

# “Bricks and Feathers”

## Harry Bird and the Rubber Wellies

Hit a Wall in Me (Harry Bird)

hit a wall in me now, hit a wall in me  
i ain't getting pushed around, you hit a wall in me  
hit a wall in me now, hit a wall in me  
i'll be standing my ground, you hit a wall in me

william william where you at  
with your head full of whisky and your heart like that  
i don't want no trouble brother, i don't want a fight  
and i've sure got enough worries for the both of us tonight

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oooooooooh

well listen now sonny jim, i've had it up to here  
and i've been letting people walk all over me for years  
boy you've got it coming, you'll be sorry when i'm through  
what a shame the barricade was never meant for you

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**There's a River** (Harry Bird)

i'm at the end of my tether  
i don't bruise easy  
but i can't tell the bricks from the feathers  
as they fall on me  
i'm just one step, one step, one step  
one step and then another  
i'm just so tired  
baby i can't even run for cover

but there's a river, there's a river  
i'm gonna jump in  
sweet water gonna take this weight  
i've been shouldering  
there's a river, there's a river  
oh found me out  
sweet love, sweet love  
won't you show me  
what you're all about

step up to the bank and strip  
swallow your stone  
and dive into the heart of it  
let your body go  
sink on down, out of time and space  
feel the mana all around  
rise and revel with a new face

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## Folk of the Wood (Harry Bird)

would you see them lovers arm in arm  
 just around the corner from julian's farm  
 oh mamma they're swinging in the ceilidh tree  
 they're kicking dust and dripping sweat  
 they'll be dancing on the heels of the dawn i'll bet  
 oh mamma, they're swinging in the ceilidh tree

oh mamma ain't it fine to see the merry folk when they're out at night  
 oh mamma ain't it good to see

they got the guitar going and the old banjo  
 singing songs that we all know  
 oh mamma, they're swinging in the ceilidh tree  
 check out out the ukelele and the fiddler's wink  
 crooked bill and his rinky tink  
 oh mamma, they're swinging in the ceilidh tree

oh mamma ain't it fine to see the merry folk when their eyes all shine  
 oh mamma ain't it good to see

so we'll stamp our feet on the frozen clay  
 watch our breath fill the milky way  
 oh mamma, swinging in the ceilidh tree  
 don't you know how my poor heart melts  
 when you hold me like orion's belt  
 oh mamma, we're swinging in the ceilidh tree

oh mamma ain't it fine when we're all just a little bitty out of our minds  
 oh mamma ain't it good to see

they're dishing daahl from a great big pot  
 damper jam getting nice and hot  
 oh mamma, swinging in the ceilidh tree  
 the moon is round as an empty plate  
 full as my belly after all i ate  
 oh mamma, we're swinging in the ceilidh tree

oh momma ain't it fine to see the merry folk in the firelight  
 oh momma ain't it good to see  
 oh momma ain't it good to see the merry merry folk of the wood  
 oh momma ain't it good to see

### **All Among the Waves (Harry Bird)**

bricks and sticks and spit and bone  
 all among the waves  
 banging our heads together as we go  
 all in the wind and waves

island daughters island sons  
 all among the waves  
 accross that sea and sky we've come  
 all in the wind and waves

work and eat and sleep and play  
 all among the waves  
 every creed and colour that you can name  
 all in the wind and waves

uncle jack i know that frown  
 all among the waves  
 you say you can't recognise your town  
 all in the wind and waves

jobs are scarce and money's tight  
 all among the waves  
 yeah but blaming other poor folk just ain't right  
 all in the wind and waves

bricks and sticks and spit and bone  
 all among the waves  
 banging our heads together in the foam  
 all in the wind and waves

## Laughter in Sleep (Harry Bird)

kathleen, kathleen, kathleen  
 laughter in sleep  
 and the salt on our bodies  
 is all that we ever can keep

loosed in the leaf  
 and the hunger of all that we are  
 its the heat of our moments  
 the gift burning back to the stars

the rain's coming down on the river  
 that swells to the ocean's embrace  
 you and i all a-quiver with the first taste

our home is the circular purpose  
 afoot in the tide and the old tree ring  
 and the thunderous peace of creation's faithful unfolding

so shake while you may,  
 kathleen, shake while you may  
 all the gold and the crimson  
 the love and the light from the day

morning's a secret still, come on  
 i'll follow you out  
 we'll scatter the birds  
 and go wake the green sun with a shout

ohhhhhhhhhhh

kathleen, kathleen, kathleen  
 laughter in sleep  
 and the salt on our bodies  
 is all that we ever can keep

## Lonesome Road (Harry Bird)

sunset on my anger  
sunset on my heels  
sun set every night upon  
this sorrow that i feel

it's oh so many miles i've trod  
and oh so many years  
and oh so many broken dreams  
that brought me searching here

behold my feat on the iron snow  
my great escape was no place to go  
darling please believe me when i say i'm coming home  
though i know i've been some time on this old lonesome road

well won't you hang a lantern out  
so i might find the way  
cos every type of misery  
does feed on me today

there's things i've lost and things they stole  
things i've left behind  
the only thing i've kept with me  
is the hope you'll still be mine

behold my feat on the iron snow  
my great escape was no place to go  
darling please believe me when i say i'm coming home  
cos freedom's no companion out on this old lonesome road

darling please believe me when i say i'm coming home  
though i know i've been some time on this old lonesome road

### **From a Rooftop** (Harry Bird)

sweet doves of damascus  
 waiting for the dawn  
 brother are you safe tonight?  
 sister are you warm?  
 we'll spread our wings to freedom  
 we'll kiss the clouds above  
 the rivers cannot run with hatred  
 if it's raining love  
 and i'll keep a watch in the dark for you  
 and i'll light a candle here for peace  
 with an ache in the places that i thought i knew  
 in these bricks where my feathers used to be

### **Nire Maxuxta** (Amagoia Osinalde eta Harry Bird)

luma goxo zuritan  
 ametsak besarkatzen

egizu lo, egizu lo  
 nire maxuxta  
 egizu lo, egizu lo

argi epela dauka zeruko eguzkiak  
 ilun ederra berriz gaueko izartxoak

adreilu goxo gorritan  
 etxean egunari irritan

esna zaitez, esna zaitez  
 nire maxuxta  
 esna zaitez, esna zaitez

ilun ederra dauka gaueko izartxoak  
 argi epela berriz zeruko eguzkiak

## Up until Sunrise (Harry Bird)

well we were never really gonna smell of soap  
 here in the factory recycling hope  
 up until sunrise  
 dirty as can be  
 up until sunrise  
 building community

well you can run and tell the bailiff but he already knows  
 the politicians and the pounds all suck each others toes  
 up until sunrise  
 and they're gonna shut you down  
 up until sunrise  
 they want a sleepy town

so the dawn bursts upon us with the police  
 lamping us at the knees  
 throwing us out on the street  
 oh grieve for me brother, grieve for i do declare  
 i have a home somewhere  
 i thought i might have found it here

now the squat's in pieces and the wrecking ball swings  
 but i hear the sound of unbeatable wings  
 up until sunrise  
 dancing hand in hand  
 up until sunrise  
 kukutza gure bihotzean

and the dawn comes a creeping like a thief  
 but you can't sneak the beat  
 out from under these feet  
 oh sing with me brother sing to the quickening air  
 i have a home somewhere  
 and i can find it again just so long as i got you here

## Roll out the Cannon (Harry Bird)

we used to bring the house down on every village green  
 but now it looks like curtains for our burnt out jambouree  
 cos there's no disguising discord in the painting of a face  
 and i agree i think its time we went our seperate ways

roll out the cannon - sound the gun!  
 roll out the cannon - the time has come!

they're giving out at our acrobat for all of his extra padding  
 the bearded lady is having a shave-y cos she can't take the slagging  
 the poor magician has called the physician for the boy she's cut in half  
 the sad pierrot feels so low he would kill himself for a laugh

roll out the cannon - pull the chord!  
 roll out the cannon - and swallow the sword!

cos there's a sizeable lady inside of me dying to sing  
 she's been trying to end this thing  
 since i don't know when  
 and i just can't hold her off for a minute more  
 so cue the rapturous applause  
 and when she hits the floor

roll out the cannon - climb inside!  
 roll out the cannon - we'll leave it all behind!

oooooooooh and we wave goodbye  
 as comrades in the ring for one last time  
 and ooooooooooh ain't it sad  
 but come on blow a kiss back to the sun for all the dreams that we had

roll out the cannon!  
 roll out the cannon!

## The Pigeon Lord (Harry Bird)

the pigeon lord comes tapping on your kitchen window pane  
oh when the night blows cold and rainy  
he wants you to go fix him up cos he's gone pigeon lame  
oh when the night blows cold and rainy

he opens up his wings made from recycled things  
silver paper crinkles in the garden  
he'll soon be at your door with paper maché claws so  
mould him, mould him  
mould him when the night blows in  
mould him, mould him  
mould him when the night blows in

the pigeon lord is gentle and the pigeon lord is kind  
oh when the night blows cold and rainy  
he's come to peck away the little beasties in your mind  
oh when the night blows cold and rainy

so don't you fear attack, just climb upon his back  
sail off to the land beyond the lightening  
his love for you is blind and he's there for all mankind so  
hold him, hold him  
hold him when the night blows in  
hold him, hold him  
hold him when the night blows in

my old soul is not like a witch's pen  
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my old soul is not like a witch's...