

THE SPARROW AND THE CROW  
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## a true story by William Fitzsimmons

### AFTER AFTERALL

I still love you after all. I still want you after all  
I still need you after all. After all

For better or worse.  
Sickness and health  
Till death do us part.  
After all

Please don't keep me.  
(Please don't leave me)  
After all

### I DON'T FEEL IT ANYMORE (SONG OF THE SPARROW)

Hold on this will hurt more than anything has before  
What is was, what it was, what it was  
I've brought this on us more than anyone could ignore  
What I've done, what I've done, what I've done

I've worked for so long just to see you mess around  
What you've done, what you've done, what you've done  
I want back the years that you took when I was young  
I was young, I was young, but it's done

Oh take it all away, I don't feel it anymore  
Oh take it all away

We'll fall just like stars being hung by only string  
Everything, everything here is gone  
No map can direct how to ever make it home  
We're alone, we're alone, we're alone

### WE FEEL ALONE

Mom and Dad parted ways  
We were young and got good grades then

Trees in yards meant to climb  
We left home and never looked behind

To feel alone. We feel alone

You and I parted ways  
I don't think I'll ever see your face

We latch on to a heart  
Meant to hold but we get torn apart

### IF YOU WOULD COME BACK HOME

There's room between your heart  
And the chair where I've been sleeping  
The place that we called home  
Will someday watch you leaving

There's room between today  
And the last time that I saw you  
The pictures in my brain  
Will fade until I lose you

If you would come back home  
We could start all over  
If you would come back home  
I swear it would be better

There's room left in the house  
There's food still in the pantry  
I could fix you lunch  
Or take you out for coffee

Call the surgeon. Mend the pieces

### PLEASE FORGIVE ME

#### (SONG OF THE CROW)

My demons walk with me  
They told me not to leave them alone  
I put you on that tree  
I tore your heart to pieces

You swept me off my feet  
You gave your heart to me alone  
I left you out at sea  
I left you there to bleed

But please forgive me.  
Please, please forgive me

My demons waltz with me  
I begged them not to leave me alone  
And so your heart is free  
And so your heart is free

### FURTHER FROM YOU

Box springs are stained with yellow  
Pillows held our heads now hold in the rain  
Outside on the curb where I wasted  
Half of your life. Both of our lives

Everything's closer to the end but  
I will get farther from you  
Everything's closer to the end but  
I will get further from you

Your eyes are blue but  
I can't see that color hue it's  
Been so damn long  
God I was wrong

I'm dead to you, you say we are friends but  
What is a friend when, there is a man who  
Sleeps in your bed too

I was wrong

### JUST NOT EACH OTHER

Walked back home from this disaster  
Saw your ghost under the plaster  
Heart's in throat and broken to pieces  
I'm coming home

Lost my way and gave up my treasure  
Hid my heart and lost you forever  
There's flesh in you that won't know her father  
I can't come home

Loved you first when we were children  
You broke my heart but all that's forgiven  
We lost our chance to love one another  
We'll love again but just not each other

We'll love again  
Just not each other  
Just not each other

### EVEN NOW

How long should I wait before I let you go?  
How long should I decide?  
Whose side should I take  
When both of us were wrong?  
When we both share the blame

Oh but I love you even still, even now  
Even though we fell apart  
Even still, even now  
But I hope we'll meet again

Whose eyes will you look in  
When love is in your heart?  
Whose hand will hold your ring?  
Whose voice will serenade  
To help your baby sleep?  
To make it all okay

Oh but I love you even still, even now  
Even though we fell apart  
Even still, even now  
And I hope we'll meet again

Even still, even now  
Even though we fell apart  
Even still, even now  
And I hope you'll be okay

### YOU STILL HURT ME

I'm not comfortable with how we never talk  
And I miss you since you went out for that walk  
It's been 13 months since May  
It still feels like yesterday

I was scared to fix what I had broke  
It's a lonely place to live with just a ghost  
There is love left in my life I will see  
But you still hurt me

I can still see all your clothes thrown on the floor  
There are friends who never call me anymore  
I remember throwing out all of your things  
But I think I kept my ring

I'm not comfortable with how the story ends  
We were lovers and now we're not even friends  
You were perfect and I guess I'm just a creep  
But you still hurt me

### THEY'LL NEVER TAKE THE GOOD YEARS

Don't put your faith in my heart  
I will only let you down  
Don't let your love grow too deep  
I don't think I'll be around  
There is a curse in my bones  
That'll breathe and fly again  
Until when we both are ghosts  
I will miss you like a friend

But they'll never take the good years  
There are some that never burn  
No they'll never take the good years  
God I wish I would've learned

Don't be afraid to move on  
You were meant to bear a child  
Don't look for me when you're gone  
It'll only hurt a while

### FIND ME TO FORGIVE

You were the only thing I ever loved  
But taken for granted you couldn't stand it anymore

You were my lover for nearly 8 years  
But I am my father and I found another

The last 16 months have been nothing but hell  
I thought about jumping  
That'd be something

And in the short time that I'd learn how to fly  
Would you forgive me  
Or bring flowers to me by the grave

Will you look the same  
When I meet you up there?  
Remember my name, please  
Will you look the same  
When I meet you up there?  
Remember my name.  
Find me to forgive

I haven't seen you for over a year  
I heard you were married the baby you carried  
Isn't mine  
I don't suppose that you'll still have my name  
You'll have another  
You're not my lover anymore

### GOODMORNING

Moonlight will fall  
Winter will end  
Harvest will come  
Your heart will mend

Goodmorning  
Goodmorning  
You will find love.  
Goodmorning

### MAYBE BE ALRIGHT

I never knew what it was like to be alone  
I never wanted you to go back home  
I'm so damn sorry for everything I did  
I was just a stupid kid

These girls sing songs that I will never know  
How love can last if you only let it grow  
We're broke in two like the pendant of a heart  
But we only had a start

And my heart finds peace tonight  
And my soul finds comfort there  
In the knowledge that you'll someday  
Maybe be alright

I never wanted you to be alone  
I never thought I could break our happy home  
I'm so damn sorry for everything I did  
But I'm still that stupid kid

And my heart finds peace tonight  
And my soul finds comfort there  
In the knowledge that you'll someday maybe  
Someday maybe  
Someday maybe be alright

## CREDITS

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## PLAYERS

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Priscilla Ahn appears on 2, 6, & 9 courtesy of Blue Note Records.

Caitlin Crosby sings on 1 & 10.

Aaron Sterling plays drums & percussion on 4, 6, 9, 11, & 12.

Sean Hurley plays electric bass on 4, 6, & 9.

Jon Flaughner plays upright bass on 7, 11, & 12.

Marshall Altman plays piano on 11, sings on 4 & 12, & programming on 7, 9 & 10.

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## EPILOGUE

One day not terribly long ago I came upon two birds flying above the treeline and rather far out in the country. It was one of the more windy days I had seen in quite a while, and it showed as the small winged pair struggled against the apparently victorious, yet invisible, opponent. For whatever reason, I was transfixed and found myself watching intently as they tried but simply could not advance. No matter the course, no matter the drive, no matter the will, they could not move. And yet they tried. And even still, there was a strange nobility in their striving, the futility of their battle only fueling their exertion. But to my surprise, and soon thereafter, without so much as a sound or warning, one of the birds suddenly tucked its wing, turned, and flew away, allowing the strong wind to ease its efforts towards a new direction, yet leaving its former companion to fight, and to fight alone.

## DEDICATION

This record is dedicated to those with a broken heart, and those who have broken the heart of another. And most of all to her whose forgiveness helped me find my way back home. May your deserving heart always find its joy, peace, and rest.

## FINAL NOTE

Love is a wonderfully fragile and yet exceedingly weighty thing. And although we must carry the hurt we cause another, we are likewise able to always retain the love that is given to us and the love that we unreservedly give away.

And so, it is my sincere wish that the listener will find in these songs a small portion of caution, and a large measure of hope.





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