

After 20 Years of Travelling



SYMPÉRA

1 | WELCOME TO MY LIFE

Invalidate my mind and wash my brain
Use me to fight, use me to gain
Invade my soul, indulge in jealousy
Keep me under control to stay in your comedy
Do you need to feel high all along the line?
Just put me down am I more as your clown?
Invade my home and spit in my wine
Let yourself down, the blame is mine
Invade my body, do the mocking bird
Never say sorry, lavish me with dirt
Snap my attention to claim your feed
My name is service station for your energy

Welcome to my life
I'll do my best to please you and to be of service
Everything's for free don't waste a thought
On something that could make you nervous
Take my time, my power, my ideas,
My fantasy and my solutions
Please don't feel constrained, put shame
On me whatever causes your confusion
And don't care

Consume my life to feel alive
Call me the bad one to play snow-white
Don't stand by me, eat and keep the cake
Put me in the line to cover up the fake
Not brave enough for the lion heart?
Pamper your pride while your times pass

(Lyrics: U. Strauß)

2 | MATADOR

He enters the arena through the door of the pub
Always paying attention to his intellectual touch
He needs kindly notice and
He's looking so brave
All guys around are following his wake

Matador, matador, matador, local hero of the
Town, self-made king where is your crown?
Matador, matador, matador, never mind
Wrong or right, you're blinded by the light

Creating himself a Lord of everything
Nothing more awing than another king
His mind is a law court, famished is his heart
The bar's his kingdom he doesn't wanna part
With or against me is the song of his life
Missing devotion he guess he won't survive
The day will come when he will meet his match
Than for the taurus he is easily to catch

(Lyrics: U. Strauß)

3 | NOVEMBER SONG

The hero's gone, fast but awaited
Times get dark, nights getting long
What has been done, what has been created?
What is left, what's still lasting on?

Don't fear, fall asleep
Let your dreams running deep
Don't despair, you will see
Another year, another seed

He'll lick his wounds, he'll cure what is broken
And what's passed, he'll have to let go
Don't cry for chances you never have taken
Going back home they become future's feed
Deserving rest he's longing for silence
In frozen arms, feeling like home
Though much to gain and more to be fought
Trust in peace, you're never alone

Take a look from upside-down
Is it yoke or is it crown
Is it grave or is it door
Say good-bye the one before
Leave your dressing all behind
Does it feed or eat your mind
Is it now or yesterday
Does it close or clear your way

(Lyrics: U. Strauß)

4 | ABOUT LIFE

Sitting in my room while I stare at the wall
Looking at the paintings of my life
Stations of my memories
Sad and happy moments
I've learned my lessons well
Always tried to face the truth

Life's no fairy tale – that's barely the truth
There ain't no wishing well
And no everlasting youth

I've climbed up the cliffs at the ocean of fate
Watching the setting of the sun of hope
On the bottom of the sea
There lie all old decisions
Never taken for countless reasons – so what!
Since I'd started to walk
I have been on this road
You may call it destiny
I neither look back nor ignore left and right
My destination lies in front of me

(Lyrics: N. Strauß)

5 | TWO CLASSES

Millions of unemployed
Families destroyed
They have to pay the price
That certain people can arise
Management and committees
Create a special scenery
That they are the real poor
We need to feed, for sure

We got already two classes
No need for special glasses
To see that we are going down down

An elected parliament
A puppet show and entertainment
But who's the puppeteer
Open your eyes, my dear
Stock holders are not amused
Remaining employees abused
A few have got it all
The serfs await their funeral

(Lyrics: N. Strauß)

6 | CAPTAIN'S SONG

Roaring sea, breaking clouds
Want to, want to go honestly
But don't know how
Pray that this' the night we will survive
That we will see the next sunrise
The radio's deaf, the sight like blind
How, oh how shall we get
through this unequal fight
Maybe that this night will be our last
That we now finish our past
The sky is dumb, the night is dark
Where, oh where is a saving sign
A bright shining star
Have we now to pay the price for pride
Lord, don't you care about your child?

And the band plays on
And we're so nice and strong

Hello world, don't keep quiet
Mayday, mayday, who's listening
Hold me tonight
Please don't turn away your pretty face
Don't let us down in time and space

(Lyrics: U. Strauß)

7 | SOLD OUT

My train is running across the entire land
I watch the world outside
Endless drudgery, endless rivalry
Lost souls wandering about
On my first stop I ask the crowd:
What's about fraternity?
Astonished people stare at me and whisper:
We're sold out

Bright neon lights on golden boulevards
Cut off from the world beyond
The winners keep it all
The owners of broken dreams
Are starving in the dark
On my next stop I ask the crowd:
What's about equality?
Astonished people stare at me and whisper:
Sorry, we're sold out!

Different ideologies are thick on the ground
But no idea of community
Conflicting voices leave me at a loss
What is a free society?
In the end I ask the crowd:
What's about liberty?
Astonished faces stare at me, confessing:
We're so sorry, but we're sold out!

(Lyrics: N. Strauß)

8 | LIGHTHOUSE

Sometimes living is not easy
Things that happen drive you mad
The road to go is long and winding
All your love turns into hate
Take a look inside yourself, listen to that note
You're not a passenger on a guideless boat

Let your heart be your lighthouse
It'll show you the way
It'll give you orientation
So clear your ship and sail away

Crazy people like to join you
While it hurts to feel alone
No one shares the way you're thinking
Let'em go, stay on your own
Big-headed egos and bloody pirates
Surround you wherever you mail sail
Don't worry too much about your feelings
Stay your course, you cannot fail

(Lyrics: N. Strauß)

9 | COMING HOME

I've thrown the thousand things away
Without a tear or cry
Thought to get away from prison
All along the line
Reaching out for the grail I never thought to fail
I never thought that any of the
Daemons could be mine
I turned to west, I turned to east
What am I looking for?
Lurching around, my hungry heart
Drove me from door to door
Without knowing the price I took any advice
On the threshold nothing counts
What you have known before

Lost in the desert, lost in heaven and hell
Armed to the teeth, stripped to the bones
Lonesome in silence tells a tiny hidden bell
The magic tale of coming home

I fought the titans, fought the dwarfs
No back door to escape
Call it courage, bad luck, karma, fortune, or fate
Hunting the dark to find the promised spark
Whatsoever, I was too early or too late
And after all the world broke down
The alien poured in
Resistance wasn't met
Nothing has been what it seemed
Delivering the reins, abandoning the aim
Nothing's left than fantasy

Between barriers and boundaries
There's no way to turn around
Any agony falls into place
When you know what you have found
Between barriers and boundaries
There will rise an open space
Any agony falls into place
While there's waiting your true face

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KEYTRACK

(47 KA)

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KEYT. 1

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KEYT. 3

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MOD 3

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