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2021 LYRICS, A BETTER DAY A-COMING

A BETTER DAY A-COMING
Robin and Linda Williams

At the end of another hard day
I look out over the bay
For a glimpse at liberty's light
In those big, broad billows of white
When I see those proud ships sail away
My soul takes flight
And my sad heart is filled with grace
And hope burns bright

CHORUS:
There's A Better Day A-Coming
A Better Day A-Coming
Led by Father Abraham
We'll all come a-running
All come a-running
Running to the Promised Land
I won't be praying for an early grave
When there's no more masters and no more slaves
There's A Better Day A-Coming
A Better Day A-Coming
Led by Father Abraham

You shrouded ghosts at sea
So free to plow the deep
While I'm kept and confined
In a life that isn't mine
You move wherever you must be
In The Maker's unfolding design
One day may he deliver me
From the whip and bands of iron

CHORUS:

If I could soar through the sky
To your safe mast I would fly
From these captive shores take wing
To hear the winds of freedom sing
I'd never no more question why
Ships so smoothly sail
And birds effortlessly glide
On a strong, steady gale

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JAKE AND JESUS

Robin and Linda Williams, Scott Miller

Look back, look back towards Arbor Hill drifting on the wind
Through the misty morning chill here comes my Jake again
It's a dream that leaves me aching, to see Jake young and strong
Every morning I awaken missing him now he's gone

CHORUS:

I'm going to fly away to Summerland
To the arms of Jake and Jesus
Wake each day on golden sands
In the arms of Jake and Jesus
In the arms of Jake and Jesus

All those years of tribulation fueled by moonshine alcohol
Until the sweet sound of salvation led us to the Savior's call
All those dark days down in Haytie, not knowing God's own Son
Had kept us in his watchful eye until His work was done

CHORUS:

Look up, look up on Calvary Hill, see The Man on the cross
Jesus, he is suffering still for the lonely and the lost
It's a dream that leaves me shaking, how he died to set us free
Fathered then forsaken for the likes of Jake and me

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OLD LOVERS WALTZ
Robin and Linda Williams

There's a touch of the past in the Old Lovers Waltz
You can't play it too fast or the beauty is lost
Each note has a purpose each beat has a pause
There's so much that goes into The Old Lovers Waltz

CHORUS:

One, two, three, one, two, three, one, two, three
You learn how to follow; you learn how to lead.
When you're gliding with ease and stepping light
Then the Old Lovers Waltz, you are doing it right

It's not all laughter out there on the floor
But if it's true love you're after you'll come back for more
Because the pleasure is real and well worth the cost
When you capture the feel of the Old Lovers Waltz

CHORUS:

BRIDGE:

When you get to the end
Of the Old Lovers Waltz
You'll be happy
That you took the chance
And you'll be grateful
You learned how to dance

CHORUS:

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LIVING YOUR BAD NAME DOWN
Scott Miller, Robin and Linda Williams

Sour apples they don't fall
Too far from the tree
That is what the neighbors all
Say, when they look at me
I know just how a fox feels
Running from the hounds
'Cause I have spent my whole life
Living Your Bad Name Down

CHORUS:
Living Your Bad Name Down
Oh, I'm Living Your Bad Name Down
Blame, shame
The hard knocks came
Living Your Bad Name Down

There is nothing I can say 'round here
That anyone believes
'Cause you deal from the bottom of the deck
With no good up your sleeve
But cards don't lie and odds don't blink
So your turn's coming around
And when it does, I won't be here
Living Your Bad Name Down

CHORUS:
I'm going to leave this pit of wagging tongues
And shallow, narrow minds
And memories of dead-end streets
I'm going to leave them all behind
I'm going to give them one, good, long last look
Then back out of this town
And go someplace where I won't be
Living Your Bad Name Down

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FALLING APART

Robin and Linda Williams, Scott Miller

He doesn't come straight home from work
'Cause things don't seem to be the way they were
It's the same routine every day
It's just easier that way
To call and leave a message from the bar
They're Falling Apart

She doesn't bother answering the phone
She doesn't want to hear what she already knows
Now she understands how dreams
Get lost and fall between
The way things ought to be and how they are
They're Falling Apart

CHORUS:

Falling Apart
Little nicks and scars
That's the way it starts
Falling Apart
'Til you finally feel the aching
That's the breaking of your heart
Falling Apart

In silence they go up the stairs
Past photographs of the life they've shared
Is it too late to work them out,
These things they don't talk about
That lie between them quiet in the dark?
They're Falling Apart

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WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY
Robin and Linda Williams

A crow outside the window
Echoes our despair
In this room full of blues
Where silence fills the air
Winter's taken such a toll
On the neighborhood
We all want to leave the cold
Now one has gone for good

CHORUS:
We Don't Know What To Say,
Words just fail
With stammering tongues, we're all struck dumb
And We Don't Know What To Say

In the hush we wonder
What we could have done
How we could have From reaching for the gun
We read her last goodbyes
Just a line or two
Asking forgiveness
For what she had to do

CHORUS:
How long did we know her?
Just count the years
How much will we miss her?
Just count the tears
And listen to the blackbird sing
His friendless air
While our dear lost sister's spirit
Is hovering near

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YODELING JOHNNY
Robin Williams, Jerome Clark

When they brought Johnny back, he was lying on his side
The bullet caught him in his head and stayed there 'til he died
They found him 'neath the Ferrum Bridge face down in the sand
Guitar lying by his side, the pistol in his hand

CHORUS:

Ooooo, He's long gone like a turkey through the corn
Ooooo, He's wild as the wind ever since he was born

Johnny loved the women they were always in his song
Even when they broke his heart, even when they done him wrong
He would bang his guitar just like a natural fool
And if it hurt too much for words he'd yodel out the blues

CHORUS 2:

Ooooo, He's long gone like a turkey through the corn
Ooooo, He's wild as the wind ever since he was born

He could yodel like a whistle on that big, blue train
He could howl like a hound dog left out in the rain
Howl like a hound dog left out in the rain
She's coming down the road, I hear her crying for a mile

Weeping, Lord, a river of tears her Johnny's gone a while
The cuckoos are hollering loud enough to wake the dead
But not Yodeling Johnny he's got a bullet in his head

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TOWER OF SONG
Leonard Cohen

Well, my friends are gone, and my hair is grey
I ache in the places where I used to play
And I'm crazy for love but I'm not coming on
I'm just paying my rent every day in the Tower of Song

I said to Hank Williams "How lonely does it get?"
Hank Williams hasn't answered yet
But I hear him coughing all night long
A hundred floors above me in the Tower of Song

I was born like this, I had no choice
I was born with the gift of a golden voice
And twenty-seven angels from the Great Beyond
They tied me to this table right here in the Tower of Song

So, you can stick your little pins in that voodoo doll
I'm very sorry baby it doesn't look like me at all
I'm standing by the window where the light is strong
They don't let a woman kill you, not in the Tower of Song

Now you can say that I've grown bitter, but of this you may be sure
The rich have got their channels in the bedrooms of the poor
And there's a mighty judgement coming, but I may be wrong
You see, you hear these funny voices in the Tower of Song

I see you standing on the other side, I don't know how the river got so wide
I loved you, baby, way back when
And all the bridges are burning that we might have crossed,
but I feel so close to everything that we lost
We'll never have to lose it again

I bid you farewell; I don't know when I'll be back
They're moving us tomorrow to that tower down the track
But you'll be hearing from me long after I'm gone
I'll be speaking to you sweetly from a window in the Tower of Song

Well, my friends are gone, and my hair is grey
I ache in the places where I used to play
And I'm crazy for love but I'm not coming on
I'm just paying my rent every day in the Tower of Song

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LIFE HAS ITS LITTLE UPS AND DOWNS
Margaret Ann Rich

I don't know how to tell her that I didn't get that raise in pay today
'Cause I know how much she wanted that dress in Baker's window
And it breaks my heart to see her have to wait
And cancel all the plans she made to celebrate

CHORUS:

But you can count on her to take it with a smile and not a frown
She knows that life has its little ups and downs
Like ponies on a merry-go-round
And no one grabs the brass ring every time, but she don't mind
She wears a gold ring on her finger
And I'm so glad it's mine

The new house plans we've had so long I guess will gather dust another year
And the daffodils are blooming that she planted way last fall
Up on the hill and over by the gate
Lord knows I hate to say again, "We'll have to wait."

CHORUS:

But you can bet that she'll just take it with a smile and not a frown
She knows that life has its little ups and downs
Like ponies on a merry-go-round
And no one grabs the brass ring every time, but she don't mind
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LEAVING HOME
Leighton, Leighton and Shields

Frankie and Johnny were sweethearts; they had a quarrel one day,
Johnny vowed he'd leave her; he said he was going away,
Never coming home, going away to roam.

Frankie she begged and she pleaded, "My lovin' Johnny, please stay,
Oh I know I've done you wrong, but please don't go away."
Then Johnny sighed and Frankie cried

CHORUS:

Oh, I'm going away, I'm going to stay, and never coming home
You're gonna miss me, honey, in the days to come,
When the winter winds begin to blow, the ground is covered up
You're gonna think of me, gonna wish me back, your loving man
You're gonna miss me honey in the days they say to come.

Frankie she said to her Johnny, "Say, man, your hour's done come"
Underneath her silk kimono she drew a forty-four gun
These love affairs are hard to bear

Johnny he fled down the stairway, "My love, Frankie, don't shoot."
Frankie took aimed with the forty-four five times with a rooty-toot-toot,
As Johnny fell, then Frankie yelled

CHORUS:

Send for your rubber-tired hearses, send for your rubber-tired hacks,
Take old Johnny to the graveyard, 'cause I shot him in the back
With a great big gun 'cause he tried to run

Send for a thousand policemen. Take me right away,
Lock me down in the dungeon cell and throw the key away,
'Cause Johnny's dead, all because he said

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SOMEDAY AND SOMETIME

Scott Miller

Some days will never be enough
Somedays will always be too much
Somedays your work is all in vain
Some days ain't worth a blessed thing

Some days you're called upon to help
Some days you have to help yourself
Sometimes the worst thing is the truth
Sometime your best will still not do

CHORUS:

What do you want, what do you want?
You've got to get it on your own
Your mother's heading to Kentucky for a while
What do you want, what do you want?
You'll have to get it on your own
Someday and Sometime

Some days you wish it just would end
Some days you want to live again
Some days are harder than the rest
Some days are easy to forget

Sometimes you get just what you want
Sometimes you had it all along
Sometimes you don't know where to go
Sometimes you're not supposed to know

CHORUS:

Some people live life from the heart
Some people find it much too hard
Some people know where they belong
Some people decide to move on

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DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP

CHORUS:

Done Found My Lost Sheep
DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP
DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP
HALLELUJAH, I DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP
DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP
DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP

My Lord had a hundred sheep
One of them did go astray
That just left him ninety and nine
Go to the wilderness, seek and find
And if you find it bring it back
Across your shoulders, across your back
TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS ALL AROUND
That lost sheep has **SURE BEEN FOUND**

CHORUS:

In that resurrection day
Sinner can't find no hiding place
Run to the mountains and the mountain move
Run to the hill and the hill run too
Sinner man travelin' on tremblin' ground
Poor lost sheep ain't never been found
SINNER WHY DON'T YOU STOP AND PRAY?
You might hear your **SHEPHERD SAY**

Done Found My Lost Sheep
DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP
DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP
HALLELUJAH, I DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP
DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP
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