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FAMILY MAN **IN CRISIS**

LONELY FEELINGS

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Sunset over the ocean,
Blue sand in the shadows.
Here I sit, tattered and lonesome.
I need somebody like you to hold
tonight.

'Cause I get lonely, lonely feelings,
Cold as the waves breakin' under my
feet,

Hard as the cliffs above.
I get lonely, lonely feelings;
I need somebody like you to hold
tonight.

I got tired, so I got myself rested;
I made a sand pillow on a California
beach

And I lay down my head and I slept.
I got to dreamin' about California
women;
And when I woke up, the sun was up,
And you were in my arms.

I got lovely, lovely feelings;
Warm as your kiss against my lips,
Soft as your sea green eyes.
I hear waves a-breakin',
And I see love in the makin',
I need you to stay, so please say okay.
I want you to stay, so don't go away.
I don't want lonely feelings here
tonight!
'Cause I get lonely, lonely feelings.

WARM BUT COLD

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I left home in the year I fell in love
with you,
And I thought that my love for you
could wait.

But when I reached the sun,
I knew what I had done,
But, me-oh-my, I found this out too
late.

The Pacific was as blue as I expected;
The sky was clear and the sand was
gold as gold.

An Eastern car drove by, almost
made me cry;
The weather there was warm, but I
was cold.

It was warm, but I was cold.
The days flew by, but time passed slow.
I saw palms, but I dreamed of snow.
It was warm, but I was cold.

Lemons, limes and wine and avocados;
Good back home but here they had
no taste,
Being here was sad, almost made me
mad;
My living here without you was a
waste.

So I packed my bags and headed
back to you, girl.
Hoped you'd fall in love with me again.
Found out you were gone—
Stayed away too long.
I was cold, so cold, but warm I
should have been!

(Repeat chorus and end)

MOVE ON YOUR DREAMS

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Peggy and Steve met the night
before the junior dance.
Twelve months later or so, Steve was
ready for a real romance.
Steve told Peggy that he wanted her
to spend her life with him;
But deep down inside he knew
that Peggy's mom and daddy
wouldn't give in.
And Peggy looked at him and
grinned and she said:

You've got to move on your dreams.
You're only free when you're gone.
It might be good as it seems.
You've got to move on, Honey—

Tune it out for now,
'Cause there's a better place down
the road;
Don't let it get you down.
You've got to carry your load.
There's just one small thing that you
better hold on to—
You better hold on to me, 'cause
Baby I'll get you through!

Peggy and Steve got married and
moved away from town.
A couple years of factory labor really
started to get Steve down.
Steve told Peggy that it was time to
move on;
He wanted a chance to be his own
boss, move out on his own,
And Peggy said to him in an
encouraging tone:

(Repeat chorus)

Peggy and Steve bought a house in
the Brentwood Estates.
A couple months later Steve got
home from the office just a little
too late.
The man told Steve that it happened
at the corner of Eleventh and Hall.
"The truck didn't stop and could I
give you a lift to the hospital?"
There was a note pinned to the wall
and it read:

You've got to move on your dreams.
Before you see me, I'll be gone.
It's not as hard as it seems.
We've got to move on, Honey—
Tune it out for now,
'Cause there's a better place down
the road;
Don't let it get you down.
You've got to carry your load.
There's just one small thing that you
better hold on to—
You better hold on to me, 'cause
Baby I'll get you through!
You've got to move on your dreams!



HOW ABOUT YOU

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What would you do if I told you
You were the only one for me?
What would you say? Would it scare
you away?

I guess I'd have to say it and see. I
guess I'd have to say it and see.

How would you feel about tomorrow,
If I told you that tomorrow you'd still
be free?

I don't want your life, I just want
your love.

I guess I'd have to say it and see. I
guess I'd have to say it and see.

How 'bout you? Are you ready to
hear what I've got to say?

How 'bout love? Is it calling you
today?

How 'bout you? Are you ready to
hear what I've got to say?

How 'bout love? Is it calling you
away?

What would you think if I whispered,
You're the one I want eternally?
What would you do if I whispered,
"I love you"?

I guess I'd have to say it and see.
I guess I'd have to say it and see.

(Repeat chorus)

FAMILY MAN

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Sometimes I hear your voice in the
morning

After I've gone through a whole night
thinking about you.

When will my thoughts turn to
feelings?

I've been staring at so many ceilings,
Lying in bed late at night thinking
about you.

I've been thinking about you, think-
ing about you.

Not much more in life for me to do
But to think about you, thinking
about you—

Not much more this family man can
do.

You're so warm, and I'm so cold and
lonely;

I step out back and pour another
brew.

"Lord, how I wish you could love
me," I cry to the heavens above me.

Baby, you're just a dream that'll
never come true.

(Repeat chorus)

Even if my dreams are dreams forever,
Even if your heart I can't pursue,

I'll still be happy and cheery
'Cause when all my bones grow
weary,

I can lie down, close my eyes, and
think about you.

(Repeat chorus)

DAYS ROLL AWAY

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Rolling across this big old USA
There's a hell of a lot to see, but not
a hell of a lot to say.

And days roll away, days roll away.

You go there 'cause you're running
But you find you want to stay.

You got pennies in your pocket
And the sky is turning gray.

And days roll away, days roll away.

(Instrumental)

Your way is rough and rocky,
But you're still strong and keep the
pace.

You've traveled oh so far now
You can see it in your face.
And days roll away, days roll away.

You go there 'cause you're running
But you find you want to stay.

Got a girl now by your side
That you hope don't go astray.

And days roll away, days roll away.

(Instrumental)

Rolling across this big old USA,
There's a hell of a lot to see, but not
a hell of a lot to say.

And days roll away, days roll away.
Days roll a-way.

COME UP

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Chorus:

If I don't come up, I'll be on the
outside looking in.

If I don't come up, he'll take my
weights, my clothes, my gin.
So I better come up, and stop my
gallivanting streak.

Come up, come up...Rent's due this
week.

My clothes will be hanging from the
telephone wire.

I'll be out in the mud and the mire.
I better pay up now so my rent
won't get higher.

Come up, come up, I better come up!
(Repeat chorus)

Think of all the luxuries I own;
I've got a pool table, bed and a
private throne.

Lord, that man's been good to me,
he's given me a home!

So I better come up, come up,
I better come up.

(Repeat chorus)

Refrain:

Come to the room in the basement
And we'll party from sundown
to sunup.

You can visit anytime that you
want to,
If I come, come, come, come,
come up!

(Repeat chorus)

RAINBOW

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I sometimes wonder why you can't
see blue skies when it's cloudy,
But you can in a plane above the
clouds.

And that is why I'm movin' on—
There's got to be somethin' more in
life that's plain to see,
When the clouds are free, "Why
can't they be?"

I'm in a plane above the clouds of
home;
Searchin' for the blue skies of my
dreams.

I can fly so high up in the sky,
But the rainbow under the clouds
cannot be seen.

Now I know you and me tend to dis-
agree;

I think everything's right and you
think everything's wrong.

But if you listen to this song, with me
you'll go along.

Now we've seen lots of bad things,
We've lived through lots of sad
things;

But if we try to run away, I think we'll
find

Some peace of mind.
Girl, we've been so blind.

I'm in a plane above the clouds of
home;
Searchin' for the blue skies of my
dreams.

I can fly so high up in the sky,
But the rainbow under the clouds
cannot be seen.

BUMPER

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Chorus:

I wanna be your bumper, your
rebound boyfriend.

Girl, I wanna bump with you all
night 'til you get over him.

I wanna be a shoulder that you can
cry upon,
But Honey there's a whole lot left
of me for you when the crying's
done.

Standin' next to you out on the floor;
I can smell your sweet shampoo and
I can sense that there'll be more.

Holdin' your body in the flashin'
light,

I know you're on the rebound, girl,
so do some bumpin' with me
tonight.

(Repeat chorus)

Now you don't know me, and I
don't know you,

But Cinderella didn't know the Prince
and look what they turned into.

You don't need a fire, just a spark of
light,

Just enough to take your mind off
him

And put it on me tonight.

(Repeat chorus)



IF I LOST YOU

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When the sun don't shine and the
clouds hang around,
The world's all empty and you're
feeling down.
When you're all alone and she's just
on your mind,
When there ain't much left to your
broken heart,
The rain starts fallin' and you're both
apart.
When the feeling's there, she's as
close as your nearest thought.

If I lost you, there'd be so much cryin'.
Somethin' inside of me would be dyin'.
The sun wouldn't shine and the rainy
days would last forever.

If I lost you, there'd be some boy
sighin'.

Never again would his heart go a-flyin',
'Cause one boy knows how he'd feel
if I lost you.

When I'm near you, girl, there's a
peace within.

When I leave you nights, it's as if I'd
sinned.

Now I can't wait 'til time can last
forever.

When I hear your voice, when I
touch your lips,

I get a feelin' that I can't resist.

You're the one that I need—we must
always stay together.

You're like gold in a poor boy's pocket.
What good's a lamp if it hasn't got a
socket?

You're the petals of my flower and I
don't want you fadin' away.
You're a rainbow in all its glory.
Without you there ain't no story.
Stay with me—don't you ever slip
away.

(Repeat chorus)



LOVE ON ME

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Every time I have to leave you I cry.
Every time I have to say goodbye I
cry.

I've got things in my mind;
You've got things in yours.
Why don't we stop dreamin'
And start livin' what we're dreamin'
for?

I just want to talk to you,
Just need someone to see me
through.

I just want to be with you.
Don't you want to be with me?
I just want to love on you.
Will you love on me?

Things that happen day to day are
lost without a word.

I'd like to talk about them, baby,
but lack of time makes them go
unheard.

Don't you know the feeling that I
have inside?

It happens all the time, but last night
I got down on my knees and cried.

(Repeat chorus)

DRIFTING AWAY

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As the trees sway softly
In the quiet breeze,
I think of you now
Sittin' with me.
Watchin' the river flow to the sea,
And watchin' you slowly drift from
me.

Drifting away like a ship on a deep
blue ocean,
Drifting away like a leaf in a flowing
stream,
Drifting away like all the ones before
you,
Girl, you're drifting away like a
dream.

(Instrumental)

(Repeat chorus)

As the trees sway softly
In the quiet breeze,
I'm watching you slowly
Drift from me.

BALLAD OF A TRAVELING SALESMAN

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Get up in the morning and jump in
the shower,
And I am thinking of you.
Hop in my car and drive around for
an hour,
And I am thinking of you.

Don't you know that I love you and
I'll be thinking of you?
Don't you know that I love you and
I'll be thinking of you?

Meet with some people and settle
some deals,
And I'm still thinking of you.
Get back in my car and squeal me
some wheels,
And I'm still thinking of you.

(Repeat chorus)

Close a big sale over a Japanese lunch,
And I was thinking of you.
Wish I was on a picnic with my
Honey-bunch,
But I'm still thinking of you.

(Repeat chorus)

My day's almost over and it's off
to a bar,
And I'm still thinking of you.
I might get kinda trashed so I don't
take my car,
But I'm still thinking of you.

(Repeat chorus)

These nights on the road are the
hardest to bear,
But I'll be thinking of you.
Hope the family's still together by the
time I get there,
But I'm still thinking of you.

(Repeat chorus)

*Life's a journey...
Don't miss the train.*



This album was inspired by four years of on-the-road selling in the custom manufacturing industry.

It's tough for a man to be without his family and it's good to be home again.

I hope you like my songs, many of which were written behind the wheel and in hotel rooms in Virginia and North Carolina from 2003-2004.



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