

Song Lyrics For the Brett Dennen Concert

with the FFC and Follen Choirs

Rise and Shine

**In the morning you rise and shine
Rise and shine
Spread your wings, a new day awaits
In the morning you will find
You'll find
You put a smile on someone's face**

Picture yourself on a mountain trail
Mountain trail
Picture yourself among the evergreens
Picture a hawk with a red tail
Red tail
Flying over the San Joaquin

In the morning you rise and shine
Rise and shine
Be the ocean you hear in a shell
Be the sunlight through the pines
Through the pines
You were born to be yourself

Doo doo doo doo.

Picture yourself on a mountain trail
Mountain trail
Picture yourself in your minds eye
Give your heart permission to fail
Give your burdens permission to fly

**In the morning you rise and shine
Rise and shine
Spread your wings, a new day awaits
In the morning you will find
You will find
You put a smile on someone's face**

Ohh, Ahh, Ooh

Ain't No Reason

There ain't no reason things are this way
It's how they've always been and they intend to stay
I can't explain why we live this way
We do it every day

Preachers on the podium speaking of saints
Prophets on the sidewalk begging for change
Old ladies laughing from the fire escape
Cursin' my name

I got a basket full of lemons and they all taste the same
A window and a pigeon with a broken wing
You can spend your whole life workin' for somethin'
Just to have it taken away

People walk around pushin' back their debts
Wearing paychecks like necklaces and bracelets
Talkin' 'bout nothin' not thinkin' 'bout death
Every little heartbeat, every little breath

People walk a tightrope on a razor's edge
Carryin' their hurt and hatred and weapons
It could be a bomb or a bullet or a pen
Or a thought or a word or a sentence

There ain't no reason things are this way
It's how they've always been and they intend to stay
I don't know why I say the things I say
But I say them anyway

But love will come, set me free
Love will come, set me free, I do believe
Love will come set me free I know it will
Love will come set me free, yes

Prison walls still standin' tall
Some things never change at all

Keep on building prisons, gonna fill them all
Keep on building bombs, gonna drop them all

Workin' your fingers bare to the bone
Breakin' your back, make you sell your soul
Like a lung that's filled with coal,
Suffocating slow

The wind blows wild and I may move
But politicians lie and I am not fooled
You don't need no reason or a three piece suit
To argue the truth

The air on my skin and the world under my toes
Slavery stitched into the fabric of my clothes
Chaos and commotion where ever I go
Love I try to follow

Love will come, set me free
Love will come set me free, I do believe
Love will come set me free, I know it will
Love will come, set me free, yes

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We do it every day

There is So Much More

When I heard the news
My heart fell on the floor
I was on a plane on my way to Baltimore
In these troubled times it's hard enough as it is
My soul has known a better life than this

I wonder how so many can be in so much pain
While others don't seem to feel a thing
Then I curse my whiteness
And I get so damned depressed
In a world of suffering
Why should I be so blessed?

I heard about a woman who lives in Colorado
She built a monument of salt behind her garage door
Where every day she prays for all whom are born
And all whose souls have passed on
Sometimes my trouble gets so thick
I can't see how I'm gonna get through it
But then I'd rather be stuck up in a tree
Than be tied to it

I know, there is so much more

I don't feel comfortable with the way my clothes fit
I can't get used to my body's limits
I got some fancy shoes to try and kick away these blues
They cost a lot of money but they aren't worth a thing
I wanna free my feet from the broken glass and concrete

I need to get out of this city
Lay upon the ground stare at a hole in the sky
Wondering where do I go when I die
When I die

Blessed

I welcome the sun
The clouds and rain
The wind that sweeps the sky clean and lets the sun shine again
This is the most magnificent life has ever been
Here is heaven and earth and the brilliant sky in between

Blessed is this life and I'm gonna celebrate being alive
Blessed is this life and I'm gonna celebrate being alive

Blessed is this life oh, and I'm gonna celebrate being alive
Blessed is this life oh, and I'm gonna celebrate being alive

I dwell in the darkness
I let in the light
I sleep in the afternoon and become the noise in the night
I trespass in temptation, suffer in sacrifice
But I awake each day with the new sunrise

Ba de de de
Ba ba ba ba ba
De de de de de de de de de du ba de du
Bu bu bu du du Ba de de du
Hey- ah

Blessed is this life oh and I'm gonna celebrate being alive
Blessed is this life oh and I'm gonna celebrate being alive
Blessed is this life oh and I'm gonna celebrate being alive
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Jenny and Jill

Jenny and Jill were sweethearts in the heartland
Pure and plain like the voice of Judy Garland
Took a year of selling bicycles to buy tickets for the festival
That Jenny gave Jill before she moved away

And there's a whole lot of people out there who never give loving
Jenny and Jill were lucky in love and best friends
They talk about things they do and the song they wanna slow dance to
As they drove on through the amber waves of grain

And Jenny said
I don't ever want to forget
How lucky I feel
To be in the same place
You and I

For everything you do there is a first time
And you never forget that first time, the first time
Don't forget to be here before you move on
'cause you never forget the first time, the first time

They camped out in a field of fellow pilgrims
In a tent city of nature's children
There were hippy kids and bro bruhs, sorority girls on their shoulders
There'd be other bands and shows, but never this one

And Jenny said
I don't ever want to forget
How lucky I feel
To be I the same place
You and I

For everything you do there is a first time
And you never forget the first time
Don't forget to be here before you move on
'cause you never forget the first time, the first time
The very first time

And Jenny says
I don't ever want to forget
How lucky I'm feeling
To be in the same place
You and I
This is our time
This is our life

For everything you do there is a first time
And you never forget the first time, the first time
Don't forget to be here before you move on
'cause you never forget the first time, the first time
The very first time

Paul Newman Daytona Rolex

I've never been accused of being fancy
I'm not stupid with my money, honey, I could be stupid for free
I took it to the antique road show,
They told me it was worth a boat load
But I'm never gonna sell it, my grand daddy gave it to me

Paul Newman, Daytona Rolex
Perpetual motion, you know this
Second hand smoother than Cool Hand
No ticking for real
It makes me feel like time is on my side
Time is on my side
'cause, baby, I'm a man from another time

If I could have one wish, I'd feed the hungry
If I had a second, most definitely, it would be world peace
I'd bring back the crystal rivers
And all of mother nature's creatures
'cause I wanna, I wanna, I wanna live in harmony

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People I Love

When I get little hazy, I'm hazy with the people I love
When the gargoyles chase me, chase me to the people I love
When my heart is hungry, hungry for the people I love
When I'm talkin' funny, I'm talkin' to the people I love

If it makes you feel good you can stay for awhile
If it makes you feel good, you can change your style
If it makes you feel good, you can shoot the breeze at the Foster Freeze

When I'm out here travelin', I travel with the people I love
Anything worth havin' I have it with the people I love
If my stars are shinin', shine 'em on the people I love
If my nights are cryin', I'm cryin' for the people I love

If it makes you feel good, ride 'round in the wind
If it makes you feel good, listen to your tires spin
If it makes you feel good, spend all your cash tryin' to make it last

Whenever I'm dead and dreamin', dreamin' of the people I love
If I lost the meaning, I look to the people I love
When the cold world shakes me, me and the people I love
Oh mama, mama take me, take me to the people I love

Love to the people I love
The people I love the people I love

If it makes you feel good, throw your phone away
If it makes you feel good, do nothin' all day
If it makes you feel good, ignorance is bliss
In a joint like this

When I get a little hazy, I'm hazy with the people I love
And the gargoyles chase me, chase me to the people I love
When my heart is hungry, hungry for the people I love
If I'm talkin' funny, I'm talkin' to the people I love

Love to the people I love the people I love the people I love
Love to the people I love the people I love the people I love

When We Were Young

Remember when we were young
We felt like the luckiest ones
Nothing to worry 'bout
The whole world was a hand me down

It's hard to be different
It's even harder when you wanna fit in
High school was a catastrophe
It was a failure factory

Turn it up, turn it up
Turn up your radio loud
Don't forget where you came from
It's too soon to be proud

Remember when we were young
Remember when we were young

Remember when we were broke
Money would come and go
The whole world is a hand me down
So you gotta wear it proud

Whenever I reminisce
I know that the greatest risk
Is giving up the fun for pay
I don't want to live that way, say, say, say

Oh tear it up, tear it up
Tear up that page
I don't wanna grow up
I don't wanna act my age

Remember when we were young

Turn it up, turn it up
Turn up your radio loud
Don't forget where you come from
It's too soon to be proud

Remember when we were young
Remember when we were young

Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh

How will I know if I don't ask why
I won't let it pass me by
I see life in a faded sky
Slippin' away

Tear it up, tear it up
Tear up that page
I don't wanna grow up
Don't wanna act my age

Remember when we were young

Turn it up, turn it up
Turn up your radio loud
Don't forget where you came from
It's too soon to be proud

Remember when we were young
Remember when we were young

See the World

Where you goin' my brown-eyed son
You used to crawl but now you run
You started off on a road half dark
And the river curled into a question mark

Will you sleep on diamond beaches, dear
And drink from prism streams so clear
You don't have to be rich to get around
There are mansions growing out of the ground

Days go by

Get out and see the world

Days go by

Get out and see the world with your own eyes

Now the journey took you far from home
And pushed you out of your comfort zone
There are kids out there with war paint on
And hearts break like crayons

Before you left, the world was small
Now the hills are bleedin' like waterfalls
There are a lot of bad things that are buried shallow
And cries for help with no echoes

Days go by, get out and see the world

Days go by, get out and see the world with your own eyes

It's hard to see what you're going through
Just knowing can beat up on you
You'll spend some time in the waiting place
And the purest things may leave no trace
Go up the mountain top and shine
I'll reflect it on my long decline
I've gathered sunsets in my prime
Now I'm planting trees I'll never climb

Days go by, get out and see the world

Days go by, get out and see the world with your own eyes

Heaven

Beyond the rules of religion
The cloth of conviction
Above all the competition
Where fact and fiction meet

There's no color lines, caste or classes
There's no foolin' the masses
Whatever faith you practice
Whatever you believe

Oh Heaven, Heaven
What the hell is Heaven
Is there a home for the homeless
Is there hope for the hopeless

Throw away your misconceptions
They're no walls around Heaven
No code you gotta know to get in,
No minutemen no border patrol

You gotta lose your earthly possessions
Leave behind your weapons
You can't buy your salvation
And there's no pot of gold

Heaven, Heaven
What the hell is heaven?
Is there a home for the homeless?
Is there hope for the hopeless?

Heaven ain't got no prisons
No government, no business
No banks or politicians
No armies, no police

Castles and cathedral crumble
Pyramids and pipelines tumble

Failure keeps us humble
And leads us closer to peace

Oh Heaven, Heaven
What the hell is Heaven

Is there a home for the homeless
Is there hope for the hopeless
Is there a home for the homeless
Is there hope for the hopeless
Heaven

Dancing at a Funeral

**Now's not the time to be so sad and mournful
We are going to this funeral and we'll be dancing the night away
So so so don't be so shy, we are living and we're dying
We are laughing and we're crying ev'ry single day**

Strange but not surprising nor is it unfamiliar for me or you
How it takes a death like this to bring us together
You know you'll always be my flesh and blood
I could never do you wrong
And the one who was gone for so long is comin' home

**Alright now's not the time to be so sad and mournful
We are going to the funeral and we'll be dancing the night away
So so so don't be so shy, we are living and we're dying
We are laughing and we're crying, ev'ry single day**

We are getting older at the blink of an eye
So don't let this moment pass you by
I don't believe there is a greater love
One of patience and pain
Than the love between a momma and her children

And the procession down to the light house
We hear the crashing of the waves and the mistakes we made
You know that we are not the only ones so we can have some fun
Have some, have some, have some, have some, have some fun

**Now's not the time to be so sad and mournful
We are going to this funeral and we'll be dancing the night away
So so so don't be so shy, we are living and we're dying
We are laughing and we're crying ev'ry single day, ev'ry single day**

(Repeat)

Don't Mess With Karma

Din't anybody tell yuh
Don't go messin' with karma
It'll come around
Din't anybody tell yuh
Don't go messin' with karma
It'll come around

Old man pickin' flowers for a funeral
Street choirs singing alleluia
They'll smile through the pain
There ain't no wrong way to pray
Another sad eye lookin' for a laughter
'nother kid growin' up a little faster
You want someone to trust you well you've got to be true

Din't anybody tell yuh?
Don't forget that love is all you came here for
Anything less, need I say more, need I say more?
All you came here for
Anything less, need I say more, need I say more?

Din't anybody tell yuh
Don't go messin' with karma
It'll come around

True love is the right of every human
Who are we to take away the union
You want somethin' for yourself,
Give it to someone else
Go around usin' God as a reason
What if all that you believe in
And what you thought was right
Turned out to be just a lie?

Din't anybody tell yuh
Don't forget that love is all you came here for
Not anything less, need I say more, need I say more?

A love is all you came here for
Not anything less, need I say more, need I say more?

Don't forget that love is all you came here for
Not anything less, need I say more, need I say more

Love is all you came here for
Not anything less, need I say more, need I say more?
(Repeat)