

Townies (an audioplay)

Lyrics

What the Fuck's Going On?

What the fuck's going on
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Won't you tell me
Won't you tell me
Won't you tell me
Won't you let me in on the secret
Won't you tell me
Can't you tell me
Won't you let me in on the secret

What the fuck's going on
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Won't you tell me
Can't you tell me
Please tell me
Won't you let me in on the secret
Won't you tell me
Won't you tell me
Won't you let me in on the secret

What the fuck's going on
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C'mon tell me
Won't you tell me
Can't you tell me
Won't you let me in on the secret
Won't you tell me
Won't you tell me
Won't you let me in on the secret

What the fuck's going on
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Running Down the Years

I hope my voice tells a story
Through the laughter and the tears
One of hope and joy and sorrow
Of innocence and fear

Running through the years of childhood
Running down the years
Running through the years of childhood
Running down the years

I can't breathe and I can't see
I can't leave this thing undone
My body's tired my voice is ragged
I'm not the only one

My body's tired my voice is ragged
But I'm not nearly done
I can't leave I can't unsee
The damage passed from father to son

Running down the years
Running down the years of childhood
Running down the years

I hope my voice tells a story
Through the laughter and the tears
One of hope and joy and sorrow
Of innocence and fear

Running down the years
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Parking Lot Richard

Throw the map out on the table
For the navigator
Follow your instruments
Down to your instincts

Eyes on the horizon
Keep your wings level
Have you ever been upside down
Or under the table

Parking lot Richard
Sovereign of the disabled
Buried face down
Under gravel and cable

Drive in Jesus
When mother was able
To sing all the hymns
From the grave to the cradle

Spread the map out on the table
As long as you're able

Parking lot Richard
When mother was able
To follow her story
To the end of the fable

Keep your wings level

Eyes on the horizon
The details and the devil

Everything's A Miracle

Say what you will
Be who you are
Everythings a miracle
Everyones a star

Meet me at Deguerres
Lets buy a pack of hockey cards
Double Bubble Bazooka Joe
Two dimes will get you far

Eagles on the ice
Eagles in the park
Patty Dussault's helmets blue
Shining bright amongst the stars

Say what you will
Be who you are
Everythings a miracle
Everyones a star

Ross Yates and I
Cross the blueline in overtime
A perfect pass a dream meant to last
As the puck crosses the line

The Expos at Jarry Park
Walking home late after dark
The city bright in front of us
City of Dreams, the divine spark

Say what you will
Be who you are
Everything was a miracle
Everyone was a star

Say what you will
You can be who you are
Everything was a miracle
At the station we disembark

Teasing

I was only teasing
I was only teasing
I was only teasing you

I was only teasing
I was only teasing
I was only teasing you

Who knows why we do the things we do
Who knows why we do the things we do

It means that I like you

It means that I like you
It means that I like you

I was only teasing
I was only teasing
I was only teasing you

Who knows why we do the things we do
Who knows why we say the things we say

I was only teasing
I was only teasing
There's no need to ball

If you were only teasing
If you were only teasing
Fuck you, fuck you all

Who knows why we do the things we do
Who knows why we say the words we say

Riding

Riding - all over town we're riding
Straight downhill we're gliding
Down Mount Glashin
In the sun

Sliding - in and out of hiding
Cigarette breath and denying
Covered up with Spearmint gum

Trying - at the bottom of the pile on
To catch your breath in mid song
Winded and alone

Saving - a bobcat in the making
Orange Crush and Crunchie craving
Another day is won

7up

Don't let me down
Don't let me drown

All through the town
The hate rained down

All the sound
Of sirens around

Don't let me down
Don't let me down

There's no more sound
Don't let me drown
There's no more sound

All through the town

The hate rained down
Upon the sound
Of the men of the town

Don't let me drown
Don't let me down

Never the Same

It was never the same
It was never the same, again

It was never the same
It was never the same, again

It was never the same
It was never the same, again

Never the same
Never the same, again

Never the same

Lockdown

Running for your life
It's a lockdown
Running for your life
It's a lockdown

After all those useless thoughts and prayers
There's still fear hanging in the air

Running for your life
It's a lockdown

Don't wait Don't wait 'Cause it's too late

Running for your life
It's a lockdown
Running for your life
You get knocked down

After all those useless thoughts and prayers
There's still fear hanging in the air

Running for your life
You get knocked down
Running for your life
It's a lockdown

Wait...

Running for your life
It's a lockdown
Running for your life
It's a lockdown

After all those useless thoughts and prayers

There's still fear hanging in the air

You're running for your life
You get knocked down... Get up Get up Get up Get up Get up

All Their Names

He knows all the names
Of the people and places
He knows all their names
And all of their faces

There with a smile
There with a kind word
Always to serve

With his better judgement
And all of her kindness
And all of their wisdom
And all of our blindness

Slowdown

Slowdown Slowdown Slowdown Slowdown

We're holding on Holding On We're holding on Holding On

Slowdown Slowdown I'm going down Slowdown Slowdown

Time of Dreams

This is the time of dreams
A time to find your way back
To the light through
The cracks and the seams

This is the time of dreams
Of pandemics and hoaxes
Nothing's what it seems

Show me the reasons
Show me the reasons

This is the time of schemes
Of grifters and fakers
And black limousines

This is the time of dreams
Of flying and dying

Show me the reason
Show me the reason

This is the time of screams
Of stock market crashes
Taking one for the team

This is the time of dreams...

What Do I Know?

Now I question
Everything I thought I knew
Now I question
Everything I thought I knew

What do I know
What do I know
About this or that

What do I know
What do I know
About this or that

Now I must question
Everything I thought I knew
Now I must question
Everything I thought I knew

What do I know
What do I know
About white or black
Or this or that

What do I know
What do I know
About white or black
Or this or that

I don't know I don't know I don't know I don't know

7 Deadly Sins

I want what you have
But mine is mine
I want what you have
All of the time

Want and desire
I lust for you

It's never enough for me
And it's too much for you

I want it all
I want it now
I want it all
I want it now

I can't be bothered
Most of the time

You'll pay for what you've done
I'll make sure you do

I did it all myself
With no help from you

Justice

Just This Just This Just This Just This Just This
Just This Just This Just This Just This Just This

Justice

Robins

Robins arrive at the first sign of spring
Unaware of the hope that they bring
All of our voices together we sing

All the things that have kept us apart
Must all be pulled down before we can start
Again

All the king's horses and all the king's men
Struggled to pull it together again
For the arrival of the new thing

All the things that have torn us apart
Must all be pulled down if we are to start
Again

Saying nothing you bury your words

Robins arrive at the first sign of spring

King James

King James lays the blame for the game
On unsuspecting others
For his sisters and brothers

Again and again in the end
The game still stays the same
Nothing has changed

Why does this stain still remain from the chains
of cruelties past uncovered
now rediscovered

If not now then when if not us
Then who shall make the difference
Out of indifference

Say their names
Say their names
Say their names
So that what they have suffered
Won't happen to any others

Any Side

The consequence of regicide

And suicide and genocide
And any side that you choose
Refuse... confuse

Regicide and
Suicide and
Genocide
And any side

You recuse yourself
Step outside yourself
To survive
To stay alive
Pick a side

The consequence of...

Champ / Get Up

I'm the champ
You're the champ
Make your way around the square
On the line or in my house
If you want to call it
Call it fair

Recess time the weather's fine
The lineup starts up over there
Take your time
What's yours is mine
Nice 'n easy
Nice 'n fair
Fair

I'm the champ
You're the champ
Make your way around the square
On the line or in my house
If you want to call it
Call it fair

I'm the champ
You're the champ
I'm the champ
Back of the line
To the back of the line
You're out

Recess time the weather's fine
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Take your time
What's yours is mine
Nice 'n easy
Nice 'n fair

I'm the champ
You're the champ
I'm the champ
You're out

Get up Get up Get up Get up Get up
Get up Get up Get Who!

Get up my little one
Get up my little fool
'Cause you ain't gonna be the one
To break that golden rule