

Zion Dyson
jazz voice

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PROGRAM

Zion Dyson

Part One: Blame

Who's to Blame
Rose Pedal

Part Two: Realization

I Don't Feel the Same (Shadows)
Dry Your Eyes

Part Three: Home(s)

Home Song
Losing Him

Annette Peacock, arr. Zion Dyson
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Part Four: Time

Dreams (If Time Weren't)
Dry Your Eyes II

Caroline Jesalva
Velvet Underground

Part Five: Dinner Party

Dinner Party
I'm Sticking with You

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Part Six: The Sun Comes Out

Sunrise
Tinfoil Queen
Dry Your Eyes III
You are my Sunshine

Jimmie Davis, Charles Mitchell

Aaron Kaufman-Levine, saxophone
Caroline Jesalva, violin
Julian Seney, viola
Avi Randall, piano, keyboard
Solomon Caldwell, bass
Noah Mark, drums

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Who's to Blame

Our spot by the lake isn't the same
Since you came and went away

Walk to let the wind drift my sins away
Just before the dawn of another day

The apple round my neck
Is the apple of your eye
Hits my chest as he throws me
'Gainst the gray brick sky
You cross my mind and disappear
Under the stillness

The light reflects your face
In the green and muddy water
And the breeze in the trees
Asks me how I could
Wash away my indecision
He always reminds me why I

Walk to let the wind drift my sins away
Just before the dawn of another day

Curiosity only killed the cat
Who wasn't careful
But I'll experiment
Behind broken glass
Sweet chemicals call me out to play

Walk to let the wind drift my sins away
Just before the dawn of another day

I was curious but cures for it
Are usually misleading
And I think my heart is burned and scarred
Beyond repair
I'm not scared, guess I'm just guilty
He'd die if he knew me

So I walk to let the wind drift my sins away
Just before the dawn of another day
And I pray this golden sunrise
Will make me realize
Who's to blame

Rose Pedal

Brush my lips
With soft and fragrant flowers
Fallen from paradise

Soft and light
Cascading to a snowy field
Glistening white
Rose petals fading

Our time is up my dear
Roses tend to wilt
The gig is up it's clear
Now all that's left is guilt

Memories of those rosy nights
Are tinted dark with regret

Smells of sweet perfume
Remind me of a love now withered
Beauty expires

I Don't Feel the Same (Shadows)

I don't feel the same
I'm done with this game
It's hard to be free
Always caught up a tree
Live life to the fullest
Just biting the bullet

Remain undisturbed
Remember that word
You're nervous, you're blushing,
Your heartbeat is rushing
Each strange interaction
I start to lose traction

I slip as the
World zooms down on me
I'm filled with a hunger
I'll never feed
Be silent my mind
This too will pass

I'll cast away the shadows
In my path

Dry Your Eyes I

Dry your eyes
You're getting sentimental
For memories that haven't happened yet

But tears of joy
Are sweet and so much better
Than bitter, salty tears soaked in regret

Future photographs
All framed in distant hallways
Imagined faces clearly manifest

You are loved
No need to stop or hurry
Just pace yourself and face yourself your best

Don't beat yourself up
Don't beat yourself up
Don't beat yourself up

Home Song

It's been months since I've seen
The Pacific Ocean
And the tide's grown high
In the west

I still picture the palm trees
Wavin' at the canyons
And the sun melting into
The sea

Six lane freeways entwine
Keeping cars in motion
But the stop-and-go traffic's
My peace

Misty mornings, bright days
Every turn an old place
Where the memories
Rush back to me

Now I'm gone and it's
Cold, cold and dark
I must admit

I miss Sunday dinners
And Balboa Park
On nights like this

So I sit in my room
And I watch the snow fall
On the alley that hides
Out back

And I tune out the noises
Of construction mens' tools
Thinking back to the sounds of the sea
Home is right back there waiting for me

Losing Him

You're leaving from your second home
And wond'ring why you'd ever roam

You grip his right hand as he drives
And cry together one last time

Broken hearted
You will be parted
For a while
So force a smile

Lose a limb
Try losing him
Loosen your loving embrace
Let the tears drip down your face
Let the emptiness take his place
Lose a limb
Try losing him

Each time you cry, he dries your tears
He listens to your angers and fears

Back home they tell you "smile and breathe"
But sometimes panic boils underneath

Broken hearted
You will be parted
For a while
Will you still smile?

You've changed a lot, stopped holding it in
They'll ask you how their "happy girl's" been

If sadness tries to bring you down
Will anyone care when he's not around?

Lose a limb
Try losing him
Loosen your loving embrace
Let the tears drip down your face
Let the emptiness take his place
Lose a limb
Try losing him

You're leaving from your second home
And wondering why you'd ever roam

Dreams (If Time Weren't)

You can't believe in anything
A life is so very short and meaningless

I keep hoping soon that someday
Your dreams like fire
Would burn reality

Dreams come and go with the tide of your soul
And time has the space
Of your dreams

Time is not an absolute
In dreams

Slaves in the sense that our master is time
Who orders the pace to go right

If time weren't measured
We could all be free

Dry Your Eyes II

Oddly saccharine
Yet strangely sad and lonely
If only time moved quickly as my brain

Don't you fret
Don't worry 'bout tomorrow

Because you know he'll love you just the same

Sure, it's true

He cares despite your problems

He helps you even when it's hard for you to

Do a single task

So you sit empty, broken

Reminded of the skills in life you lack

Don't beat yourself up

Don't beat yourself up

Don't beat yourself up

Sunrise

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The sun escapes from the ocean again

To bask in the beauty of men

Till it's swallowed again

In the evening

My lover set sail in the evening

A suitcase in hand he kissed me and sighed

Following tomorrow's sky.

Till day breaks

Across the ocean, and I'm left in dusk

The sun can't inspire both of us

Between twilight and dark I'm suspended

How long must I wait here suspended

For nighttime and darkness to be ended

When we meet once more

On tomorrow's bright shore

I will know the warmth

Of sunrise

Tinfoil Queen

Broken glass
That glitters gold
Litters the path
Of a story left untold

She walked alone
Tin foil queen of crystal throne
So shaken by the goings on
Reaching toward the dawn

Struck down by fear
She closed her eyes
Soon she had disappeared
To a secret world inside

Tears graced her chin
Sparking a battle for her soul to win
She knew that one day she would find
Harmony of mind

Shields drawn, sword-wielding
She fought the feeling
With the love inside
She claimed her mind
And realized
The truth inside

Shields drawn, sword-wielding
She fought the feeling
With the love inside
She claimed her mind
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The truth inside

She walks alone
No longer bound to crystal throne
Unshaken by the goings on
Marching for the dawn

Dry Your Eyes III

Don't beat yourself up
Don't beat yourself up
Don't beat yourself up

The past will bear its ugly head
Distracting from a future filled with sweet devotion
An ocean of our love
Can't be fazed by storms above

Dry your eyes
Don't scream or cry today
I know the time will come to be upset

You are loved
And you like yourself, you do
So happiness will find its way to you

You are my Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know, dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping
I dreamt I held you in my arms
But when I awoke, dear, I was mistaken
And I hung my head and I cried

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know, dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

You told me once, dear, you really loved me
And no one else could come between
But now you've left me and love another
You have shattered all my dreams

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
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