falter, does it matter?
Believe me Adia, we are still innocent
'Cause we are born innocent
Adia we are still
It's easy, we all falter
But does it matter?

Do What You Have to Do
(Sarah McLachlan/Coleen Wolstenholme)

What ravages of spirit
Conjured this temptuous rage
Created you a monster
Broken by the rules of love
And fate has lead you through it
You do what you have to do
And fate has led you through it
You do what you have to do

And I have the sense to recognize that
I don't know how to let you go
Every moment marked
With apparitions of your soul
I'm ever swiftly moving
Trying to escape this desire
The yearning to be near you
I do what I have to do
The yearning to be near you
I do what I have to do

But I have the sense to recognize
That I don't know how
To let you go
I don't know how
To let you go

A glowing ember
Burning hot

Burning slow
 Deep within I'm shaken by the violence
 Of existing for only you

I know I can't be with you
 I do what I have to do
 I know I can't be with you
 I do what I have to do
 And I have sense to recognize but
 I don't know how to let you go
 I don't know how to let you go
 I don't know how to let you go

Witness
 (Sarah McLachlan/Pierre Marchand)

Make me a witness
 Take me out
 Out of darkness
 Out of doubt

I won't weigh you down
 With good intention
 Won't make fire out of clay
 Or other inventions

Will we burn in heaven
 Like we do down here
 Will the change come
 While we're waiting
 Everyone is waiting

And when we're done
 Soul searching
 And we carried the weight
 And died for a cause
 Is misery
 Made beautiful
 Right before our eyes
 Will mercy be revealed
 Or blind us where we stand

Will we burn in heaven
 Like we do down here
 Will the change come
 While we're waiting
 Everyone is waiting

Angel

Spend all your time waiting
 For that second chance
 For a break that would make it okay
 There's always one reason
 To feel not good enough
 And it's hard at the end of the day
 I need some distraction

Oh beautiful release
 Memories seep from my veins
 Let me be empty
 And weightless and maybe
 I'll find some peace tonight

In the arms of an angel
 Fly away from here
 From this dark cold hotel room
 And the endlessness that you fear
 You are pulled from the wreckage
 Of your silent reverie
 You're in the arms of the angel
 May you find some comfort here

So tired of the straight line
 And everywhere you turn
 There's vultures and thieves at your back
 The storm keeps on twisting
 You keep on building the lies
 That you make up for all that you lack
 It don't make no difference
 Escaping one last time
 It's easier to believe
 In this sweet madness
 Oh this glorious sadness
 That brings me to my knees

In the arms of an angel
 Fly away from here
 From this dark cold hotel room
 And the endlessness that you fear
 You are pulled from the wreckage
 Of your silent reverie
 You're in the arms of the angel
 May you find some comfort here
 You're in the arms of the angel
 May you find some comfort here

Black and White

Unravel me
 A distant cord
 On the outside is forgotten
 A constant need
 to get along
 And the animal awakens
 And all I feel is black and white

The road is long
 The memory slides
 To the whole of my undoing
 I put aside
 I put away
 I push it back to get through each day
 And all I feel is black and white
 And I'm wound up small and tight

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And I don't know who I am

Everybody loves you when you're easy
 Everybody hates when you're a bore
 Everyone is waiting for your entrance so
 Don't disappoint them

Unravel me
 Untie this chord
 The very center of our union
 Is caving in
 I can't endure
 I am the archive of our failure
 And all I feel is black and white
 And I'm wound up small and tight
 And I don't know who I am

Everybody loves you when you're easy
 Everybody hates when you're a bore
 Everyone is waiting for your entrance so
 Don't disappoint them

Everybody loves you when you're easy so
 Don't disappoint them

Don't disappoint them

Full of Grace

The winter here's cold
 And bitter
 It's chilled us to the bone
 We haven't seen the sun for weeks
 Too long too far from home
 I feel just like I'm sinking
 And I claw for solid ground
 I'm pulled down by the undertow
 I never thought I could feel so low
 And oh the darkness I feel like letting go

If all of the strength and all of the courage
 Come and lift me from this place
 I know I could love you much better than this
 Full of grace my love

It's better this way, I said
 Having seen this place before
 Where everything we say and do
 Hurts us all the more
 It's just that we stay too long
 In the same old sickly skin
 I'm pulled down by the undertow
 I never thought I could feel so low
 And Oh the darkness I feel like letting go

If all of the strength and all of the courage
 Come and lift me from this place

I know I could love you much better than this

Full of grace, full of grace, my love

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