



WHIRLYBIRDS
and the
MANIFEST
DESTINY

ron vreeland

Whirlybird Studios TV and City

Players:

Ron Vreeland: Guitars, Vocals, Keys, Percussion

Walter Yurgel: Bass (1, 2, 3, 4), Chapman Stick (10)

Chad Kesser: Bass (5, 6, 9)

Matt Olsson: Drums (1, 3, 4, 6, 9)

Marc Thomas: Percussion (3, 5)

Gordon Davies: Background Vocals (9), Percussion (4, 5, 9)

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1. fortnight of the soul

how heavy lies this crown upon
my brow
regardless of the majesty allowed
i own a robe with colors that
confound
in your light the chroma can be found
you don't seem to mind the tide
that comes rolling in behind
fourteen years won't seem to stay
when a year is as a day
and my reputation, a respectable
vener
that never lets a confidant
draw near
this counterfeit lies just beyond
your reach
designed to hide the things that
lie beneath
you don't seem to mind the tide
that comes rolling in behind
fourteen years won't seem to be
when my Rachel waits for me
my Rachel waits

2. apparition

these visions are so fleeting, they
might be the end of me
and you seem to have a way, a way
with my memory
i'm not sure which of me is true,
baby it's just you
across the universe, hey it might be
worth the wait
and these paper cups are filling up
with an endless rain
what a marvelous ambition to
pursue, baby it's just you
don't you realize your value? a
collision of the simple and the true
don't you realize your value? an
afterimage bending all the rules
the few and far between, minus
the view: baby it's just you
an apparition coming into view,
baby it's just you

3. attaboy

serenade, and all your music falls upon
my ears of late
renegade, your revolution failed but
you're still wide awake
attaboy, you can learn to live with
your mistakes
attaboy, you don't need to save the
world you made today
colonnade, these failures wait to stare
you right back in the face
promenade, and tripping over all the
words left in the way
you renegade, your revolution failed but
you're still wide awake
attaboy, you can learn to live with
your mistakes
attaboy, you don't need to save the
world you made today
you don't need to save the world today
it's not that way

4. friendly reminder

i had an extra spring in my step, all
the stars aligned
i had all these cylinders firing in time
everything around me was so in tune
until i lost the sight of you
i had all these answers, buried
underneath
i could navigate these waters so easily

so tie this string around your wrist as
a friendly reminder
if you don't resist you will just lose the
attire, but
why did i ever look away?
why did i ever lose that string?
if you don't look twice to save a life,
it never fails to prove your point
and now i'm running short on lifeline
you know that there was a time when
my life was tied to the wheel
and my course was charted left of what
was real
so tie this string around your heart as
an informal cue that
you should always think before you
speak as a rule, but
why did i ever look away?
why did i ever lose that string?
if you don't look twice to save a life,
it never fails to prove your point
and now i'm running short on lifeline
as a token of my never ending grief,
you can always tie a lifeline to me
if you don't think twice to save a life,
it never fails to prove your point
and now i'm running short on lifeline



5. reeds

all these lines in the mirror, and on
my face
the story is the same
and though i'd rather lie, this mirror
has a name
and broad is the road i've chosen to
climb
with sincere apology, the narrow unde-
fined
such a bruise that fell upon these reeds,
trembling in the wake
though they falter in breeze, they will
never break
they will never break
he won't let them break
and i feel that these wounds may never
heal
yet i see that he restores the reeds
he restores the reeds

6. the silver lining

i would tell you all the truth
if the timing was right
and my heart is on display
underneath this pastel sky
and all these words you speak
and the air that hangs between
what you said was true
all these words they ring true
the day i know you're mine
all the trains will run on time
now press with all your might
against the changing tides
my heart is open land
for these castles made of sand
and what you said was true
all these words they ring true
you can leave at any time
just don't read between the lines

7. (interlude)

8. whirllybirds

ask her and she'll tell you things are
different
photographs adorned in sepia tones
outside there's a current flowing up-
wards
whirlybirds are searching for a home
lately i resemble more the statue
marbled to convey a stately pose
inside there's a current flowing north-
ern
whirlybirds are looking for a home
august, if you please, wake me when
the maple bends
kindly do allow me some more time to
mend
august, if it seems, that all is what it
should have been
i'll turn my collar to the wind
on the porch there lies an empty shoe
shaken of the dust that worried you
gliding forward, steady as she goes
whirlybirds are trembling in the throes
august, if you please, wake me when
the maple bends
i hope you will allow me some more
time to mend
august, if it seems, that all is what it
should have been
i'll turn my collar to the wind
we were always at the mercy of the
wind

9. honeycutt

click your heels, and think of home
we will stretch these arrows as far as
they can go
now don't look back, from where we
came
these rolling hills are calling out your
name
and soon you'll see that there's nothing
left to fear
now that honeycutt draws near
oh, you can't mistake the feelings that
permeate this place
hey, i don't mind if we drive on down
this road a while
it's funny how these dots and lines can
always ease my mind
until I see that there's nothing left to
fear
now that honeycutt draws near
oh, you can't mistake the meanings
that are found within this name
so let me please, won't you let me
please
let me please be the one
to change your name

10. (where the current carries)



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