

## Mirage

this time  
ought I had to myself  
onged to somebody else  
o I used to love so  
ng ago  
n't remember her face  
ll I live by her ways  
ll I chase her ghost away

orus: )  
thout the chase  
ly the crawl  
ouldn't have made it here at

e a mirage  
re on the road  
> disappears when I get  
se

this time  
ive around me is filled  
th whatever she spilled  
:k when time was cheap so  
eap that I  
ver could get enough  
ver could turn it off  
ver could seem to catch my  
ath

orus)

ainst my will  
illed her drunk on the  
one  
> wasn't alone  
>'d wondered where I'd  
:n  
d all I said  
s I still wasn't sure  
all a blur  
d every word seems to ring  
rue

orus)

## Shameless

ur breath was thin  
e the air was poison  
attered remnant  
a blushing bride  
it was only in a dream  
:ams can be betrayers  
lden conversations  
wn the steepest slide  
head gets in my way  
en I reach to touch you  
rkey hand of a prisoner  
etching for a key  
u're easily within my reach  
m right where I was  
eping  
t my hands don't touch  
at my eyes don't see

shameless shameless  
itch myself just leaving  
1 be

1't bear the beauty of the  
ht

Coming through the window  
Uncovering you  
Where was I last night  
Must have been staring at  
some screen  
Of hollow projections  
I follow bad directions  
With a junk man's pride

It's shameless shameless  
I get so lost I go too far inside

I think I'm finally awake  
It's all starting to take shape  
And the feeling in my hands  
returns

I pour your coffee in a cup  
And sit down beside you  
You and the steam that's  
rising up  
All in the world that's true  
Whatever is beyond this room  
Is none of my concern  
I stumbled far to get here  
I almost came unglued

It's shameless shameless  
High above the noisy street  
with you

## 3. This Isn't the Place (I Had in My Head)

The first of Autumn I'm the only  
one to see  
That hint of yellow on that one leaf  
on that tree  
Out the window  
There's a deserted road  
To drive down quietly

Around the Living room nothing  
will be the same  
Talking to no one I'm repeating  
your first name  
My feet freeze  
And my voice leaves  
Me standing silently

(chorus: )

This isn't the place I had in my  
head  
It'll just have to do  
This isn't the place I had in my  
head  
It's the same but without you

Here in the rainstorm where the  
windshield wipers break  
I think I hear you say the world is  
ours to take  
But it's just thunder  
Over the radio  
Too late to turn around

(chorus)

I stir my coffee with a molded  
plastic spoon  
The busy airport is a choir out of  
tune  
I could sing too or just walk through  
The hall it's all the same

(chorus)

## 4. Where's the Crime

In my headlights I see kids  
Standing by the street  
Acting like they're interested  
In that syncopated beat  
I walked out of your apartment  
Didn't even stop to lock it  
To the bar on the corner  
Two ball in the side pocket  
And a half a dozen witnesses  
Could swear they saw me there  
I don't know them all by name  
But I know I'd know them  
anywhere  
Do you intend to test my patience  
With this question after question  
Let me give you a suggestion  
I don't know the man I was before

(chorus: )

I've been out of my head.  
Honey where's the crime  
I've been shaking in bed  
Honey where's the crime

The last couple of years have  
pushed things deeper  
That I used to take for granted  
There's an insidious danger  
Here among the disenchanting  
All around me I see smoke  
All around me flashing lights  
There's a pounding in my ears  
And a tension in my overbite  
We've all been here for years  
Looking for an open window  
Or a signal from a stranger  
That something you said struck a  
blow

(chorus)

Still I raise my drink  
And watch the sun appear to sink  
Behind the dream  
Candle lit faces of friends  
Perfect spaces in between

(chorus x2)

## 5. Fragile World

Did you mean to climb but fall instead  
Did you listen to close to the song in  
your head  
Does a whispering voice stand a  
chance  
Of reaching you through the  
deepening trance  
I'm like you  
Haunted by whatever I can't do  
Like you

Later on we'll take a walk  
Space to breathe time to talk  
Space and time shoves and runs  
Toward the ending of what we've  
begun  
I'm like you  
Terrified it'll all come unglued like you

(chorus: )

If we knew how close we were to  
breaking  
We might go on and break  
Good thing we don't  
When you look straight at me as if to  
see  
If I will flinch  
Honey I won't

it's always been a fragile world

I fool myself I can't fool you  
My eyes on horizons that you can't  
see through  
My head on the most useless stuff  
I'm slipping you brace me it's bare  
enough  
I'm like you  
Living illusions as if they were true  
like you

(chorus)

## 6. Gregory Corso

They all  
Sat along the wall  
Sparrows on a fence  
Innocence on trial  
Before an audience  
Faces to the rain  
Shudder bugs complain  
Show us your best side  
Now before the fires die

(chorus: )

If there's a god he lives in the  
details  
Go find your own Nightengale  
The perch is empty now  
Gregory Corso

Hang on  
The chain is crumbling fast  
And so and so's in jail  
Clawing through the wall  
With just a rusty nail  
And you can't go home now  
Why the hell would you wait  
to  
So many strangers there  
Rummaging through artifacts

(chorus)

Just one rusty nail  
All I need

## 7. Slip Slide

You shook me from the snare where  
was hanging  
You never bothered showing me the  
floor  
And all that came before then  
disappeared...Slip Slide

You punctuated sentences with  
chances  
That hung around the room like he  
ghosts  
Drumming to the ordinary  
dances...Slip Slide

And then the daydreams grew just  
I could blink and see through your  
eyes  
All that was forgotten in the old  
familiar house  
Came to life

I heard you laughing when I woke  
dizzy  
I reached for something soothing in  
dark  
And when I found your skin you  
bright through me...Slip Slide

And then the pieces fit just right

and think and see through your  
; that was forgotten in the old  
liar house  
ness to life

these versions of you  
ning through my memory  
y've nothing else to do

I knew that I was stubborn I was  
ty  
I knew I'd learned to love it on the  
r  
I just held in front of me a  
or...Slip Slide

water on the stove just started  
ing  
whistle throws a rope into the  
ce  
ized at how I ever stopped  
ving...Slip Slide

en the echoes drift just right  
ll blink and see through your eyes  
that was forgotten in the long  
otten house  
ness to life

## Dead Man's House

othing your fist  
e you're looking to fight  
u couldn't resist  
t it's not out of spite  
I just something you do  
ard pill that you took  
ore we even met  
in wad up the page  
in throw it away  
I not worth the time  
> tear and the fray  
in walk like a monk  
in shine like a tank  
d disappear in the crowd

orus: )

d when you face me  
envision relief  
u touch my hand and you  
ch  
> glove of a thief  
> dead man's house  
> one where the weeds grow  
oks homier every time I  
s

at would you think  
didn't come home  
uld it drive you to drink  
left you alone  
u know I never could  
it's light years too far  
tside of the lines  
> arc of a spear  
elephant race  
it's art you can fear  
ou're in the wrong place  
it's how it is  
en you sneak up behind me  
d you give me a touch

orus)

## Steer Me Home

oving believing everything I read

into your unmoving face  
In a make believe apartment.  
Resentment just behind the scene  
I think I saw your shadow laugh  
There's no way to prove it or shove it  
Back into a dream  
I'm crawling back to where I never  
Came From  
Believing believing  
That every breath I breathe  
And every pace across the floor  
Is for you

(chorus: )  
If I could hold it in my hand  
I would turn it in the light  
Maybe you would understand  
What I'm wrestling tonight  
If you see me won't you steer me home

The paces and stutters  
Always start the same  
I would give away my name  
In a heartbeat to save you from  
drowning  
In poison rain  
But there is no poison rain  
It's pointless  
I'm a martyr and I'll shatter  
Everything we've got  
Til there's nothing left at all  
To cherish with you

(chorus)

## 10. Doesn't Add Up

It's only a thought  
Like a stare in the dark  
The weight of it's lost  
On everyone but me  
I open my mouth  
The words falling out lie flat  
Like a blown off hat  
You're sitting too close  
There's no way to conceal  
The family ghost  
Pulling at my sleeve  
I'd better leave  
Or be found out as a fake  
My mistake  
How did it get so late

(chorus: )  
I try to tell you what I know  
In a stranger's voice  
It doesn't add up

So I'm giving in  
The excuses that I've made  
Have all worn thin  
When every card's been  
played  
And the room spins  
You whisper that to stay  
Where I've been  
Is the only sin  
I'm lucky that way  
I've only got to deal  
With what's on my plate  
And maybe I can outlive my  
mistakes  
My mistakes have followed  
me to you  
Without a clue

(chorus)

What brought this on  
I've been so stuck

it was never you  
It was just my luck

All I can do  
Is tell you one more time  
It's never been you  
That fills me with regret  
I haven't let  
You have enough of me to do  
that  
At least not yet

(chorus)

## 11. Corrupted Heart

You're so far away you don't know  
there's a storm  
It's right outside it's loud and it's warm  
And it's as hateful as anything I've  
ever known  
It's indifferent as hell it won't leave me  
alone

The closer you come the further I get  
And I won't be all that sincere with  
you yet  
I just hung up the phone 'cause you  
sounded so weird  
Like whatever you saw in me just  
disappeared

(chorus: )  
Hey Colleen Colleen  
I guess you just don't get it  
Your halo is twisted now  
But that's the best possible start  
Into this Corrupted Heart

You know I'll understand if I'm not  
who you thought  
If your touches are stolen you'll run  
when you're caught  
The longer you stay the harder it gets  
You should just walk away never mind  
the regrets  
They're never worth the time that they  
take  
And they just make you older and  
more of a fake

(chorus)

Maybe we should both get dressed in  
rags  
Go sleep beneath the bridge and drink  
from paper bags  
If you're so worried that this struggle  
for this moment  
Is going to rob me of my innocence  
My innocence it is my best defense

(chorus)