Tiny Ruins





1. OLYMPIC GIRLS

Stirring, shaken, all of us waking Under the same cover of sky You said my freedom feels Like a white lie

Sweet on the backseat Another day bolder A love spell rushes you by The smoke and the smoulder

We were only inches away Still had a long, long way to go

Weren't we born to break out To feel the muddy banks swell? I think of you on the dancefloor In a stuccoed motel

Forecasting when and where we'd end up Couldn't save us anyhow Just kid conversation My star sign resolver

You only had your olympic girls The frosted sheen of leotard twirls Running revolt and winning gold For the TV screen Before being led back to the cells

Lay your head in the lap of a girl You'll never learn something If it isn't taught well You'll never find a thing If you can't lose yourself Every once in a while

I looked for your figure The cut your shape would make In the freedom of a microphone There's a shadow I can't shake Who's there?

Who's there in the morning? To see you at the station And when you feel like giving up There, so you can hold her

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2. SCHOOL OF DESIGN

I found a school of design It was in a wealthy town A river ran by It was empty, holidays, who knows But I went in I was killing time

Moving through the halls There was fresh paint wet on the walls Everything was white and all the clocks were Well designed, all ticking in time, and

I was struck by a feeling It's hard to describe The urge to bust through the ceiling Raise glass to the sky

I found the archives At the school of design Crowded cabinets of books So I went in I was killing time

Turning pages frail with dust I couldn't help but smile At the ideal shape and make up of things Written like words divine

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3. HOW MUCH

On a lilo
Reading your letter
I miss you darling
I hope you're better
It's such a drag to be apart
Right at the start of it

Tongue in tightropes, tummy a flutter It's not my passion, just my bread and butter You'll find your way, follow your heart Think you don't have a chance at it

How much would you be willing to give? How much do you take from all of this? How much before you're strung out?

You're a silo long gone of grains
On the edge of the city
In the shadow of the cranes
I want to fill you to the top
And that's not the half of it

Breaking down in the supermarket Something for my toothache Is it getting dark yet? My thoughts are dwelling on the snarks You've just got to laugh at it

How much would you be willing to give? How much do you take from all of this? How much

Before your planet's reeling Your footprints on the floor Can't help the feeling of wanting nothing more

4. SPARKLERS

I wrote your name in cursive on the air Flailing my arms around me Conducting down to the wire

I felt our time was a running, a sparking sun Before we were dying, rained out, reaching For another one, quick

I only wrote it to the wind Conjuring no lasting magic

See the haze of sulphur rising On the breeze

I see now, you were patronising The cause of my chemistries

I felt our time was a running, a sparking sun Before we were dying, rained out, reaching For another one, quick

I only wrote it to the wind Conjuring no lasting magic

5. HOLOGRAMS

In deepest water
There's a line of silver
They say if you look up close
You can feel it alter you
But how do we come back again
Rise and shine?

As holograms, you said It's how we dance in the future Holograms, you said With big, soft, heavy metal eyes

I saw the grim reaper And I gave him the slip Saved by a Darth Vader novelty helmet But how will I find you again When all I'm seeing are stars?

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What begins with a whisper It always ends with a shout Our lungs are sponges They're gonna wipe us out How can I be near you again Will we rise and shine

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6. KORE WAITS IN THE UNDERWORLD

Don't you disappear in glorious summer Hold on your horses you don't want to bolt I have trouble to see the trees from the wood And the leaves sing to me it's all your fault

She's gone (Heidi's writing in her head) She's gone (Chelsea dreaming in her bed) She's gone (Sadie plays in Arcadia) Kore waits in the Underworld

I walk and the forest floor is all breaking down The leaves so shiny in their sleep Those bulbs I buried are just peeking out They're near beating anything I could keep

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She's gone, she's there again She's gone, she's there again She's gone, she's there again She's gonna get out

7. BOUNTY

Hey, I'm on the run.
Didn't I say I go where I want?
To only face myself away
From all I've done and haven't done

Everyone wants everything For everything to be alright But it takes more It takes your all Don't it break you down To make it

Yeah, you're a wanted man There's a bounty keeps us hand in hand So that all the mangroves mud and sand Could never bury me

Everyone wants everything For everything to be alright But it takes more It takes your all Don't it break you down To make it

8. ONE MILLION FLOWERS

Morning slacker
You've got to give it to me
I always make it up
Shaking with laughter
We find a place to hang clothes clean and away
From condensation of the gathering day
Catch everyone in a hurry
Sharing our days in the sun
Blossoms all starting to fall

One million flowers Dash for the natural light Another one million flowers Spill to the river

Faded lacquer
Flashes in the dark
You read my mind
But never imprison me there
Lanterns shiver
In a still moment after the rush hour
'Let's play' your motto on the Yamanote Line
Catch everyone in a hurry
Sharing our days in the sun
Blossoms all starting to fall

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9. MY LOVE LEDA

She flew through the doors of the Blue Laundrette In a rush of warm sheets she was hard to forget Then in the moment mid cycle and spin He sang soft as she turned to him

It's a golden age Would you be my darling Love, Leda Let's put down everything For love, Leda Let's put down everything

Swept up they lived the week's double-shift hum In the gaps (in-between times) leapt their desire And for their own home there beat the drum But when the hammer was raised they had to bid higher

They say it's a golden age And we've one more to feed My darling love, Leda Let's put down everything For love, Leda Let's put down everything

The money's dried up, she turned on the stairs It's all rigged against us, he punches the air A clean start they whisper and face the roulette That gold rush, false-feeling, as they place their bet -

My love, Leda Let's put down everything My love, Leda Let's put down everything For love, Leda Let's put down everything

10. STARS, FALSE, FADING

You and I wondered, you and I chose Stars and drones over UFOs He comes in troubled, he says Hello, can you get my books From the basement store?

He's been scanning the heavens For those flashes and specks Now I'm prowling the aisles I've got my real hard facts

What on earth matters
As the darkness grows
Look and see the stars, false, fading
What on earth matters
As the darkness grows
Here's hoping I never drift away from you

Headlights shimmering on the rainy supreme Kids all lost in backseat dreams I keep my eyes open To count the hanging gleams Could they take us out of here, In those flying machines?

There was a yearning
In my faraway chaser
For me to unlearn
My jaded behaviour
To feel the roar
In the beam of a stranger
But I just sigh in the lift
Down to the basement store

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11. COLD ENOUGH TO CLIMB

Sky was smoker pink
We'd driven seven hours
Your rocky face
My stony frown
Taking nothing sitting down
Stopping by a field of cows
The spooky light cold enough to climb
Inside your arms in my mind
That's where I left myself behind

(We stay till we don't feel a thing)

We're building towns out of ink
We realise pixelated towers
But to think the world inside
Is just beyond our powers
When I go give me chills
The spooky light cold enough to climb
Inside your arms in my mind
That's where I'll leave myself behind

(They say you won't feel a thing)



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