

NILS LOFGREN "MOUNTAINS" LYRICS

1. Ain't The Truth Enough

I wonder where you been
the trouble you stepped in
You come home drunk on wild
scaring your wife and child
My God what did you do
Ain't the truth enough
ain't the truth enough for you
Me and the truth would always carry us through
if not now
what do we do if not now what say you
Who filled your head with lies
you're kool-aid hypnotized
I coulda saved your mind
truth ain't that hard to find
Man you're pissin' on your soul
Ain't the truth enough
ain't the truth enough for you
Truth and love'd always see us through
if not now what do we do
If not now maybe we're through
Ain't the truth enough... Oh darlin'
I always trusted you
Explain now eye to eye
your black infected soul
we built this dream together
don't tell me what I know
don't tell me what is real
my mind and heart are whole
this ain't how good souls roll
Ain't the truth enough
ain't the truth enough for you
me and the truth'd always
see us through
we both know truth takes two
If not now baby we're through...

2. Only Ticket Out

Shudder up 'round midnight
dirty hammers in my head
I'm sticky razed and shakin'
stinkin' like the dead
5 shots of gutter whiskey
gets me into the shower
Dress for a cold night of menace
I gotta score in an hour
Still the clock keeps on tickin'
and I begin to figure out
Gettin' right in my soul mister
may be my only ticket out
This raw edge I've been skatin'
has not been good to me
piles of dirty money vanish
False friends in misery
where do I turn to leave
a bankrupt life behind
made a snarling jigsaw puzzle
of my foolish damaged mind
Gonna rise up this mountain
cast the chains of shame and doubt
gettin' straight in my soul mister
may be my only ticket out
Raise a glass of Mad Dog
the dark pills they're all for me
snort four fat lines
of my best friend's ashes
and pretend I'm feelin free
Hell that ain't no way to be
Blacked out cold in an alley
full of NyQuil and stale dope
two men carry me
to a church basement
I smell hot coffee I smell hope
These strangers seem a bit like me
and have learned to live without
the booze the drugs the madness
so I try to stick it out
And rise up from disaster
cast the chains of shame and doubt
I was not born to surrender
seem like hope's the only ticket out
And rise up lord lift me up now
cast these chains of shame and doubt was not born to
surrender
seem like hope's the only ticket out
Yes some hope good souls
and hot coffee
may be my only ticket out...

3. Back In Your Arms

In my dream our love was lost
I lived by luck and fate
I carried you inside of me
Prayed it wouldn't be too late
Now I'm standing on this empty road
Where nothing moves but the wind
And honey I just wanna be
Back in your arms
back in your arms again...
Oh once I was your treasure
and I saw your face in every star
but these promises we make at night
oh that's all they are
unless we fill them with faith and love
empty as the howling wind
And honey I just wanna be
Back in your arms back in your arms again...
(oh how I miss you dear)
Back in your arms... (please take me back)
You came to me with love and kindness
but all my life I've been a prisoner of my own blindness
I met you with indifference
and I don't know why
Now I wake from my dreams
I wake from my dream to this world
where all is shadow and darkness
And above me a dark sky unfurls
and all this love I've thrown away
and lost I'm longing for again
now darling I just wanna be
Back in your arms
back in your arms again...
Take me back back in your lovin arms girl take me back
take me back
take me back now
in your arms again...
(Oh I miss you old friend)

4. Won't Cry No More

Charlie's gone still I heard him today
We danced and laughed
kicked some blues away
Got no badge or backstage pass
he sings to me now
with grooves that last soul so vast
Yeah won't cry no more
won't cry no more
Sisters brothers check the score
won't cry no more
Pinch of Groucho pinch of Rain
pinch of Davey to burn the pain
burn the pain down down down
The whales are cryin' elephants dyin'
Damn you traitors to your
killin' floor
won't cry no more
Yeah won't cry no more
won't cry no more
Never known hurt like this before
won't cry no more
So take those trillions for your
guns and war don't you dare feed
or heal the poor
Clean air and water we can all forget
sky so foul don't need no cigarette
don't need no cigarette
Yeah won't cry no more
won't cry no more
Sisters brothers check the score
I won't cry no more
won't cry no more...
Why these tears rollin' down my face
damn my broke heart
and the human race why cry...
Why cry won't cry no more...

5. Nothin's Easy

I saw every bomb explode
she's the tulip left in the road
She's the sky high over the dark
a warrior always hits her mark
And I love how her love always burns
As I walk the hurt in this world
people searchin' with no clue
I take comfort in one truth
nothin's easy 'cept you
Nothin's easy 'cept you
you're the light shining through
as I walk the hurt in this world
nothin's easy 'cept you
So have another pot of strong coffee
open the tired eyes in your soul
We're all drowning in the answers
best get movin' God don't row
Grab those oars brother
truth don't row
As I walk the hurt in this world
people searchin' with no clue
I take comfort in one truth
nothin's easy 'cept you
nothin's easy 'cept you
you're the light shining through
as I walk the hurt in this world
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6. Dream Killer

Did you ever wanna save somebody
did you ever wanna mend a heart
Take a bird with a broken wing
nurse and love her 'til she flies off
Then you turn and face to face
stands a sickness you can taste
Dreams tremble in his wake
Dream killer Dream killer
Dream killer
Did you ever wanna shake somebody
out of the hell that they're in
Or go crazy while you sit and watch
someone you love do themselves in
You care so much to yourself you say
no harm could ever come their way
Some demon spits on you
while you pray
Dream killer...
Then you turn and face to face
stands a demon who will erase
every hope and dream you had in place
Dream killer...

7. Only Your Smile

I have failed to find peace
in the distance of the day
I have fought off the darkness
and the weariness of away
Though heaven's fiery sun
warms my face for awhile
Only your smile heals
only your smile
My low hide and seek
an ancient bitter fear
There's no peace there's no sleep
Unless you are near
Your kind eyes they hope
and I breathe for awhile
Only your smile heals
only your smile
Darlin' let it all go
hold my heart kiss my soul
Only your smile heals
only your smile...

8. I Remember Her Name

In the dark wee hours
at the Empress Motel
Jersey surf crashin'
Asbury sea smell
She starts kissing me
the universe moved
A happy I know
no heaven could improve
Band bus off to Boston
sweet girl you must come
She said "my Mom'd kill me
I got a job needs done"
I say "gimme their numbers
I'll square it I swear
Wherever I'm goin' I know
I'll want you there"
20 no's and 20 kisses she waved and smiled
as the bus pulled out I felt lost felt wild lost and wild
raging hope and fear I prayed I'd see her again
Still I remember her name
I remember her name
Her green eyes firing
in a wavy sea of red
day dream of waking
with her sleepin in our bed
Used to drive to Jersey
every month or so
played the same clubs too often
hopin' she'd show
15 hard years fell by
a few lifetimes of hurt
she never made it
my broke heart was dirt
And memory tattooed
her perfect face
on my lonely soul
Still I remember her name I remember her name
20 no's 20 kisses
one of life's great misses
Still I remember her name
Her touch her soul set it all aflame
Still I remember her name
she was goodness in this world
now there's nothing at all
Still I remember her name
Played the Rockin' Horse in the desert with my rockin' band
tryin' to be content with who I ain't and who I am
She walks up to the bar says
"hi, remember me?" I said "my God you're the one that got away
your name is Amy." Gave me her number
wrote it down in 8 places
started callin' night and day
This time I don't let her get away
Still I remember her name
I remember her name 20 no's 20 kisses
they'll be no more misses
Still I remember her name
Lately I'm forgetting

where I left this and that
I'm gettin' thin up top
often wear a hat
Now that beauty lives beside and inside my soul
she took my heart she took my name
Some nights the happiness will wake me up
she's breathin' a gentle song I won't get up
beloved dogs lyin' against us
breathin' their song too
I think of the crazy
we've all been through a second chance like this
just don't come around
Through it all I remember her name
Yes I remember her name
I remember her name
20 no's 20 kisses
they'll be no more misses yes I remember her name
I remember her name
Still I remember her name

9. We Better Find It

What did we do with it
yeah where did it go we better find it
Smack dab in the middle of
something hopeful
we were stumbling into a whisper
of daring sanity
oh my what a day
what a gift that would be
So don't walk away sisters brothers
please don't walk away
faith hope compassion
at your fingertips
Life liberty freedom
and justice for all
What did we do with it
yeah where did it go
we better find it we better find it...
How did wrong get so easy
without love there can be only hurt
we better find it
Wise Ringo always says
"peace and love"
let's keep our hammers sheathed
if you must use them to beat sense
into your raging brothers
try then help 'em heal and breath
This sad ancient story
as billions suffer
dark tyrants destroy with evil glee
a billion hammers pounding together
will break through to truth and love
I dare believe
What did we do with it
yeah where did it go
we better find it we better find it ...

10. Angel Blues

Lean your weary halo on my wing
and let the peace come
As your darkness dies in my light
even angels falter now and then
Why do people try so hard to ruin
what's simply perfect
Spirits are to soar
they are not gifts
to hoard but to share
Still we understand
we've all been there
we've been there
King of kindness
grace us with your love
Queen of mercy heal us with your love
Cleanse this wasted world
with your fierce love
Hope and love peace and love
Grant us love
Grant us love