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# A Wave of Hope

Phish

- V1** From out of the chaos a wave appears  
In the moonlit confusion  
Irons melted, coming Grace, no longer frozen
- V2** The pillow drowns the moans and shallow breaths  
As dancing silvery rays change, each wave eyes a star  
And the swollen moon hangs over the water
- V3** Reflections guide the way, gold maze mirrors  
As the night wheels turn  
Shipwrecks sway, steel mast crashes, spin green sky
- Chorus** I have grown my wings, I am flying  
Ascending now, I am soaring  
Untied my wrists, and flew away  
This too shall pass, this too shall pass
- Bridge** We are flying, we are flying over the water  
We are diving, we are diving into the water
- Jam** Repeat Chorus  
Jam over bridge and chorus  
Repeat chorus X2
- Notes** 8/7/2022 ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5t\\_hsn0W04](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5t_hsn0W04))

# Back on the Train

Phish

V1    When I jumped off, I had a bucket full of thoughts  
When I first jumped off, I held that bucket in my hand  
Ideas that would take me all around the world  
I stood and watched the smoke behind the mountain curl  
It took me a long time to get back on the train

V2    Now I'm gone and I'll never look back again  
I'm gone and I'll never look back at all  
You know I'll never look back again  
I turn my face into the howlin' wind  
It took me a long time to get back on the train

V3    See my face in the town that's flashing by  
See me standing at the station in the rain  
See me standing there beside the car  
I left it all behind, again I'll travel far  
It took me a long time to get back on the train

V4    When I jumped off, I had a bucket full of thoughts  
When I first jumped off, I held that bucket in my hand  
Ideas that would take me all around the world  
I stood and watched the smoke behind the mountains curl  
It took me a long time to get back on the train  
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Notes   [Tab \(https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Back%20on%20the%20Train.txt\)](https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Back%20on%20the%20Train.txt)  
8/29/2021   <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJAZLawDkJg>

# Backwards Down the Number Line

Phish

**V1** Happy happy oh my friend, Blow out candles once again  
Leave the presents all inside, Take my hand and let's take a ride  
Backwards down the number line  
You were eight and I was nine. Do you know what happened then?  
Do you know why we're still friends? Laughing all these many years  
We pushed through hardships tasted tears, Made a promise one to keep  
I can still recite it in my sleep  
Every time a birthday comes, Call your friend and sing a song  
Or whisper it into his ear, Or write it down, just don't miss a year

**Chorus** You decide what it contains, How long it goes but this remains  
The only rule is it begins, Happy happy oh my friend  
And all my friends come backwards down the number line (x3)

**Bridge** Em D C Em D C

**V2** And when I see you coming down the line with eyes wide open  
Somewhere in between the past and future, where you drift in time  
You can see a different point of view

**Outro** Repeat Chorus 2x  
Jam -> Repeat Chorus

**Notes** Emil's tab (<https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Backwards%20Down%20the%20Number%20Studio>)  
Studio (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8idTKePHkc>)

# Blaze On

Phish

V1      Climb that hill, stay on your feet  
Scramble for your footing when it gets too steep  
You're on the highway now with higher hopes  
While all around are rolling eggs with living yokes  
You never get too sad, you never get too blue  
It must be all the chemtrails raining down on you  
The justice of the peace can't help you anymore  
And they just took the covers off the justice of war

Chorus   You got your nice shades on, and the worst days are gone,  
So now the band plays on, you've got one life, blaze on!  
You got your nice shades on, and the worst days are gone  
So now the band plays on, you've got one life, blaze on!

Leo!     | F C G C | F C G C |

V2      The storm is passing through, lay down your sticks and stones  
The struggle's over now, we're all just flesh and bones  
We were wrong before, it was wrong to trust  
The shadows cast were only light and dust  
And then one day you'll find to your intense delight  
That 3 wrong turns can really make a right  
So why not be like me? Be proud of all your crimes  
Cause when i screw up once, I do it 2 more times

*Chorus*

V3      And we'll be dancing in the fields, running through the moor,  
Tripping on the barbed wire, buried near the shore.  
Blazing like a comet brighter than the full moon.  
So you better get ready, cause a change is coming soon,  
I met a liar, called the messiah, I got the frying pan, I wanted fire,  
I saw a red dress, I met a daughter, I got the quicksand, I prayed for water.

*Chorus*

Jam      Bb -> C riff into jam in C.

Outro    Bb -> C riff and "Blaze On" repeated.

Notes    7/29/17 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFdgMrDrXbI>)

# Bug

## Phish

**Intro**      *Drummer count in.*  
              | G F C G | G F C G |

**V1**          There've been times that I've wondered, and times that I don't.  
              Concepts I'll ponder, and concepts I won't ever see  
              God is not one of these, former or latter  
              Which did you think I meant? It doesn't matter to me.

**Bridge:1**    *Instrumental: | G F C G | G F C G |*  
              *Ends in F to start chorus.*

**Chorus**      Bug, Don't need it. Bug, Don't feed it. Bug, Thoughts faded. Overrated

**V2**          Gold in my hand in a country pool  
              Standing and waving, the rain, wind on the runway  
              Spending or saving, credit or death  
              Which did you think I meant? Nothing I see can be taken from me.

*Bridge:1*

*Chorus*

**Bridge:2**    It doesn't matter x 4

**Jam**          *Jam in G*

**Outro**       *Bridge:2, four times, to end.*

**Notes**       6/4/2022 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmdKUyWLd8s>)

# Dirt

## Phish

### Intro

"Washed... a... shore"  
"Shout your name into the wind"  
Whistling

### V1

I'd like to live beneath the dirt.  
A tiny space to move and breathe is all that I would ever need  
I want live beneath the dirt  
Where I am free from push and shove like all those swarming up above  
Beneath your heels I'll spend my time

### Chorus

(shout your name into the wind) I'll wiggle in the earth and dew  
(shout your name into the wind) and sometimes I will think of you  
(shout your name into the wind) And if you ever think of me  
Kneel down and kiss the earth and show me what this thought is worth  
I'll never hear your voice again

### Instrumental

1. Guitar solo through changes.
2. Bass solo through changes.
3. Keys solo through changes.
4. Jam

### Notes

Magnaball (August, 2015) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfkD4HOhtP>)



# Everything's Right

Phish

V1	Time to get out, I paid my dues, I need to shout, there's no time to lose No more to give, the well is dry, the pavement's warm, my brain is fried It's time to get out, I paid my dues
V2	My shoes have holes, my socks are bare, the mirror's secret is I'm losing my hair I'm in prison without a crime, the sentence stretches out undefined It's time to get out, I paid my dues, I paid my dues
Chorus	Everything's right, so just hold tight, Everything's right, so just hold tight, Everything's right, so just hold tight : X2
V2	Going downhill with increasing speed, compassion gives way if you listen to greed Focus on the past and that's what will last, Nothing that is real and nothing you can feel Focus on tomorrow you'll have to borrow, images and mind and thoughts you left behind Focus on today, you'll find a way, happiness is how rooting in the now  <i>Chorus</i>
V3	Look into the eyes of everyone you meet, try not to step on your best friend's feet The line is in the sand, the flag is planted, the rest of your life don't take it for granted  <i>Chorus</i>
V4	This world, this world, this crazy world I know It turns, it turns, and the long night's over and the sun's coming up
Instrumental	<i>Solo over changes.</i>
Bridge	(acapella) This world, this world (x2) (full band) Na, Na, Na, Na, Yeah... (x4)
Jam/Outro	Solo over A. End with Build x 4: A / G / C / D Ending: Na, Na, Na... Yeah (It's gonna be all right)
Notes	Phish plays this in B. Easier to sing in A. 11/9/22 ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK4oldKYkiY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK4oldKYkiY</a> )

# **Funky Bitch**

## **Phish/Son Seals**

- V1** Every time I see her, she got new fancy clothes  
Every time I see her, she got new fancy clothes  
She took up all my money  
And threw poor me out the door
- V2** Lord now standing there, ain't got nowhere to go  
Lord now standing there, ain't got nowhere to go  
I've been down in bad condition now boy  
cause I'm alone down here
- V3** Lord now standing there, ain't got nowhere to go  
Lord now standing there, ain't got nowhere to go  
I've been down in bad condition now boy  
cause I'm alone down here
- V4** Every time I see her, she's gotten all the boys in town  
Every time I see her, she's gotten all the boys in town  
Till she took up all our money  
Sure gonna put her down

**Notes** [Tabs \(https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Funky%20Bitch.txt\)](https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Funky%20Bitch.txt)  
[12/29/11 \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DK7J0s4v2T0\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DK7J0s4v2T0)

# If I Could

Phish

V1           Take me to another place she said,  
              Take me to another time  
              Run with me across the oceans,  
              Float me on a silver cloud

Chorus       If I could I would, but I don't know how,  
              If I could I would, but I don't know how  
              If I could I would, and I'd take you now

Interlude    G9 arpeggio

V2           Stay with me till time turns over  
              I wanna feel my feet leave the ground  
              Take me where the whispering breezes can  
              Lift me up and spin me around

*Chorus*

V3           Hear you laughing as we go (i'd take you now )  
              Flipping backwards through the doors and through the windows (i'd take you now )  
              I'm melting into nothing

*Chorus 2x*

Notes        December ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thmTiP\\_K5ZU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=thmTiP_K5ZU))  
              Live from here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFNqci1sFIQ>)

## Joy Phish

- V1 Joy is over there in her incredible clothes  
She has silver silk shimmering down to her toes  
I was doing the best that I can I suppose  
But that little girl dancer eventually grows  
Well she grows
- V2 You can't imagine all the times that I've tried  
To uncover the source of the tears that you cried  
Let's throw it away and just go for a ride  
And you'd say okay but you'd keep it inside  
And I tried, I tried, I tried, I tried
- Chorus We want you to be happy, don't live inside the gloom  
We want you to be happy, come step outside your room  
We want you to be happy, cause this is your song too
- V3 I never thought I could have it so good,  
You were the song that my soul understood  
But time is a river that flows through the woods  
And it led us to places we both understood  
Would be gone before too long, would be gone before too long
- V4 When we were young we thought life was a game  
But then somebody leaves you and you're never the same  
All of the places that people belong  
To the puzzle but one of the pieces is gone  
And it's you, it's you, it's you, Joy it's you  
*Chorus*
- V5 In time we'll weather this storm  
Inside together you'll see the change  
When the sun shines through  
*Chorus*
- Notes December ([https://youtu.be/thmTiP\\_K5ZU?t=1060](https://youtu.be/thmTiP_K5ZU?t=1060))  
10/15/10 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhjWworf7tI>)

# Love Is What We Are

Phish

V1 Love is what we are  
Not something we make  
No one can give it to us  
No one can take it away  
We don't fall in it  
We don't get high on it  
We all hope to find it  
But we don't have to look too far  
'cause love is what we are

V2 Love is what we are  
It's what we're made of  
No way we can lose it  
Nothing to be afraid of  
We can't hold it  
We can't let it go  
We can't wish for it  
On a falling star  
'cause love is what we are

V3 Love is what we are  
Not something we make  
No one can give it to us  
No one can take it away  
We can't hold it  
We can't let it go  
And when we search for it  
we don't have to look too far  
'cause love is what we are  
love is what we are (x3)

Notes 2/1/2020 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LH0xQCJrdFw>)

# Miss You

Phish

Intro | : F# / E B : |

V1 You're smiling at me, from your picture frame,  
and I miss you  
My life keeps on changing, but you stay the same,  
and I miss you  
So many moments, that we should have shared,  
I miss you  
And the days turn to years, and it hasn't stopped yet  
The memories we shared, I will never forget  
No I will never forget

V2 There's a hole in my heart, that'll never be filled, I miss you  
This all should get easier, but it never will, I miss you  
I float through the days, and the long lonely nights, I miss you  
And I hear your footsteps, you're coming down the stairs  
Lost in your laughter, the sun in your hair  
A brief recollection, the light in your eyes,  
I see the reflection, but it passes by  
It passes me by

Solo (solo over bridge chords)  
B B A E

V3 You're smiling at me, from your picture frame, I miss you  
Every morning I wake up, and I whisper your name, I miss you  
You're in faces of people, I see on the street  
You're everywhere (x3)

Outro F# F# E B

Notes December ([https://youtu.be/thmTiP\\_K5ZU?t=1369](https://youtu.be/thmTiP_K5ZU?t=1369))

## More

### Phish

- V1** Life in slow motion, feet are in the clay  
I'm going nowhere, been standing here all day  
I had a notion, there was something more to do  
As I watched the water, from the banks of the river it swelled and grew  
And I tilt to the left, lean to the right, tilt to the left and lean to the right  
Walked on coal and slept on glass, amid swords of sound and daggers of light  
And my heart is screaming,  
cause half of what I say is lies, and it takes so much to keep up this disguise  
It takes so much to keep up this disguise
- V2** I see a doorway in the haze and I'm trying to get to it  
The stars are peepholes in a wall but we can walk through it  
The memory is still so real, the memory's still so real  
I guess it's never really over even when it's over
- Chorus** But I'm vibrating with love and light, pulsating with love and light  
in a world gone mad, a world gone mad, there must be something more than this  
I'm vibrating with love and light, pulsating with love and light  
in a world gone mad, a world gone mad, there must be something more than this
- V3** The trumpet call is sounding, the trees are bending low  
There's a great fire in the distance, there must be something more than this  
And our shadows will all be dancing, with red dust on our clothes  
And we'll leave by tornado, elbows in the clouds and feet in the sky
- Chorus
- V4** Ohhhh ohhhh ohhhh, woah ohhh ohh ohh ohhh ohhh  
Ohhhh ohhhh ohhhh, woah ohhh ohh ohh ohhh ohhh
- Jam
- Chorus

# Mountains in the Mist

Phish

- V1      Several times unconsciously I've stumbled on the path  
         And seen a mountain in the mist  
         As rain falls on my shoulders, sun rises in the east  
         I'm worn and bruised, but I am here at least
- V2      I guess I'm just an obstacle a thing to overcome  
         If I can sneak around myself again I'll know I've won  
         The moment seems to hang and float before me with no end  
         til I'm released, awakened beast, I'm on the road again
- Chorus But now I'm soaring far too high  
         A fleck of dust up in the sky where  
         tiny clouds go sailing by  
         Pull me down today
- V3      Woven in the fairy tales we fabricate each day  
         Are little golden strands of truth that glimmer in the light  
         The colorful material you hold a certain way  
         Can keep us from the cold and help to get us through the night  
         *Chorus*

Notes    December ([https://youtu.be/thmTiP\\_K5ZU?t=329](https://youtu.be/thmTiP_K5ZU?t=329))  
         10/28/14 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPHQFvZDTUY>)



# **Possum**

**Phish**

**V1** I come from atop the mountain baby where the people come to pray  
I come from atop the mountain baby where the people come to pray  
There ain't no truth in action 'less you believe it anyway

**Key: E**  
**Tempo: 90**  
**Vocals: PJ**

**V2** I was riding down the road one day and someone hit a possum  
I was riding down the road one day and someone hit a possum  
The road was his end, his end was the road, so they say

**Chorus** Whoa possum, possum, possum... POSSUM.  
Whoa possum, possum, possum... POSSUM.  
Whoa possum, your end is the road

**Notes** 12/04/09 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz31jYsrLm4>)

# Waste

Phish

Chords | D Dmaj7 D7 | G Gm D |

V1 Don't want to be an actor, pretending on the stage  
Don't want to be a writer, with my thoughts out on the page  
Don't want to be a painter, 'cause everyone comes to look  
Don't want to be anything where my life's an open book  
A dream, it's true, but I'd see it through.  
If I could be (if I could be) wasting my time with you.

V2 Don't want to be a farmer, working in the sun,  
Don't want to be an outlaw, always on the run,  
Don't want to be a climber, reaching for the top,  
Don't want to be anything where I don't know when to stop.  
A dream, it's true but I'd see it through.  
If I could be (if I could be) wasting my time with you.

Bridge So if I'm inside your head,  
don't believe what you might have read,  
You'll see what I might have said, to hear it  
Come waste your time with me (x4)

V4 (Repeat bridge)

Notes [Emil's tab \(https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Waste.txt\)](https://emilstabs.org/tabs/Waste.txt)

# Wolfman's Brother

Phish

Intro | Bb / Gm Ab |

V1 It was many years ago now  
I really can't be sure  
Cause when it all began then  
I heard that knock upon my door.  
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother  
Comin' down on me.

V2 The telephone was ringing  
That's when I handed it to Liz  
She said, "This isn't who it would be  
If it wasn't who it is"  
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother  
Comin' down on me.

V3 So I might be on a side street  
Or a stairway to the stars  
I hear the high pitched cavitation  
Of propellers from afar  
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother  
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother  
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother  
Comin' down on me.

Bridge So in meaningless excitement.  
through the total sound.  
It's like a cross between a hurricane.  
It's like a ship that's running ground  
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother  
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother  
It's the Wolfman's Brother, the Wolfman's Brother  
Comin' down on...comin' down on me.

Notes Emil's tab (<https://www.emilstabs.org/tabs/Wolfman's%20Brother.txt>)  
7/3/13 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARufTkR9BpU>)

# Wingsuit

Phish

V1	Steal away, let's steal a car You'll never win a major only shooting par Step outside, feel the sun It's only you, be you, cause you're the only one
Pre-chorus	And it feels good, cause it feels good And it feels good.
V2	Nothing lasts, nothing stays Caught in this procession of unchanging days What's new is old, what's old is gone You're pushed up to the edge so put your wingsuit on And it feels good, cause it feels good And it feels good.
Chorus	And gliding away you fly where you choose There's nothing to say and nothing to lose
V4	Steal away, paint the sky Put your wingsuit on, put your wingsuit on, And gliding away you fly where you choose There's nothing to say and nothing to lose
Instrumental	Descending line: Bb A G F F E E (x4) Ascending line: Gm Am Bb Dm E F Bm Am (x2) Fourth time: Gm Am Bb -> "Time to put your wingsuit on"
Outro	Gm Am Bb C (x3) Gm Am Bb
Notes	<a href="https://youtu.be/thmTiP_K5ZU?t=673">December (https://youtu.be/thmTiP_K5ZU?t=673)</a>