



FALLING UP

1 BOONE FLYER

They're riding away, stirring up dust in the light
They found a place with none of us
But the first thing she said sounded peculiar and strained
Like she couldn't believe the words that were shaping the outer lines

Just then the walls opened, just as they promised not to flee
Their plans were turned around and all the little cuts will bleed

Then they ran through the room, panic was blazing in blue
Like the blue from the lights came through as they flew past the overturned chairs
And then she leapt above, a silhouette hallowed in light
Night light shimmering dust that followed when all of the red beams turned at him

Father, where have you gone?
Mother, what have I done?

She said I swallowed keys, what have you done to keep us in the dark?
Now they're breaking through and I don't think that we can hold them off
All these lies, I'm losing count and my head is spinning
Let's close our eyes and count slow, and all of this will soon be gone

Called on the phone a tracing line that ran through you and back to me
I can't believe your nerves to think that I was in the room
Known found and framed love
I dreamt that I had chopped the hands that fed
Colby hold your breath, it's quick, now good luck...

2 FLORA

I ride all night under the neon bend
Into the bluing light of the core
The ship went up into the water rings
and the earth sings, and the earth sings—

So they walk on water, so they take your eyes
Then they call you daughter, then they hypnotize you
Then they fall like lightening out across your bedroom walls

Sons and Daughters, turn your heads to the sea
Gods and angels, turn your heads to the sea

Now they're moving down the hallways
And they're hiding in the night shade
And they're waiting in the dream places
Now they're coming down the hallways

Run down there on the moonlight stairs
And you are calling my name
Cold and creaking, the kitchen sink
And you are calling my name
Just beyond the silver lawn
The fog sits on the lake
So pass the poison and hear those voices
And they're all calling my name

Take shelter now into the underground
Lie on the wooden floors in the dark
And hold your breathe, reach for their hands you left
Reach for their hands, somehow reach for their hands

But it's too late father, you have come too late
It's your son and daughter, and your daughter's fate
She is moving on to where the gully's deep in green and golden glades

Then he made a circle with his shaking hands
Then he built a chamber made of glass
So then he could see the wires from the blurry lens
Then he used a current so the spins began
Then she rose like fire, then she rose again,
Then she turned her eyes to see the ship's fins—
They are rising upward to the rings again...

3 THE GREEN RIDER

Soon enough the room begins to spin
And all the way into the drain goes the rest of it
But far beyond the space between the walls
They couldn't find the stewardess
I hope you know they won't forget

It runs into my veins, I'm chlorinating up
And up above, the emanation of the son
Who thinks he's got something to prove
And we're so scared of it

I defy you, keeper of the dying, I defy you
Spinning in the night into our bedrooms
And telling us it's over, I defy you

Now quiet in the darkness we will wait
One by one our bodies start to to seize
But take my hand our lead of mine of Mystery
Don't be afraid of it, I've got a plan

And down into the cove and opal of your heart
To take the key you swallowed at the start,
Unlock the space that lies between the walls and run on home

I defy you, keeper of the dying, you are unknown
She is on her way to see the Mystery
She will be the queen and she'll defy you...

4 HYDRO

I set it all on fire, it burned away in the night
Watching with eyes so tired, the orange and the blue arise
Then I sped off on a motorcycle, like everything you dreamed
I'll create a universe that you can barely see

Inside or outside corner in the night
The coroner hides underneath the stairway
Where the birds spin sticks in the corridors
Don't tell the others
The cider house side corner in the night
It's poison, they are boarding up the windows
One down and you it's going to slip
So don't tell the others

I built a wooden backdrop
I made it look awfully real
I set it up in the wood shop and lit it electric teal
Then coughed up just a little blood
It splashed into my hand
Please run and get father now
Because I'm thinking this is bad...

5 THE WOODWORKER

When you're a bird you can fly over highways
When you come down, they will be gone
They all ran as fast as they could

You're a bird, over ten thousand life times
But only one time, I'll spin you around
Under the lights and the orchestra plays

And I wait in the shivering night
Somewhere a voice spoke inside
And you climb through the window outside
And you told me to search for you there in the Mystery

Among these thieves, you do not belong
Beneath the twilight, you are floating on
And I will lose contact, then I will lose balance
And they will just watch me

When you're a bird, you can see through the future
There is a field that looks like the sea
And we're in a boat on a fiery breeze
Then I said "When you're a bird, you will see others like you."
You said, "If that is true, I'll someday return."
But the wind picked up and I couldn't hear...

6 WILD BIRD

Come down here behind the hour, the day turns to gold
Follow my signal to sleep, you'll never grow old
Oh no, a flourish when the lights off
A sound outside your window
Now brace yourself into the night

All of us, all of us, all of us, we'll take shelter now
All of us, all of us, all of us, we've lost ourselves

Come down from up above, you, down the the drainpipe you will slide
And see them walk beneath you, see them walk beneath the ives

And found here behind the wall, someone left it on
Surrounded sorrow in breach, it severed the phones
Oh no! The line placed in the siding
Will find out where we're hiding
Protect the kids, they've come inside...

7 TYPHOON

The things that you hear are the things that are here forever now
And the worse that I write are the words that they don't want you to hear
Because the floor in the house they were born has a space under the boards
And the space is a place that their bodies will lay forevermore

They were speaking in voices hushed and whispered, I found out
They were making their plans before I entered, I found out
So they're waiting for my shaking hand on the door to just go down
Now they're following me to the ends of the sea so that I don't tell

No, what kind of life is this?

So the steps that I took went around so that I could let them know
That I just want to be where the wind and the sea will be my own
But the fear that they thought would descend in the night to everyone
Was the fear that they pushed me to feel so I wouldn't tell anyone

In the North 4244, would you please stop following me
To the left of the street through the door with the scratches in the screen
In the hall there's a glow from a light that's below the copier
And the prints can be found on the ground with the ultravioleter...

8 IN THE WOODSHOP

So be brave, I know there are echoes
And I fall down into the shadows
But one day this place will be empty
And the cold will come

Above my head, they'll fly
With their lives that are more than mine
Reach out my hands to light
And feel life that is more

So be brave, outside there are dangers
I might fall down into the ages
I might stall out with all the stars off
But for you, I'll go...

9 RANGERS

It came through the upstairs blinds like an apparition
Like it didn't know that I was in the room, but it's obvious to me
I'll cut the outside line and change the combination
And have the Intern enter numbers in the gate, that only she will ever see

Blue light, rangers, coming down the road
Clouds are changing, swallowing whole
The backyard border, so I can't see the children's swings

Closed up, woodshop, guarded with guns
Sister, upstairs, hiding the funds
And once she finds a place, she will be running

Because once I blow the breaker
It will blind you like you won't believe

Into the Intern's room, I'll enter through the window
And the wind will stir up everything around
But for a moment we will hold
No they will never cease, forever they'll remember
She says, no matter just how far they'll take her down
She will never break the code

Moon dog, madness, sniffing in the breeze
Down in the basement, I'm swallowing keys
There is a low light glass trap that I can roll out of

Chlorine waters, waving in red
Some forging father's signature penned
And when they find the fuse, they will be running

Blown up wood shop, and all that they find
Are parts of guards that offered their lives
So when we move down hallways, we won't be discovered...

10 UP IN HOUSES

Somebody's life, he had somebody else's life
He covered the windows and told everyone else that
He couldn't see right, it was never his fault
And they believe him because it was someone else's life

Somebody's blood, he had somebody else's blood
It covered his hands, he used somebody else's gun
And he shot the moon out
And said that they never could see it
And they believed him because it was someone else's blood

Somebody's mind inside somebody else's body
One bought the same gun with somebody else's money
And when he showed up, he told them that they could hold it
And they believed him because it was someone else's money

He's lost in walls, stuck in between...

11 THE INSECT

One moment long is a moment too long to know
There was a sun, but it dropped from the sky before long.
Evaline
I'll take the fall for you, my angel
Out on the streets there are headlights
I'll take the fall for you my angel, now I'm out to sea

If I am, if I am without you here, then I'm without you here

Into the grey, with the birds spinning up in the lays

I made a song in the fathoming vows of our love
Evaline

In your room, some summer you'll lie and I'll fly though your window...

12 FLARES

One by one, all the years will pass you
And you will see the flame start to die
And you know, that all the things they asked you
Started making sense about the lies

Come to cold, there are little secrets
Someone has a figuring mind
And you know that all of us are with you
If you have a hiding place in mind

And they lit a fire, they are coming down there
And they lit a fire, they will come to find you
If it leads to lies, they will come to find you when you're old

One by one, they will start to pass you
You will see your legs start to slow
There they go, they're hiding next to lampposts
They're thinner than we'd all hope to know

They will find her
But I don't know the man
They're all liars

Let them know that you can float
Turn around and rise up