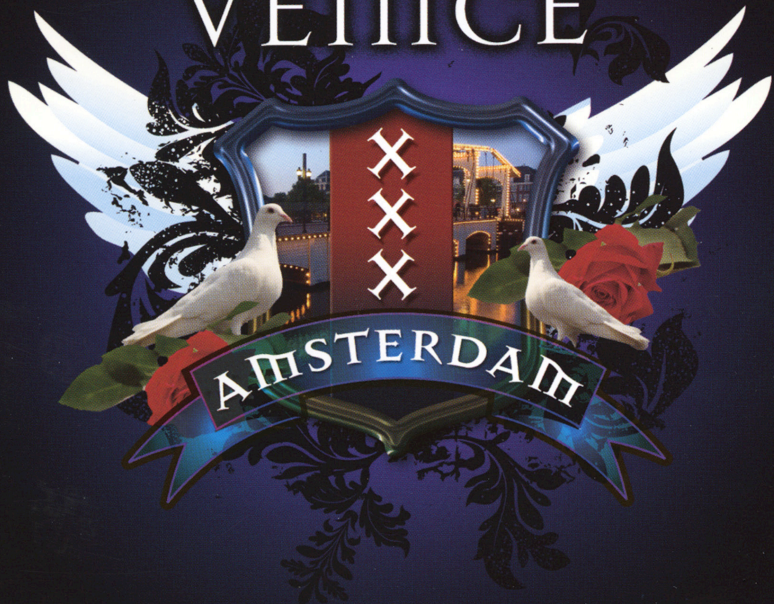


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AMSTERDAM

# WEIGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED

*Kipp Lennon, Michael Lennon, Mark Harris, Jamie Wollam, Pat Lennon*  
Kippiko Music/ GrampaFrank Music/ Markle Sparkle Music/ Busteroodletoo  
Music/Princess Deanna Music

When I woke up this morning my  
world had been shifted  
Yeah a piece of my soul has returned  
that had drifted  
Weight has been lifted  
Weight has been lifted

Carried with me so long I learned how to hold it  
Over half of my life there on my shoulder

Got to where I hardly felt the burden there sometimes  
Still a part of me was always paying for a crime

## CHORUS

Like a war dragging on I got used to the feeling  
It was part of my walls and part of my ceiling

Got to where I thought that it was never gonna change  
But now and then the universe will quietly arrange  
for something good

## CHORUS

Lead Vocal: Kipp  
Solo: Michael



# REWIND

*Mark Lennon, Michael Lennon, Kipp Lennon*  
Billy Blaser Music/ GrampaFrank Music/ Kippiko Music

Try as I might I know it's never gonna be the same  
Try as you might you know you've only got  
yourself to blame  
Why did we fight?  
'Cause now we only got a crying game  
Where did you run to my friend?

We were the best of friends  
Now you don't answer my call  
Yeah, we were the best of friends  
Now doesn't it bother, doesn't it bother you at all?

Wish we could  
Take a step back and everything would just be fine  
Take a step back, just push rewind  
Take a step back and everything would just be fine

Try as I might to make the pieces of the puzzle fit  
Try as you might to never really have to deal with it  
You know it doesn't seem right  
The way you're quietly denying it  
Why did you run from your friend?

You talk about saving lives  
And how you have to be so strong  
Yeah, you talk about saving lives  
But now who's gonna save this, who's gonna save this  
thing gone wrong?

## CHORUS

Remember when it was good?  
Nothing was misunderstood  
Hanging out all of the time  
Why can't we just rewind?

Lead Vocal: Mark



# IT'S TOO LATE FOR ME NOW

Kipp Lennon, Michael Lennon, John Vester, Tony Asher

Kippiko Music/ GrampaFrank Music/ Vestertunes/ Soulhouse Music (BMI)

Seems like everybody's searching their whole life for  
that all consuming love  
It's what nearly every book and song and movie is  
speaking of  
But what's that they say?  
Be careful what you wish for it might come true  
'Cause now here you are and it's bigger by far than I  
ever knew

And it's too late for me now  
I already love you  
I couldn't stop it now even if I wanted to  
There's so damn much to lose  
And there's nothing that I can do  
It's too late for me now  
I already love you

In the days before I met you, the life I was living was  
not so bad  
But then you came along and you gave me a song that  
I never had  
Oh, and what's that they say?  
The more that you're given the more you can lose  
So now here I am such a happy man that I've got the  
blues

## CHORUS

There's no turning back  
No other way  
I already love you  
You're a part of me now  
And it's just too late

Lead Vocal: Kipp  
Trumpet Solo: Angelo Verploegen

# JOEY

Johnette Napolitano

Velvet Music/ I.R.S./ Music Inc.

Joey, baby - don't get, don't get crazy  
Detours and fences - I get defensive  
I know you've heard it all before,  
so I don't say it anymore  
I just stand by and let you fight your secret war  
And though I used to wonder why, I used to cry  
till I was dry  
Still sometimes I get a strange pain inside  
Oh, Joey, if you're hurting so am I

Joey, honey - You know I've got some money  
All is forgiven, so just listen, oh please listen  
But if I seem to be confused,  
I didn't mean to be with you  
And when you said I scared you,  
well I guess you scared me too  
But we got lucky once before and  
I don't want to close the door  
And if you're somewhere out there  
passed out on the floor  
Oh Joey, I'm not angry anymore

And if I seem to be confused,  
I didn't mean to be with you  
And when you said I scared you,  
well I guess you scared me too  
But if it's love you're looking for  
then I can give a little more  
And if you're somewhere drunk  
and passed out on the floor  
Oh Joey, I'm not angry anymore  
I'm not angry anymore  
I'm not angry anymore

Lead: Vocal Mark  
Solo: Michael



# RADIO GAME

*Kipp Lennon, Michael Lennon, Mark Harris, Pat Lennon, Jamie Wollam, Mark Lennon, Matt Levitz*

*Kippiko Music/GrampaFrank Music/Markle Sparkle Music/ Princess Deanna Music/  
Busteroodleod Music/ Matt Levitz*

This is the story of the way  
We tried to get our songs played on the radio  
The album was made and plans were laid  
To do whatever we could to get a hit song on the radio

So we borrowed a van and drove around  
To stations that liked our sound  
And invited us to come by sometime and play  
We were taking calls and signing walls  
Singing songs and shaking hands  
Everybody seemed so glad we came  
To the Radio Game

There we were in the stores and magazines  
Just like a real band, it kinda felt like a miracle  
We were playing the music that we loved  
As we drove across the United States of America

Then we did a great show at a convention in Boulder  
But no one saw us play  
Though we had smiled and remembered all their names  
'Cause the hot new band was playing next door  
(Who, by the way, is not together anymore)  
Those flavors of the month they all taste the same  
In the Radio Game  
We're just trying to play the Radio Game

Sometimes we thought we gained some ground  
'Cause they played our song as we rolled into town on  
the interstate  
But then we started to see, time and again  
Though we knocked 'em dead  
The DJ walked us to our van so he could say

"You know I'd love to play your songs all day  
But a guy who lives eight states away  
Tells me who to drop and who to play  
You're one of the best I've ever heard  
My wife and kids know every word  
I'm sorry, it's just the way things are today  
In the Radio Game"  
We're just trying to play the Radio Game

So folks when all is said and done  
It can be kind of a drag, but it's pretty damn fun  
while you're doing it  
We didn't make a lot of money but  
we made a lot of friends  
And I know we're gonna do it all again, 'cause we're  
not through with it

So we'll write more songs and sign more deals  
Pack our bags and spin our wheels  
Check out early and get in late  
Arrive at five to go on the air at eight  
An Iowa mall or a peanut fair  
Four part vocals with one mic to share  
Non-smoking rooms that smell like smoke  
We're not quite rock and we're not quite folk  
We'll swallow our pride and have no shame  
'Cause we're trying to find our fortune and our fame  
In the Radio Game  
We're just trying to play the Radio Game

Lead Vocal: Kipp



## NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU

*Pat Lennon, Kipp Lennon, Michael Lennon, John Vester,*

*Mark Harris, Jamie Wollam, Mark Lennon*

*Princess Deanna Music/ Kippiko Music/ GrampaFrank Music/ Vestertunes/*

*Markle Sparkle Music/ Billy Blaser Music*

The home that we made here is not enough for you  
The reason I stayed here is not enough for you

This is not a plea for your change of heart  
Your heart is what it is  
No, it's just a song of what fell apart  
Nothing more than this  
All that I can give you is not enough for you

All that I can give you is not enough for you  
No, it's not enough for you  
No matter what I do  
I'm just not enough for you

Lead Vocal: Kipp

Solo: Michael



## BITTERSWEET LIFE

*Jan Dulles, Jaap Kwakman, Vic Tolen, Mark Lennon,*

*Michael Lennon, Kipp Lennon*

*V Talent Music Publishing/ Billy Blaser Music/ GrampaFrank Music/ Kippiko Music*

Ballerina, watching TV all alone  
Hard to see her in the house that was our home  
I had to go and leave her lonely

Here in this world of mine  
Hearing these words of rhyme  
Haunted by earlier times

Here comes the song that leaves me weak  
Tears run along my smiling cheek  
Trickle in the ocean  
I know she couldn't stay by my side  
She couldn't take living the bittersweet life

Sunday mornings, that will never be the same  
God, if you see me now, could you take me away  
To the days before these days?  
I'd turn my head and watch her dance

Wish I could stay right here  
The music, it sounds so clear  
The chorus is drawing near

### CHORUS

Love was gone, love was through  
Love was all she ever knew  
Somewhere in the eyes of someone  
I might find a love like hers for me  
When I step into the light will I be free  
From the song that's haunting me?

### CHORUS

Lead vocal: Mark



## ASHES IN THE SNOW

*Jimmy Seals*

I'll be here come winter when the cold winds blow  
We'll watch the geese together to see  
which way they go  
And I won't have to tell you, then I'm sure you'll know  
My love will be as plain as the ashes in the snow

I'll be here beside you when the grass is gone  
I'll be here when water is stilled upon the stone  
There'll be songs and stories, we'll tell and  
then you'll know  
My love will be as plain as the ashes in the snow

Ashes in the snow, ashes in the snow  
My love will be as plain as the ashes in the snow

I'll be here to hold you when flowers are fast asleep  
When perfumes of the meadow no longer haunt the  
sheep  
My kiss will surely tell you that I still love you so  
My love will be as plain as the ashes in the snow

See the ashes in the snow  
Hear the cold winds blow  
Ashes in the snow

## MY LIFE IS LIKE A MOVIE

*Kipp Lennon, Michael Lennon, Mark Harris, Jamie Wollam, Pat Lennon*

*Kippko Music/ GrampaFrank Music/ Markie Sparkle Music/ Princess Deanna Music/  
Busterodeo Music*

There's a big cry  
With my name on it  
And it's coming my way  
'Cause I lost my Queen today

You know lately I find  
When I look upon it  
My travels unravel

Like they're up there on a screen  
My life is like a movie  
And I'm starring in it  
But I'm not sure if I am the hero or the fool  
My life is like a movie  
Changes every minute  
And I don't know the ending  
But I'm in every scene

From the opening shot  
It's been Technicolor  
Love and high adventure  
Murder and mystery  
G rated to X  
Treasures lost and found  
It's like what's real is on some reel  
Spinning round and round and round

### CHORUS

I never know what I will see  
A tragedy, a drama, or a comedy  
Oh, as it's happening to me  
The only thing for certain is I don't know what's to be

Yeah, the Queen is gone  
But the Lost Prince has returned  
Her goodbye was sweeter  
'Cause she saw his face  
Now the film rolls on  
Close up on me  
Staring out an open window  
At the open sea

### CHORUS

Lead Vocal: Kipp  
Solo: Michael



## THE LOST WEEKEND

*Kipp Lennon, Michael Lennon*

Kippiko Music/ GrampaFrank Music

Looking back  
When I think about the way we wound up here  
You and me  
I think it all came down to that one weekend  
Never thought  
We only planned to say hello again  
It could be  
You walked in my door and it began

We called it a Lost Weekend  
Three days out of time  
Friday turned to Monday to the rest of our lives  
The Lost Weekend  
Hiding away from the world

After all  
After all we'd put our friends and family through  
It was there  
Just the two of us alone again  
And we knew  
You had somebody and I had somebody  
What we knew  
We'd been apart so long by then

### CHORUS

And as we lay there so long  
Yeah, it felt kind of wrong  
But that's what made it so strong  
'Cause we were never really gone

Lead Vocal: Kipp  
Solo: Pat

## THE ROMANCE THAT NEVER WAS

*Mark Lennon, Chris Horvath*

Billy Blaser Music/ Jamnation Music

We should meet 'cause everyone says we should  
You and me, the perfect companions and  
Oh, how great, a double date dinner  
But I think I know where this will go  
The romance that never was

You were there and I showed up later on  
You were gone so I let the meter run on and on  
But you never came along  
I think I know where this will go  
The romance that never was

I bet you'll be in Paris  
And I'll be in Rome  
We'll never meet because  
By the time you're in Rome  
I'll be at home  
It's the romance that never was

You and me may never find out just what we could be  
Two ships on an ocean or just maybe  
A match made in heaven but  
I think I know how this will go  
The romance that never was

### CHORUS

Lead Vocal: Mark  
Solo: Nick

# JENNY

*Kipp Lennon, Michael Lennon*

*Kippiko Music/ GrampaFrank Music*

Music is the key to all of my emotions  
A gateway to the oceans in my mind  
It's in the air I breathe, in the rhythms of my fires  
My quietly inspired times  
My love, you've touched a part of me  
I thought only music could  
And I wonder if you've ever understood

Jenny, you're my favorite song  
Your changes are so sweet  
Your melodies completely thrill me  
Forever I'll be singing along  
Jenny, you're my favorite song

A song can make me weep with sadness or elation  
Nostalgic inspiration sometimes  
A harmony so deep it's hard for me to measure  
The feelings that I treasure inside

My love, you've touched a part of me  
I thought only music could  
And I wonder if you've ever understood

## CHORUS

Lead Vocal: Kipp



# ONE MORE SONG

*Michael Lennon, Kipp Lennon, Mark Lennon, Pat Lennon, Nick Bult, Matt Levitz*

*GrampaFrank Music/ Kippiko Music/ BillyBlaser Music/ Princess Deanna Music/ Matt Levitz*

Look around at what we've got here  
This thing we do together  
We can feel the end drawing near  
This can't go on forever

So this is one for the lovers  
This is one for the friends  
This is one more song until we meet again

This is a club with an open door  
Where everyone's a member  
Let's give it all we've got, that's what we came here for  
That's what we will remember

## CHORUS

One for the laughter  
One for the tears  
One for the ones we've lost and everybody here

## CHORUS



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We'll keep a candle burning...





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