

**LYRICS  
FROM THE  
ELLIOTT MURPHY  
ALBUM**

**WONDER**

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# 1. HOPE (IN YOUR EYES)

(Elliott Murphy)

Like a pen with no ink  
My brain forgot to think  
But still I can hustle  
Along on my muscle memory

Like a car with no gas  
I know I'm not moving fast  
But I still get a thrill  
Rolling down hill

*I see hope - I see hope - In your eyes*

Like a painter who paints  
His portraits of saints  
With faces of the homeless  
Lost in their aloneness

*I see hope - I see hope - In your eyes*

Like a dream that isn't strange  
Like a fortune made from rain  
Like a mystery unsolved  
Like a conflict resolved

Like a song that won't end  
A visit from an imaginary friend  
A call from a distant relative  
You always thought was dead

*I see hope I see hope in your eyes*  
*I see hope I see hope in your eyes*  
*I see hope I see hope in your eyes - In your eyes*  
*I see hope - I see hope - I see hope - I see hope ...*

## 2. SUNLIGHT KEEPS FALLING

(Elliott Murphy / Olivier Durand)

I crashed into your life – like an uninvited guest  
Take me under your wings – let me breathe and rest  
Will you be my savior - could you be my love  
I don't know how to take it – I never got enough

*Sunlight keeps falling on me  
But it's so dark I can hardly see  
Voices keep talking - tell me go away  
You are the reason I stay*

Take me in your hands - like a sacred piece of wood  
I wanna be reborn – oh if I only could  
Will you be my savior - could you be my love  
I don't know how to take it – cause I never got enough  
Give me one good reason - and I won't let it go  
Love may be in season - I don't know how to show

*Sunlight keeps falling on me  
But it's so dark I can hardly see  
Voices keep talking - tell me go away  
You are the reason I stay*

Take me now - I want you - can't you feel it - I can't say it - don't you know – take me now - I want you - can't you feel it - I can't say it - don't you know – take me now - I want you - can't you feel it - I can't say it - don't you know –

Take me now - I feel it - I can say it I can live it ...

*Sunlight keeps falling on me  
But it's so dark I can hardly see  
Voices keep talking - tell me go away  
You are the reason I stay*

### 3. BYSTANDERS

(Elliott Murphy / Olivier Durand)

Ah ...

Hey Jack - take a look at that - hiding in the cracks of your old  
knapsack - is there a Boy Scout in there  
Hey Jill - don't take that pill - even if you're feeling ill  
You know we miss you down here  
And is it any wonder - were you really so surprised - when you found  
out that love is - aiming right between your eyes

Hey Jay - what can I say - I need a stage where I can play the blues -  
all night long - hey sue - what could I do - sorry I had to leave you -  
but I was following my song  
And is it any wonder - were you really so surprised  
When you found out that love is - aiming right between your eyes ...

*Oh - rain keeps falling on me - a storm of memory*  
*Yeah - rain keeps falling on me*

Oh hey Jim - you know you're him - still thin and walking in your  
boots - fifty years' time - hey Matt - don't look back or you're gonna  
give me a panic attack - and crying for the good old times - and is it  
any wonder- were you really so surprised - when you found out that  
love is - aiming right between your eyes ...

*Oh rain keeps falling on me - a storm of memory*  
*Yeah - rain keeps falling on me - a storm of memory*  
*Oh rain keeps falling on me ...*

## 4. THAT'S THE SCENE

(Elliott Murphy)

Drive all night - down in the valley  
Little Richard - long tall sally  
Superman flying by wearing a cape  
Ike Turner passing in a rocket 88  
The grim reaper says I'll be back in a hurry  
He saw my face said what's your worry  
Call me a killjoy - mister uninvited  
But Robert Johnson - was so excited

*That's the scene - you know what I mean  
Paint me with a halo or the devil's horns  
Send my back to Cleveland if that's where I belong  
Black Jack done it again - pulled out an ace and a ten  
Black Jack done it again...*

When I fall in love I'm not pretending  
And when I fell for you it was never ending  
Over and over and over I go  
Take you on a honeymoon to Kokomo  
The Beach Boys sing be true to your school  
You better practice the golden rule  
Someday you could grow up to be president  
Who could have known what that meant

*That's the scene - and you know what I mean  
Paint me with a halo or the devil's horns  
Send me back to Cleveland - if its where I belong  
Black Jack done it again - pulled out an ace and a ten  
Black Jack done it again...*

Take you back in my Alfa Romeo  
I saw Muhammad Ali win but not by a KO  
The Beatles took the stage man they knocked us out  
Beatle boots stomping twist and shout  
History is written by the winners who wrote  
Try to separate the cool from the dopes  
I've been blessed with anonymous fame

When I walk the streets nobody knows my name

*That's the scene - you know what I mean - paint me with a halo or the  
devil's horns - send my back to Cleveland*

*If it's its where I belong - Black Jack done it again*

*Pulled out an ace and a ten - Black Jack done it again*

Well the world is overdue for some serious healing

Get down on your knees you better stop stealing

Serenity hiding in a drunken chest

Take what you need - forgot the rest

Drive all night - down in the valley

Little Richard - Long Sall Sally

There's a story it's got to be told

About the glory of rock `n roll

Chuck Berry man - that was a poet

Bo Diddley got a beat but don't you know it

Driving into history in a limousine

Tina Turner - my kind of queen

That's the scene - that's the scene

## 5. CHILDREN OF CHILDREN

(Elliott Murphy)

It's like a duel in the sun - with a Colt 45  
The man with the star - wants you dead or alive  
Who me you whisper as you kiss her one last time  
They're selling soft-shelled crabs - down by the docks  
Buy 'em by the dozen - better get 'em while they're hot - like A Theme  
from a Summer Place - Percy Faith leading the band  
Oh oh oh - Dugout Doug says he'll be right back- Johnny Carson  
smacks his snare smokes another pack - I sense a lack of resistance -  
at my insistence and that's not right

*Children of children - hey now what i say*  
*Children of children - hey now what i say*

If you eat waffles in the morning - you'll have sweet dreams at night -  
Batman and Robin want equal rights  
And the Queens of the Stone Age - sitting on a Game of Thrones - I  
got a soft spot for Arnold - a man and his dog - three riders were  
approaching - one tripped on a log - if my walls could talk - I'd use  
wallpaper - two ten am - the magic hour - if I can make it through the  
night - I'll greet the sun like a flower - I'm moving inch by inch - to the  
dream of David Lynch...

*Children of children - hey now what i say*  
*Children of children - hey now what i say*

Goodbye to you Baby Jane - spin the wheel of fortune - it's always the  
same - everybody loves a winner - now that's insane

It's like a duel with a gun - like a Colt 45  
You walk away laughing - so glad you're alive  
Hey you - you yell as you ride off into the sun  
Ba ba ba ba ba ba - ba ba ba ba ...

## 6. RAINDROPS

(Elliott Murphy / Gaspard Murphy)

You know I just keep hearing those raindrops  
I feel so close to that sound  
But when they just keep dripping in the same spot  
Well it starts bringing me down

*Baby keep us running - someday joys are coming  
Give me a place to relax - now if you got a minute  
I'll be getting in it - then we'll be talking it out*

And now I just keep seeing that rainbow  
Like when I look at you now  
Don't tell me buddy that it ain't so  
I know what's possible now

*Baby keep us running - someday joys are coming  
Oh give me a place to relax - but if you got a minute  
We'll be getting in it - and we'll be working it out*

*She bop a do wa - she bop a do wa - be bob a do la la  
She bop a do wa - he bop a do wa - be bob a lou la la*

And so I just keep turning off the bad thoughts  
I get 'em out of my head  
Oh how I need somebody to remind me  
Hey El you know you ain't dead yet

Baby keeps us running - someday joys are coming  
Give me a place to relax - and if you got a minute  
I'll be getting in it - and we'll be talking it out

I just keep hearing those raindrops  
I feel so close to that sound  
You know I just keep hearing those raindrops  
I feel so close to you now ...

## 7. SOMETHING CONSEQUENTIAL

(Elliott Murphy / Olivier Durand)

Lights down – look around – I hear the sound of  
Crawling hearts - in the dark – now that’s special  
Give it up – trust your luck – and you’ll be the winner  
All is quiet on the western front tonight

*You and me - could it be – something special  
Adding up to something very consequential*

I could swear - I heard a tear - in my armor - was that you - getting  
through - my superstar delight - not a trace of that place where i use  
could retreat to - when i was lonelier then – what’s his name -  
Robinson Crusoe

*You and me now could it be - something special  
Adding up to something very consequential*

*You and me - could it be - something special  
Adding up to something very consequential*

*You and me – could it be – yeah something special – adding up to  
something very consequential – oh yeah*

*You and me ...*

## 8. A LACK OF PERSECTIVE

(Elliott Murphy)

I'm going back in time - to find what I'm looking for  
I'm going back - to change my mind  
I got a lot to learn - not so much time to burn  
I'm gonna stop and press rewind  
And it's a fact you'll see - you can't fight destiny  
I never wished to be so inclined

*And those voices can't deceive you  
If your courage doesn't leave you*

Now they were young and strong  
Standing by the border all night long  
The future shining bright - on the other side  
And if you think you'd be - acting any differently  
Then you're a fool - who lives on lies

*And those voices can't deceive you  
If your courage doesn't leave you*

I got a lot to learn - oh so much trash to burn  
To discern - what's really mine  
And if it's true for you - no matter what else you do  
You better stop - at the very next love sign

I'm going back in time - I'm not quite sure what I'll find  
I'm going back - to rhyme a line  
And when you go - oh no - my tears will surely flow  
And show the tracks of love - and time

*And if those voices won't believe you  
You let your courage always lead you*

## 9. LONELY

(Elliott Murphy / Olivier Durand)

And it can get so lonely  
It's like the sky - is falling too  
Everywhere you look someone is crawling  
Out of a cave in Timbuktu

*And is it any wonder  
When there's nothing left at all  
And you're standing on an iceberg  
And its melting to the size of a snowball*

And when your search is ending  
No more pretending – that you're so tall  
Cause when you see the sideshow coming  
You better start running – you hear the circus call

*And is it any wonder  
That we are right where we are  
And why can't some Steve Jobs genius  
Cut the meanness and paste love for us all*

Chambers Brothers are ticking on the wall  
Time has come today to call  
Call call call call call call ... Better Call Saul

And you will get so lonely  
You'll think the sky is falling too  
And you're standing at a bar b que  
At a beach in old malibu

*Can you measure the difference  
Between suffering - existential pain  
And is there any melody melody...melody...  
When the song remains the same*

*Oh oh oh - oh oh oh  
Cha cha cha ...*

## 10. HAILSTONES

(Elliott Murphy)

Hailstones – hailstones - raining down on me  
It's like a rockslide - the day the earth died  
I escaped with my memory  
Still there's a residue - I can't let go of you  
I'm moving on a merry go round  
Sometimes I'd like to forget - but I'm not ready yet  
'Cause if I let go - I will drown

*Oh well the saints in their sandals - they can't hold a candle to me -  
'Cause i'm a martyr to your cause  
I'm the guardian of your sweet memory  
Set me free ...*

And when you see me - do I appear to be  
A walking wounded in disguise  
Maybe we all are - we don't show our scars  
Everybody got to get by  
Oh life's a kind of mess - and all that's left I guess  
Is the love we leave when we die  
I can't make sense of it - it's so intense that it  
Leaves me up in the sky

*Where the physicists can make a list - of all the black holes they know  
But the deepest hole of all is the one where I would fall if you go  
Please don't go*

Hailstones – hailstones – raining down on me  
Sometimes I don't know - where I could go  
To hide from my destiny  
So let's do the dance of time - to the words that rhyme  
And counterclockwise we go  
I got my hands in the air - I'm not going nowhere  
From my private Idaho

I'm singing ba ba ...

# 11. LONELY KING

(Elliott Murphy)

Here we go again  
Feeling like it never ends  
I'm on the zoom - in my dark room  
Waiting on a sunny day my friend

'Cause I'm a lonely king  
I got the world on a string  
Even though I might be exaggerating  
Ding a ling ding a ling lonely king

And the wheels go round  
And they don't make a sound  
That's the wheel of time  
And it's turning rain or shine  
Better wake up get yourself to town

Well it's a phony style  
It's coming back for a while  
Pushing aside the noblest of desires  
And put your feet to the fire

Behold the lonely king  
He's got the world on a string  
A leap of faith - that's all it takes  
And you'll get it up - oh get it up once again

Now take your baby on your lap  
Hollywood smile Panama Hat  
Oh try to groove  
Forget your bad mood  
Ding a ling ding a ling - that's your thing  
Oh the lonely king - yeah

## 12. I KNOW THERE'S A PLACE

(Elliott Murphy)

*I know there's a place for me and a place for you  
I know there's a place for me and a place for you*

You know sometimes I feel so desperate walking around this sweet old earth wondering about the space between my death and my birth - was I put here to fulfill some kind of illusion? Or is it all coming back in a grand profusion?

*I know there's a place for me and a place for you  
I know there's a place for me and a place for you*

Some say that youth is surely wasted on the young but the wisdom of survival eventually finds everyone - as my memory gets full and too fast to recall - while I try to slow it down and make sense of it all

*I know there's a place for me and a place for you  
I know there's a place for me and you*

The human comedy gets the last hardy laugh  
Well nineteen eighty-four that's long gone past  
The corporation world is here for better or worse  
Organization is what we do first

Searching gets painful unavoidable too  
So when you find you're at home you better stick like glue  
I found a place where i felt safe and strong  
It's somewhere in the chorus of a rock 'n roll song

*I know there's a place for me and a place for you ...*

Thank you so much ladies and gentlemen - we'll be back next week - and don't forget there will always be a place for you!

*"You have been listening to my new album WONDER - recorded in stereophonic sound using both vintage and modern technology at Question de Son and Murmure Studios both located here in Paris, France. Wonder was produced, engineered and mixed by Gaspard Murphy featuring the following marvellous musicians – Olivier Durand, Alan Fatras, Melissa Cox, Tom Daveau, Aurelien Barbalosi, Leo Cotton, Nicolas Montazaud, Natacha Rogers, Michel Fehrenbach, BJ Scott and of course, Gaspard Murphy. I'm Elliott Murphy speaking to you now and I sang and played guitar and a little harmonica as well and wrote or co-wrote all the songs you've been hearing. I believe most of this album was written over the last year and a half. Cover design by Chloe and mastering by Raphael Jonin.*

*Why wonder? Because every day I am in wonder of where I am where I've been and where I am going next.*

*Thanks again for listening and see you down the road ..."*