

Dark Lullabies

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Wake Up

Ryan X

108 bpm - A

Capo F#

Track 1

- 4-bar Intro
- Theme Verse 1

Morning comes, morning goes,
nighttime leaves while, day grows
Wake up, go to sleep,
shout out loud, and dive deep

Some dream, some vision
Some clear-cut, indecision
Something nice?
Think twice

- Break
- Verse 2A

Take it easy, play it slow,
Running fast with, no place to go,
Eyes wide with, no sight,
Broken hands, but nowhere left to fight

- Verse 2B

Roll the dice, spin the wheel
Take the deck it's your turn to deal
How much will you bet
This is not real?

- Break
- Reprise Theme Verse 1

(But) morning comes, morning goes,
Nighttime leaves while, day grows
Wake up, go to sleep,
Shout out loud ...

Big Dumb Grins

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81 bpm - G

Capo E

Track 2

- 4-bar Intro
- Verse 1

The sun shines down today with a different heat
Big dumb grins on the faces of the people we meet
Take to the highway, or take to the street
Slide down a rainbow on the soles of your feet

- Chorus 1

Take my hand, we can, sit or stand
What good is it to lose, if we didn't cheat?

- Break
- Verse 2

There's always the other side of a story you know
Sometimes holding on is the way to let go
Seems like life is, the speed of light
We can't ever stop, but we can move slow

- Chorus 2

Take my hand, until, we understand
What good is it to lose, if we didn't grow?

We didn't grow ...

Laugh Alone

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74 bpm - D

Capo E

Track 3

- 4-bar intro

- Verse 1

The man in the mirror looks much the same,
but his hair's grown out for another year
His eyes have narrowed, sharper and colder,
less to cherish and more to fear

This ethical dilemma will put you in your place
Freezing cold hands won't reach up to touch your face
She much prefers the darkness, and closes her eyes to taste

- Break

- Chorus

It's really not all that much fun, locked inside, rain or sun
Ask for peace but no one's there,
heartbreak all the help I've ever known

Talking to the halls, wandering through the walls
Stumbling up and down the stairs, and laughing all alone

- Break

- Bridge

Who's on your list? Who's in your gun scope?
You're looking through crosshairs. I'm tying a rope.
Are you uncomfortable? I know I am.
Put your clothes back on.
What an innocent lamb.

- Break

- Bridge 2

I hope you find your way home.
The water's deep out here.
He should not have let you roam.
After your intentions, were clear.

- Chorus

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Ask for peace but no one's there,
heartbreak all the help I've ever known

Talking to the halls, wandering through the walls
Stumbling up and down the stairs, and laughing all alone

Any Woman

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80 bpm - F#m

Capo Ab

Track 4

- 8-bar intro
- Verse 1

Faces rise up from the mist,
people I have loved or kissed
then disappear like echoes in the breeze

Thoughts and memories come and gone,
sadness that's been here too long
Someone, anyone help me, please

- Chorus 1

I've learned to breathe when there's no air
Gave up thinking about what's fair
It's not what she feels but what she sees

Slowly sinking in the dust
I've found that it's a shame to trust,
any woman pleading on her knees

- Verse 2

Voices work their way through dreams,
images and crazy scenes
then disappear like whispers in the wind

Shakin' off another night,
too many wrongs don't make a right
God help the creature,
who never sinned

- Chorus 2

I've learned to breathe when there's no air
Gave up drinkin', how's that fair?
It's not what she knows but when she lies

Keep your secret wrapped in lust
I've found that it's a shame to trust
Any woman won't look you in the eyes

- Bridge Verse

You don't know but you've been told,
this game you play is getting old
you made the sale, now I'm sold,
you lit the flame and then went cold

I'm afraid I'm not a toy,
some hopeless fool that you enjoy,
sent off like an errand boy,
a soul to touch and then destroy,

I'm a phantom, you're a witch,
I lost myself and you're a bitch
Good or evil, make the switch,
I promise I won't scratch your itch
I'll leave you,

Just the way you are.

- Repeat Chorus 1

Days Go By

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89 bpm - Fm

Capo F

Track 5

- 4-bar intro
- Verse 1

The sun says go to sleep
Nothing to do but lay in bed
The moon says rest your eyes
Take a break, from your head

The morning says relax,
Plenty of time, no hurry
The night says he's got this covered,
it's cool, baby don't worry

- Chorus 1

And the days go by,
Staring at what used to be the sky
The weeks, the months, the years
Along with all my fears

- Verse 2 + Bridge

Early says you're not ready to rise
Too many dreams still in disguise
Late says give me one more minute,
I need a moment and then I'm in it, yeah

Then everything starts to slip away,
It feels like just yesterday,
When I was in control ..

- Chorus 2

But the days go by
Never a question of why
The weeks, months, years
Long with all my fears

- Verse 3

The sun says go to sleep,
You're already in too deep,
So peaceful now to fade away,
Just nod no need for you to say (that)

- Chorus 3

Days go by,
I gave up asking why,
The weeks, the months, the years,
Have left with all my tears ...

Memories

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158 bpm - Bm

Capo E

Track 6

- 8-bar intro
- Verse 1

I have no desire to remember
the things that run through my mind
it hurts my heart to think about
the things I cannot leave behind

- Verse 2

I have no desire to remember
but the thoughts they will not fade
do I regret the times I have moved ahead
when I knew I should have stayed?

- Chorus

I want to scream myself to silence
I want you to hear that sound
I want you to feel what it is that I feel
when the frustrations come around

- Verse 3

I want to dance inside the light
close my eyes and they all go away
I'm left with who I came with
but the memories; they will always remain

- Break
- Chorus

I want to scream myself to silence
I want you to hear that sound
I want you to feel what it is that I feel
when the frustrations come around

- Verse 4

I think I'd rather sleep than dream tonight
but that's not really my choice
god only knows what will happen next
but I talk while I still have a voice

- Verse 5

Will you feel my absence
fill your lungs with the numbness of doubt?
I don't know where it all came from
but I need to get it out

- Reprise and Outro

will you feel my absence
fill your lungs with the numbness of doubt?
I don't know where it all came from
but I need to get it out ...

I need to get it out

The Collector

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97 bpm - Gm

Capo G

Track 7

- 2-bar Intro
- Theme Verse

The collector takes her line through town
She may be tired but she knows a way around
One more trip then she gets to slip back home
The last passenger, now she's all alone

- Verse 1

The collector, her eyes are falling down
You'd never guess at the mess she's already found
Made a place for her face, where the wild folks roam
Mind like a fire and a heart, made out of stone

- Bridge Instrumental
- Verse 2

Empty pockets and holes in her dirty shoes
Sellin' dreams while she's handin' out the blues
Touched by an angel, spreading bitter news
Crushed with a mirror, any way you choose

- Bridge Instrumental 2
- Theme Verse Reprise

The collector takes her line through town
She may be tired but she knows a way around
One more trip then she gets to slip back home
The last passenger, now she's all alone

Let It Be

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95 bpm - D

Capo E

Track 8

- 4-bar Intro
- Theme Verse 1

I only drink alone
Cause you don't need to know
how slowly time is passing by
when it's just me

Backed into a corner
Knees up by my chest
and I can nod myself to sleep
just let it be

- Verse 2

Footsteps in the dark
Smoke and shadows just outside the noise
I think the monster's getting bored

Sinking in and down
Hardly worried half-closed eyes
know what we're moving toward

- Bridge 1

Take this thing for granted
That I will always be there when you wake
- tell you everything's okay

But when that door is closed
Inside a room the silence gives me comfort
knowing soon I'm going away
Soon I'm going away

- Verse 3

You are my fault -
clouds that wrap themselves around
the dreams that keep me coming back for more

I'm done with fighting -
swept on by like glass that lies there
bleeding on the floor

- Bridge 2

These broken rhythms
Company when absence makes the heart
grow weak and cruel

These quiet nights
Nobody there to tell you that
you've been a fool;
you've been a fool.

- Theme Reprise

I only drink alone
Cause you don't need to know
how tired time is passing by
when it's just me

Backed into a corner
Knees up by my chest
and I can nod myself to sleep
just let it be

Just let it be.

Face In the Crowd

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81 bpm - Cm

Capo G

Track 9

- 4-bar intro
- Theme Verse 1

I'm a face in the crowd
Another mind in the cloud
A few anonymous thoughts
Are way too shy to be proud

- Verse 2 + Bridge Chorus

I'm a voice in an echo
With advice, from myself
Atypical, consequential
Just like everyone else

I'm a body in the shadows
Taking shots in the dark
Looking for a friend to make
A single, invisible mark

- Break
- Theme Reprise Verse 3

I'm a face in the crowd
Another mind in the cloud
Too strung out to sleep
And way too tired to be loud

- Verse 4 + Bridge Chorus

I'm a half of a heart beat
One shoe, but two feet
Still need to find some peace
In this mildly uncomfortable heat

I'm a whisper in the shadows
Making plans in the dark
Looking for a pen to make
A single invisible mark

- Break
- Theme Refrain Outro

I'm a face in the crowd
Another mind in the cloud
I'm a face in the crowd
I'm a face in the crowd
I'm a face in the crowd ...

Shine

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92 bpm - F

Capo A

Track 10

- 2-bar intro

- Pre-verse

These mornings, these nights, these struggles, these fights
I'm tired, it's draining, I'm through with, you explaining

- Verse 1

Give me time, just to close my eyes,
Give me time, to move through the lies
Give me peace, let me be still,
You left me empty when you took your fill

- Chorus

But trust me, I'm fine, just watch me, I'll shine

- Bridge

I'll sit here and wait while you sit there and hate
I don't need to be right but this is crazy
I don't care how it was, I don't need to remember
The end is in sight, there's no time to be lazy ...

- Verse 2

And you'll crumble inside your mind
Won't ever look afraid of what you'll find
In that dark place, you call your own
You will find that you are sadly alone

- Chorus

But trust me, I'm fine, just watch me, I'll shine
But trust me, I'm fine, just watch me, I'll shine

State of Grace

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93 bpm - Eb

Capo G

Track 11

- 2-bar intro
- Verse 1

I chase those sweet moments when everything holds still
Watching the sun, stretched out on a hill
For just these short minutes, the noise stands to rest
Her hand in my hand and her head on my chest

- Break
- Pre-chorus

but we're out of time for patience, no breath from this race,
close your eyes but open your mind, looking for a state of grace

- Chorus

and in the end you'll find a friend, waiting for you with a smile
Makes mistakes and laughs them off and holds you for a little while

- Break
- Verse 2

Inside or outside, I gave up trying to tell,
for every dark perspective there's a light one as well
and the chance to pick your night or day, comes from how you choose to play
God help me find a plan, I'm not a gambling man

- Pre-chorus

but I'm out of time for patience and I can't keep up this pace
Close my eyes and open my mind, hoping for a state of grace

- Break
- Chorus Outro (half-time lyrics)

And in the end I'll find a friend,
waiting for me with a smile
Makes mistakes and laughs them off
and holds me for a little while

Midnight Lullaby

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85 bpm - C

Capo E

Track 12

- 4-bar Intro

- Verse 1 + Pre-chorus

Close your eyes
Let sweet sleep clear your mind
leave restless thoughts behind
breathe deep and slow

and let the rain come crashing down
and hold the moments of an hour
underneath that nighttime shower
smile because you know

- Chorus

that in our sleep we live our dreams
and everything is the way it seems
distractions all just fade away
and leave our sense of peace to stay

in my dreams
I can always fly
in my dreams
this is my midnight lullaby
this is my midnight lullaby

- Bridge Instrumental

- Verse 2 + Pre-chorus

in the light you just might see
reflections on a mirror's face
reminders that you've seen this place
not so long ago

so let the storm pass overhead
in the mist feel your body rise
lose the tightness of the ties
and smile because you know

- Repeat Chorus -

- Verse 3 + Pre-chorus

Close your eyes
the sun shines brightly for the blind
waking hours can be so unkind
so take a moment slow

and let the rain come crashing down
and wash away the tears that fell
let the nighttime treat you well
and smile because you know

- Repeat Chorus -

- Outro Instrumental Break