



# Treasure Keepers Ad Vanderveen



## David And Goliath

### Chorus

David and Goliath speak of evil and of love  
Ah both men could tell a tale so tender and so tough  
Underdog and giant after all is said and done  
David and Goliath you were both rolled into one

Well I heard you stopped your singing in the middle of your song  
Paused to take a moment and you were forever gone  
Apologize for dying now that's one way to go out  
Something you yourself would surely write a song about

### Chorus

The one so soft and gentle, the other loud and tall  
Still not easy to predict who'd be the first to fall  
Expect the unexpected then turn it all around  
I can't picture any force to keep you in the ground

### Chorus

The darkest night would never hold a mystery  
My spirit shall arise  
To comfort and to care for you only, to sympathise  
(from *If My Eyes Were Blind* - David Olney)

## Treasure Keepers

How can we describe it you said it's something sacred like prayer  
We go in different ways in private into a deeper layer  
Let it flow and come and go and trust it gets somewhere  
It's a magical affair

### Chorus

We're the dreamers, dreamers, not sleepers  
Losers, losers, not weepers  
Runners, runners, not creepers  
The junkyard of love's treasure keepers

Who knows what is best for him may turn out to be the worst  
May end up being thankful for the very same things you cursed  
That's how a jail became a sanctuary as life unfurled  
And you were there and lived it, wondering what in the world

### Chorus

Will the true troubadour be the last of a dying breed  
Talking reason for being, talking existential need  
With a raging hunger and a restless heart and soul to feed  
Till his spirit's freed

### Chorus



## End Of Me And You

Could it be we are through  
Is this the end of me and you  
Or is there anywhere left to go  
Been hoping at the end of the run  
Gonna be a one and only one  
It's just lately I don't know

You were my pride and joy, I was a golden boy  
But somewhere along there came a change  
Been thinking maybe this is it, whatever was a perfect fit  
Maybe it can still be rearranged

Yeah it was fun showing you around  
We had all the feel and sound  
The longest search to culminate in one  
But I've been getting insecure  
Wondering what I'm trying for  
It's unclear what it's become

Chase all the tone and song, you need best that you can come  
Across in this old lonely world you're in  
Now could it be we are through  
Is this the end of me and you  
My mind is changing like the wind

Why a vow to never part  
When so many is the change of heart  
Just a fickle flyer on the run  
Pledging to a plan you laid  
How could it ever be betrayed  
Guess I'll take the blame for damage done

How could a material trip be any kind of a relationship  
It's only deep delusion I know all about  
I'd like to see the end of change, like to find what's true and real  
Thought we had it, now I doubt

If you could only trust your senses  
All they do is tell you lies  
Till you hardly recognize what's true  
And a quest for understanding gets so fitful and demanding  
It's just impossible to live up to

Been a fool to think you are any more than just a fine guitar  
Taken this as far as it could go  
Could it be we are through  
Is this the end of me and you  
If there's any sign there, let it show - Is there any sign there, I don't know

## Sixty Thousand Thoughts

Stumble through the changes of constant coming and going  
Stumble through the changes with rare moments of knowing  
Lord knows how much I wrote and however much I sang  
Lord knows how shortchanged I sometimes feel I am

### Chorus

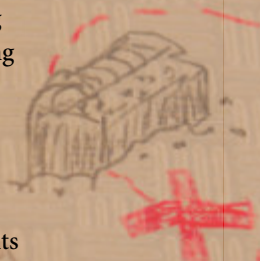
On a bridge suspended between what is and what is not  
Spend your days caught in a maze of sixty thousand thoughts

Was I ever sad was I ever mad was I ever bitter  
Took over forty years of song to take it to the litter  
Never garrantees to make and surely no demands  
Living on the mercy, favors and grants

### Chorus

On a bridge suspended between what is and what is not  
Spend your days caught in a maze of sixty thousand thoughts  
Sixty thousand thoughts keep a fool nailed to the wall  
Sixty thousand thoughts I know, I count 'em all

Now it's one shot on the spot it must be this and can't be that  
No more room for doubt or second thoughts is where it's at  
Truth is in the middle if it's ever found somewhere  
Won't you meet me halfway, I might see you there



### Chorus

On a bridge suspended between what is and what is not  
Spend your days caught in a maze of sixty thousand thoughts  
Sixty thousand thoughts will bring a man down to his knees  
Sixty thousand thoughts ain't that enough already please

### Death Is For Others

There's something wrong with us, till we breathe our last  
We worry about the future, sorry about the past  
Measure out the differences between sisters and brothers  
While all of life is passing us by and death is for others

There's something wrong with us, maybe scared to admit it  
Always wanna to seize the moment, never know when you're in it  
Trying hard to have and hold a kind of love that smothers  
Hang on to this crazy living like death is for others

It won't wait for the least of us, catch up with the best  
Stop you playing in mid-song, chin on your chest  
Could be coming for the children or the fathers and mothers  
All singing and dancing and fooling like death is for others

### Bridge

Who could truly be happy with a shadow looming all around  
How to really be at ease not knowing when what's coming down



There's nothing wrong with us right here and right now  
If we could only shake the feeling, let it go somehow  
What's in the back of our mind that nags and it bothers  
Sure life's what you make it and death is for others  
Yeah life's what you make it, like death is for others

### Looking Through Your Eyes

Out of time and out of place  
Invoking higher love and grace  
Invoking power to realize  
Glimpses of a view – looking through your eyes

Can you set a mind at ease  
Granting love and granting peace  
Transcending even paradise  
In the dreamscapes – looking through your eyes

So much learning left to do  
Open roads to go right through  
All the sad and worldly wise  
Into the wonder - looking through your eyes

So hard not to understand  
That none of this is in our hands  
Sifting through the truth and lies  
For a view of life – looking through your eyes

And we go looking all over, looking all over, looking all over  
looking all over, overlooking inner skies  
For the view of life – looking through your eyes

The wonder we can only guess  
Believe, suspect it if we're blessed  
Just how far and high to rise  
To be all we can be - looking through your eyes

Invoking higher love and grace  
Invoking leaving time and space  
For a love that never dies  
Glimpses of a view – looking through your eyes.

### Puppet Show

Step right up, step right up to where the sideshow's gonna be  
Women men and children come gather round to see  
A puppeteer is hiding, quietly pulling strings  
Makes the play go round and puppets do all kinds of things

Some think they do the dancing  
Some think they do the dangling  
Don't care, or some believe and others know  
But they all look the same and come and go  
In this moving puppet show

Scenes going back and forth between dreams and memories  
Can't believe it's all mapped out and still nobody sees  
Some are gonna lay back, others give it all they got  
Wouldn't know a difference if strings are pulled or not

Some think they do the dancing  
Some think they do the dangling  
Don't care, or some believe and others know  
But they all look the same and come and go  
In this moving puppet show

#### **Times Like These**

Perhaps a better life is waiting there beyond somehow  
In the darkness of the tunnel there's no telling now  
Only red lights flashing and warning signs to heed  
Figure out how to keep going when you got no speed

Chorus  
Somewhere sometime down the line that's straight or curled  
Come out the other end of this a better world  
Who needs doom or gloom or hopeful prophecies  
It's uncharted land we tread in times like these  
Times like these

It's laying low, nowhere to go and stay in place  
Good thing peace of mind don't need a lot of space  
The carousel came to a halt the engine burned  
The fair is over leaving town but the world still turns

#### **Chorus**

If any good this situation ever brings  
It's too soon to tell but I could think of things  
So much there to re-appreciate and sacrifice  
Who knows what the gain before they pay the price  
When the cards are dealt and hands are played and the deck is stacked  
There's new chances when tables turn and they won't turn back

#### **Chorus**

Giving all the help we can in times like these  
We need all the love there is in times like these  
Be with us please



## If I Can Do It, So Can You

Thirteen years ago I sat there just like you  
Watching somebody sing me a song  
Telling me that freedom was right there in my hands  
If i just had the strength and the nerve to take it on

I was twenty-two and married with a nice executive smile  
A briefcase and a job I could not stand  
A sports car to take me every night to the nearest bar  
Where I'd get so damn drunk I could not stand

The power and the beauty and the truth in the words  
Of a man as yet I've never talked to  
Helped me to face myself in the life that I was living  
And I said get off your ass son you got some things to do

I crossed the line in april nineteen seventy-nine  
And left the wife crying in the sunshine  
I had always wanted to fly twice the speed of sound  
And I did and I'll tell you I got off every time

I moved on down to Nashville sleeping on the floors  
Living like a dog and getting goddamned  
But I was doing what I'd do every time that I wanted to  
And no one ever said to me to get up and go to town

You see for a lifetime my father worked a job  
He could not stand and he hated every day  
And I watched him die slowly one tv show at a time  
And I swore I'll burn before I go that way

And now there's one thing that I would say unto your soul  
And it is to yourself always be true  
This life isn't easy any way you can make it  
And if I can do it well you can you  
Man so can you

## Lonely You Are

Distraction at a dead end in the outer world  
Reach out for connection near and far  
Cling to radiation for togetherness  
Never know how lonely you are

Cinemas and theaters and music halls  
Diners and churches and bars  
No longer take your mind off wondering  
Never how lonely you are

Chorus

If there's any consolation to be found somewhere  
It's in the inner skies beyond the stars  
Anybody been to seventh heaven found it there  
Never really lonely you are

Once again stranded in the outer zone  
Can't find a way into the world within  
Neither here nor there to make a home  
That's where faith comes in

Bare your soul to an indifferent world  
Drown out a voice with a guitar  
Send all the feeling out to anywhere  
Never know how lonely you are

Chorus

If there's any consolation to be found somewhere  
It's in the inner skies beyond the stars  
Anybody been to seventh heaven found it there  
Never really lonely you are  
The lovers and the loners and the families  
Never really lonely you are

**Motherland**

I've always been a wanderer as through this world I roamed  
To get on up from under to somewhere I call home  
No place, no time, no country could ever bind me down  
The search for something lost it kept me ramblin'round  
And the road is long and narrow and it's hard to understand  
A patriot without frontiers' longing to get to the motherland

This land it can't be your land, this land it can't be mine  
We're only passers through here as long as we do time  
And the road is long and narrow and it's hard to understand  
A patriot without frontiers' longing to get to the motherland