

## Seven Words from the Cross

### Good Friday 2009

*I hurt myself today  
to see if I still feel  
I focus on the pain  
the only thing that's real  
the needle tears a hole  
the old familiar sting  
try to kill it all away  
but I remember everything*

*What have I become?  
my sweetest friend  
everyone I know  
goes away in the end  
and you could have it all  
my empire of dirt  
I will let you down  
I will make you hurt*

*I wear this crown of thorns  
upon my liar's chair  
full of broken thoughts  
I cannot repair  
beneath the stains of time  
the feelings disappear  
you are someone else  
I am still right here*

*What have I become?  
my sweetest friend  
everyone I know  
goes away in the end  
and you could have it all  
my empire of dirt  
I will let you down  
I will make you hurt*

*If I could start again  
a million miles away  
I would keep myself  
I would find a way*

**Johnny Cash: Hurt**

*They led him to Pilate's bar  
Not a word, not a word, not a word  
They led him to Pilate's bar  
Not a word, not a word, not a word  
They led him to Pilate's bar  
But he never said a mumblin' word  
Not a word, not a word, not a word*

*Not a word, not a word, not a word  
We nailed him on to a tree  
Not a word, not a word, not a word  
We nailed him on to a tree  
But he never said a mumblin' word  
Not a word, not a word, not a word...*

*They all cried, "Crucify!"  
Not a word, not a word, not a word  
They all cried, "Crucify!"  
Not a word, not a word, not a word  
They all cried, "Crucify!"  
But he never said a mumblin' word  
Not a word, not a word, not a word  
We nailed him on to a tree*

**The Welcome Wagon:  
He Never Said a Mumblin' Word**

*Jerusalem, daughters of Jerusalem*

**Lies Damned Lies: Lamentations II**

### **One: Luke 23:34**

*When the soldiers came to the place called "The Skull" they nailed Jesus to a cross. They also nailed the two criminals to crosses, one on each side of Jesus. Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people! They don't know what they're doing."*

**While the music plays** think on your own need for forgiveness, and hear Jesus' words as spoken to you.

*I sing of my frustrations  
I sing about my loves  
I sing about the nations  
I sing about the hawks and the doves  
I sing about the angels and the demons  
I ring a warning bell  
I tell everybody how I'm feeling  
I sing about heaven and hell*

Chorus

*Mumble and moan*

*Walking back from the temple  
I knew I was alone  
Walking back to my place  
It was time to mumble and moan*

*I turn my head to the east  
And I think about the past  
I turn my eyes to the west  
Everything's changing too fast*

*I leave my place I put on a coat  
Go down to the harbour I jump on a boat  
Out In the ocean  
I sink like a stone  
And as I go under  
I mumble and moan*

**Lies Damned Lies: Mumble and Moan**

**Two: Luke 23:43**

*Then the criminal said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into power!" Jesus replied, "I promise that today you will be with me in paradise."*

**While the music plays** consider Jesus' promise to the criminal. What might he be promising you?

Chorus

*Free of the fear, free of the fear  
And that's the game even  
If no angels came  
One day to be free of the fear*

*On the day that I feared  
An angel appeared  
In the field where the beast never came  
And the angel had words  
That I'd never heard  
Words that like arrows take aim*

*I believe I would stand  
To the right of the hand  
That held back the night for a time  
But fear of the night  
Will hold back the light  
Like a thief at the scene of the crime*

*One day, one day  
The beast from the field will be torn*

**Lies Damned Lies: Free of the Fear**

**Three: John 19:26-27**

*When Jesus saw his mother and his favourite disciple with her, he said to his mother, "This man is now your son." Then he said to the disciple, "She is now your mother."*

**While the music plays** reflect on Jesus' care for his mother - and his disciple. (How) has he shown care for you?

### Chorus

*In the air  
In the air  
You see the wind blow  
But you don't know where*

*I am the man who sees suffering  
I am the man who sees pain  
The city lies lonely  
Once so full of people  
A generation who saw too much  
This is the future, this is hell  
Only when I sleep can I think of  
you*

*Not welcome in my real world  
Somewhere on a seamless plain  
Some wave washed us up  
And these the contours that bent  
our backs  
These the toxins that poisoned us*

*Which cordial meeting of ministers  
Made God's face to shine upon  
you?  
(line up along your bloody borders)  
And be gracious unto you*

**Lies Damned Lies: In the Air**

### **Four: Mark 15:34**

*Then about that time Jesus shouted, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"  
which means, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"*

**While the music plays** reflect on Jesus' abandonment, and times when you, like him, have felt abandoned.

*Is it nothing to you  
All you who pass by?*

**Lies Damned Lies: Is it Nothing?**

### **Five: John 19:28**

*Jesus knew that he had now finished his work. And in order to make  
the Scriptures come true, he said, "I am thirsty!"*

**While the music plays** consider Jesus' thirst, and times when you, like him, have needed refreshment.

*Everyone is a witness  
I put the ash on my head  
Drinking the dregs of this dark cup  
Toasting the dead*

*I call you all to account  
For what you have not done  
Stand on a hill In the dusk and  
shout  
The name of everyone*

*Then I'll whisper your secrets  
In the sad, sad hours of the night  
That which is hidden will be exposed  
Darkness turned to light*

*When the Lord said "You go, son"  
I fell down In a faint  
No-one will believe that I am the one  
A sinner, not a saint*

**Lies Damned Lies: The Sea**

### Chorus

*The sea, the sea should swallow me  
The sea can make me clean  
Bury me with all my history  
And all the things I've seen*

### **Six: Luke 23:46**

*Jesus shouted, "Father, I put myself in your hands!" Then he died.*

**While the music plays** think of Jesus' death, abandoning himself to his Father.

*Children waiting in long lines  
Where is the love that comes  
down?*

*Where is the love?  
Women waiting here all night  
Where is the love that comes  
down?  
Where is the love?  
Blood runs down  
Clustered down*

*Men herded together  
Where is the love that comes  
down?*

*Where is the love?  
Tears running like rivers  
Where is the love that comes  
down?  
Where is the love?  
They hear gunship sounds  
And kiss the ground*

### Chorus

*Home - let me go home*

*People out on the mountain  
Where is the love that comes  
down?*

*Where is the love?  
Fires burning behind them  
Where is the love that comes  
down?*

*Where is the love?  
In dark and snow  
Dying is slow*

**Lies Damned Lies: Let Me Go Home**

### **Seven: John 19:30**

*After Jesus drank the wine, he said, "Everything is done!" He bowed his head and died.*

**While the music plays** consider the meaning of Jesus' death, what he meant by "Everything is done!"

*Jerusalem, daughters of Jerusalem  
What can I say to you?  
How can I comfort you?*

**Lies Damned Lies: Lamentations I**

## **Words and Music**

**Anathallo: Hymns**, Selah Records 2004

**Johnny Cash: American IV: The Man Comes Around**, American Recordings 2003

**The Welcome Wagon: Welcome to The Welcome Wagon**, Asthmatic Kitty Records 2008

**Lies Damned Lies: Lamentations**, Sticky Music 1996