

IN THE CAN

“What would it mean to claim that a song changed my life? How could a song imply a social movement, a sense of belonging? When a person heard that one song, the feeling could take the listener to another place. Chicago could become London, London could become backwater Mississippi. The Delta could become the Congo homeland. The song also created a poetic license. It could inspire a wondrous dreamland.”

“The music could engage a sense of allegiance. It could be inclusive. But it could also exclude a world of neglect and social alienation. This was the spark. It got the process going. This kind of feeling has already become distorted. The process has become contrived. Nostalgia and false consciousness has papered over an authentic encounter with music. This sense of disorientation has replaced that original inspiration, which got the process going. But it is not lost irretrievably. There are moments when the stars can still align, and that magic can continue to resonate with all its power.”

“Indeed, what is the source of this revelation? What gets it all going? This is not about owning the moment. The listener is not trying to contain these memories. It is much more organic. There is still something remarkable about this experience. And it is the beginning of so much more.”

“When that magic is there, the individual is ready to give herself to the magnificence. That sense of estrangement gives way to something wonderfully involved. It doesn’t stop there. If the feeling is grasped in its integrity, it can be earth-shaking. It is not just personal. The individual can look at another person, and they are both sharing this same marvel.”

“It can be difficult trying to convey this feeling to others. This is not about the pose. It is natural in its own way. But there is something unique about this event. It immediately separates the individual from the dominant culture. This describes a stepping away from the ongoing routine. Even though the listener feels this overwhelming crush of daily life, this is a time when all those influences are suspended. And the action begins.”

“They are a bunch of us who feel this way.”

“This is not some kind of cult.”

“What are you telling me?”

“What do you want to tell me?”

“There is a purity to this realization.”

“How is that?”

“Do you want to share a can of tuna?”

“Why are you here?”

“I am waiting for my song.”

“It hasn’t been written yet.”

“What am I missing?”

“A belief system.”

“Make me a sandwich.”

“I need the bread.”

“I woke up, and I made my way here.”

“You really do have a faith.”

“That will not be sufficient.”
“That is all that I need.”
“You can quit early.”
“You are about to explain something to me.”
“Get going.”
“I am very patient.”
“I need more than that.”
“You have no idea.”
“You cannot predict what is coming?”
“I start small. This is all that I can afford.”
“Fill in.”
“What do you notice?”
“I am here, and I am not here.”
“I am not trying to trick you.”
“We cannot be friends with everyone”
“That is why there is music.”
“I plug my ears.”
“I am listening to the rain.”
“Tell me about the falling water.”
“I am listening.”
“Give me your soul.”
“Come see me.”
“Where are you?”
“At a bar.”
“At a chain store.”
“At a dollar store.”
“Changing water into wine.”
“That will not work for any of us.”
“That will not work for all of us.”
“Is this chemical, or is this religious.”
“Are you patient?”
“Biology makes us patient.”
“I need an introduction.”
“There is a simple request.”
“I see what I want to see.”
“What is that about?”
“I do not want a new song.”
“Give me another sandwich.”
“You shared so much with me.”
“I am getting so far ahead of myself.”
“This is not about raindrops.”
“What do you want to tell me?”
“You do not want to know.”

“I know all too well.”
“There is only one thing that matters.”
“I can issue currency.”
“Let us make this happen.”
“I need to show evidence.”
“We need to ask.”
“Are you waiting for me?”
“You give me a sense of security.”
“This is a day of celebration.”
“What do you want to know?”
“Is that all that you can do?”
“I am a great baby sitter.”
“There is much more to it.”
“Touch the sky.”
“You reach outside of yourself.”
“You need to do something about that.”
“That is a condition of living.”
“What is refused?”
“A particular kind of knowledge.”
“Knowledge about knowledge.”
“What are the insects for?”
“We are going towards something more complicated.”
“You feel excluded.”
“What else is desired?”
“I know what is needed.”
“This is the biggest problem that I have ever dealt with”
“Fill in the blanks.”
“Why is it a blank?”
“You should know what this is really about.”
“What is that?”
“That feeling explodes inside.”
“Then you face what you lack.”
“Is this a matter of creation?”
“You could be more interactive with the environment.”
“That is a perfect starting point.”
“Ask me!”
“He wants to know?”
“Why do you think that you understand that power so well?”
“What is the melody? What does it sound like.?”
“It sounds like pure hell.”
“It sounds like a bad day.”
“What do you have there?”
“You can do it well.”

“I just want to make it to work.”
“I just want to make it home.”
“And you think that is so innovative.?”
“I need to fix something in my car.”
“How long can I go on with this?”
“I am going to hold out, and it will come to me.”
“Do not destroy this.”
“You make me afraid.”
“I do not have to stay.”
“There is a split.”
“I am going to get sick.”
“Where does this begin and end.”
“You will destroy the only thing that matters.”
“I brought a sandwich for you.”
“I am eating better than that.”
“You wanted to show this.”
“I always did.”
“You are turning into something.”
“No one notices me.”
“I will buy you a drink.”
“I need gas money. I am not even drinking.”
“Don’t you want to feel good?”
“It is not like that.”
“Do you like feeling bad?”
“I like feeling smart.”
“How do you do that?”
“I am going to eat the whole salad.”
“Is that all that it takes?”
“This is way beyond me.”
“That makes a lot of sense to me.:
“That is the only thing that matters.”
“You are on a good pace.”
“What am I missing?”
“That does not work anymore.”
“What does work?”
“A different menu.”
“Just let me be free.”
“Do you have homework?”
“I am not in school.”
“What is your plan for life?”
“I am going to work an extra shift.”
“I am locked in.”
“I can move faster than any of you.”

“That will not do it for me.”
“Have another sandwich.”
“I do not want to oepn another can.”
“And it ended like that.”
“That is how it works.”
“That is how work works.”
“That explains nothing.”
“That is serious shit.”
“I want a bite.”
“Do not give in.”
“I do not.”
“This is a different kind of acceptance.”
“It is all about being a good person.”
“Do you love me?”
“You cannot save the world.
“Save me.”
“I can do that. Leave a sandwich for me.”
“Sometimes, a simple solution is all that you need.”
“I wish that there was more to it.”
“You make it too simple, and people will misjudge your profundity.”
“Do not waste what you have.”
“It is going to take a while.”
“I do not spend very much.”
“Who will intervene?”
“This is a different kind of connection.”
“I want my own version of perfection.”
“This is when you step up.”
“You add mayonnaise.”
“Will that do it?”
“I want some potato salad.”
“Who hates you?”
“I do not worry about that.”
“What is the next stage?”
“We both want the same thing:
“Different kind of biologies.”
“Different stages of the emergence of the insect.”
“What is inside?”
“I wish.”
“You are not allowed to wish.”
“What are you wearing?”
“I spent a lot of time thinking about this?”
“I have come through the wilderness.”
“That could mean anything.”

“I need more powsing space.”
“None of this is about posing.”
“You know longer have a claim.”
“You are getting ahead in the story.”
“I have had enough to eat.”
“You have surpassed your allowance for the day.”
“That is so sad.”
“You need to understand that emotion.”
“They are not going to be delivering drinks to you.”
“Start a numbers racket.”
“I have no idea what that could even mean.”
“There are no other variations.”
“You are so far beyond this.”
“I have difficulty explaining it to you.”
“Who did you hurt?”
“It got back to me.”
“I know what I am looking for.”
“Do you now?”
“She had stuffed animals all around her place.”
“What was that supposed to mean?”
“She thought that they could come back to life.”
“What do you know?”
“I will tell you what I really know.”
“We are going to exile.”
“Let me get another sandwich for the road.”
“How long will it last?”
“I am already bored of that.”
“There is too much filled in.”
“This is your game.”
“We will not get any further.”
“You will not reach me.”
“I am not even here.”
“That is a design concept.”
“This is not design.”
“What is it?”
“Pure now.”
“What does that mean?”
“We do not know.”
“She has it all under wraps.”
“You think that you know the purpose.”
“You invite yourself over, then you want to leave immediately.”
“This is your story. Take the pen.”
“That bothers me.”

“Don’t let it affect you.”
“The world awaits you.”
“That is clean.”
“Do you have a sandwich paper?”
“I want to eat it fresh.”
“One down.”
“How many to go?”
“I am next. Like the rodeo.”
“There is so much cruelty.”
“We are going to the the max.”
“That is all that you will get.”
“Ha ha.”
“I know what I need.”
“Tell me what is in your wallet.”
“This is your chance to clean up.”
“The tuna is already sliced.”
“How does this work?”
“It melts in the mouth.”
“Melt on me.”
“He is playing.”
“What are you playing with?”
“It is much cheaper here.”
“I want the real stuff.”
“That will not change a thing.”
“What are you expecting?”
“An explanation.”
“Sometimes, the explanation needs to be refused.”
“They are all in line.”
“I can give you something else.”
“That was going to be your biggest mistake.”
“Do not touch me.”
“Do not touch my food.”
“How do I prepare it?”
“Get the follow spot.”
“Will that ever work?”
“Total confidence.”
“I am not working on anything that complex.”
“She is not coming tonight.”
“She is dining at home.”
“There are so many variations.”
“On nothing.”
“It is all the same thing.”
“He is pretending.”

“Someone asked me to leave.”
“What is that about?”
“He never worked here. He is an angry person.”
“I am not waiting for that.”
“That is more than I can deal with.”
“You gave me an excuse.”
“They call it ideology.”
“Sandwich bread.”
“A common sentiment.”
“I am better at performance than you think,”
“You can run faster than I can.”
“That is not what I am looking for.”
“You tell me.”
“They asked me to leave.”
“What are you bringing?”
“Someone will put the parts together.”
“Way before that moment.”
“A pure smile.”
“What are you storing this up for?”
“Judgement day.”
“I am too invested.”
“The world will make steps.”
“You need to do this for me”
“I cannot catch up.”
“That is the foundation for trust.”
“There is a system for trust.”
“Do it a little differently.”
“I have been through it many times.”
“What kind of job do you do?”
“The same kind that everyone else does.”
“They put parts together.”
“They print money.”
“There is hidden value.”
“It is all hidden,”
“Then it is not.”
“So much time given to nothing.”
“I want to know.”
“A thousand people.”
“A mass psychic event.”
“Total submission.”
“I am not going to play.”
“You have already submitted.”
“They all have.”

“That would explain it all.”
 “They want to say that it is aliens.”
 “That stuff is not good.”
 “So many things bought and sold.”
 “I do not want to be loved.”
 “Yes, you do.”
 “Now, you have no choice.”
 “We are arguing.”
 “You prevented me from being hit.”
 “There are other transmitters.”
 “It is hope.”
 “I will not even think about it.”
 “What gets me coming back?”
 “I do not even need to make this align.”
 “A shark attack.”
 “The fish sandwich.”
 “What is being dealt?”
 “There is a lot to do.”
 “Some minor shit.”
 “You took advantage over some friends of mine.”
 “What is that about?”
 “Any time.”
 “You can do it.”
 “You can do it.”
 “There is a lot to figure out to make it look right.”
 “Make it all tight.”
 “Who else is involved?”
 “I am so far gone.”
 “It is all a physical realization.”
 “Each realization is a denial.”
 “That is why they all love you.”
 “I hope that you do not destroy it.”
 “It started so simply.”
 “All of it is potential.”
 “That is going to blow a circuit.”
 “These are different levels of manifestation.”
 “This a different kind of system.”
 “These are different paths to the same thing.”
 “This was not supposed to be something that was seen. It was created. It was productive.”
 “You are dragging me down to your level.”
 “What is that supposed to mean?”
 “This is the best time take care of this.”

“That really does not matter.”
“We are not all loved.”
“Education evidently never meant much to you.”
“Are you looking down on me?”
“Are you happy?”
“I can count my tips.”
“This is where it all gets tricky.”
“You destroyed me.”
“What did you forget?”
“Why am I here?”
“You understand this perfectly.”
“I need to explain what I am looking for.”
“You do not grasp it.”
“Why am I am different?”
“I only need one, and you are not the one.”
“Are you going to invest?”
“I want a better fashion line.”
“You are too immersed in the now.”
“I can hold my breath.”
“This is not an encyclopedia.”
“The good and the bad.”
“Are you going somewhere?”
“What do you do for me?”
“I understood the technique.”
“What is there to this?”
“Total breath control.”
“He is the method, but he is fucking with the method.”
“I am so involved. Then it does not matter at all.”
“The other one thousand.”
“Follow this along.”
“He confessed to everything.”
“Nothing changes.”
“It is not meant to.”
“This is all you.”
“What else would matter?”
“You are pretending.”
“He would not get you.”
“We are already beyond that.”
“What is pure?”
“I cannot concentrate.”
“There is a medical remedy.”
“Who else knows?”
“I have some other questions.”

“You need to remember things for me.”
“How does that work?”
“This is something completely different.”
“I could turn the whole book over to you.”
“What is missing?”
“Perhaps, you would have a better understanding of intent.”
“I only want some one thing.”
“Is there a word for that?”
“When do you realize that?”
“I do not even bother about that.”
“That is total balance.”
“That means devoting more time to work.”
“Someone hates me.”
“She is not the first.”
“Those who know us.”
“Ask me about my mother.”
“There is the only thing that matters.”
“How long will it matter for.”
“Do something for me.”
“I did the best that I could.”
“That is even more hopeless than I realized.”
“I am working hard.”
“Get your name down.”
“If you destroy it, it will lose its charm.”
“You failed.”
“This is the manual.”
“No one learns.”
“What should I put in there?”
“Is this an expectation question?”
“That is more than a little funny.”
“There are questions about mortgages.”
“They gave me the down payment.”
“Is that all that you care about?”
“I care about my life. And where it is going.”
“Where is it headed?”
“I need to clean up some messes.”
“I haven’t changed in the last hour.”
“Are you coming back?”
“It has already lost its flavor.”
“I do not want to ait.”
“This is not meant to alter how we are.”
“I like that.”
“I could do it better than that.”

“I knew where that was headed.”
“Why doesn’t anyone notice me?”
“I do.”
“You will need more than that.”
“I will think about that.”
“I will not.”
“That will explain it all.”
“Eat the apple.”
“What other variations?”
“I cannot destroy you.”
“He knows.”
“What kind of work is this?”
“You are going to pay for this.”
“I have an arrangement.”
“That is a different kind of loving.”
“I cannot get any closer to this.”
“Hold your nose, and get the job done.”