

## Mason Ruffner - Mason Ruffner (1st Album)

### JUST BE MY FRIEND

Honey, I don't want to steal you away  
Try to make you follow me night and day  
So baby please don't start hangin' on me  
Baby I don't need to sleep with you at night  
Honey I just want to see your light  
Shine your light, shine it bright for me  
Take me honey just like I am  
Talk to me girl I know you'll understand  
Don't you know, you know I'm a lonely man

When you're crashing down like a falling star  
You'll find out who your friends really are  
Don't you know we all break down some times  
Well, they call you up and talk a lot  
Say they're your friend but you know they're not  
Ain't you tired, tired of the phony kind  
Take me honey just like I am  
Talk to me girl I know you'll understand  
Don't you know, you know I'm a lonely man  
So just be my friend, just be my friend  
Baby don't dog me round time and time again  
Just be my friend

Just be my fiend, just be my friend  
Baby you don't have to stay until the end  
Just be my friend

Well I don't want to make fun of you  
I don't want to try and tell you what to do  
Cause I know, I know you can find your way  
Don't you know that the road gets dark sometimes  
You know a good friend is hard to find  
But baby I know you'll always be a friend of mine  
Take me honey just like I am  
Talk to me girl I know you'll understand  
Don't you know, you know I'm a lonely man  
Just be my friend, just be my friend  
Don't lock me out, don't lock me in  
Don't make me stop, don't make me spin  
Oh please don't ask me where I've been  
Just be my friend

### LADY MOON

Well, it's late December but I feel like it's the middle of June  
Well, it's late December but I feel like it's the middle of June

My poor heart is pumpin' I just seen Lady Moon

A woman's just like a cat,  
She knows how to shine like gold  
A woman's just like a cat,  
She knows how to shine like gold

She's got that look in her eye  
She's got the moon in her soul

She wears dark sunglasses  
She wears a black leather glove  
She wears dark sunglasses  
She wears a black leather glove

She don't never take off those dark sunglasses  
Not even when she's makin' love

I thought I could handle women  
But she hit like a harpoon,  
I thought I could handle women  
But she hit like a harpoon,

She stole my heart and popped it like a balloon

Chorus:

Lady Moon, Lady Moon  
Why don't ya come back soon  
Lady Moon, Lady Moon  
Why don't ya come back soon  
I'm crazy, crazy 'bout Lady Moon

She said she's from the North Pole,  
But I believe she's from New Orleans  
She said she's from the North Pole,  
But I believe she's from New Orleans  
She keeps me stiff as a board  
And she keeps my pockets clean

She don't look like no witch but,  
She knows how to hypnotize  
If they gave awards for being messed up  
I could win 1st prize  
I'm sittin' here waitin', waitin'  
For the moon to rise

(Repeat Chorus)

**GAMBLN' FEVER**

Lord I'm a gambler I played my money wrong  
Lost all my money, all I had is gone  
If you got that gamblin' fever, gamblin' wont let you be  
But I'm gong to get lucky just you wait and see.

I pawned my watch and diamonds, I left my wife  
All because of gamblin', it's ruined my life  
I'm goin' to lay down my money, I play to win  
But the pony I bet on didn't show and now I'm broke again

You can't roll sevens if you don't pick up the dice  
Come on home to me sevens won't you come home twice  
Life is a gamble everybody's got to play  
I just wish I could get lucky one of these lonesome days.

Lord it must be a demon in my soul  
It's ruined my life I've lost control  
Ain't no relief in this world that's for sure  
When you got that gamblin' fever can't find no cure

Lord I'm a gambler playin' my money wrong  
Lost all my money all I had is gone  
If you got that gamblin' fever, gamblin' won't let you be  
But I'm gong to get lucky just you wait and see.

#### **DOWN TO NEW ORLEANS**

I traveled many miles in Texas  
tryin' to play this old beat up guitar  
I got dusty, I got dirty, I could not get very far  
I just wish I could get lucky with my hopes and my dreams  
Ain't got no money, I'm gonna hitchhike down to New Orleans.

Chorus:

Take me down to New Orleans, you won't catch me here tomorrow  
I'm gonna play the blues down on Bourbon Street  
Play away this lonesome sorrow.

I bet the joints there are jumpin' way on down in New Orleans  
If I get rollin', if I get smokn', baby I don't need no sleep  
They say the prettiest girls are in Texas  
I know they're out of this world  
But I'm gonna go down to New Orleans and find a Creole girl

(Repeat Chorus)

I see the joints here a 'jumpin' way on down in New Orleans  
Now I'm smokin', now I'm rollin', baby I don't need no sleep.

(Repeat Chorus)

### **BON TON ROULE**

You see me comin' here I ain't no fool  
I'm one hip cat who'se never been to school  
I've been everywhere, I've been around  
Here's what you do down in any old town  
Let the bon ton roule  
Let the music boolay  
Don't you be no foolay  
Let the bon ton roule

(Sang in Cajun)

I got a Creole gal one fine dish  
But she's got ways like a old crawfish  
She don't do nothing but fuss all night  
But when it comes to lovin' she's a much all right  
Let the bon ton roule  
Let the music boolay  
Don't you be no foolay  
Let the bon ton roule

If you want to have real big fun  
Go to Louisiana and get you one  
You see 'em cutting cane all down the line  
I know a preacher's daughter she's a really fine  
She does the bon ton roule  
Let the music boolay  
Don't you be no foolay  
Let the bon ton roule

(Sang in Cajun)

I got a Creole gal out in Lafayette  
Hot little number like you never met  
Boy, she knocked me off my feet  
I stole that gal from old Joe Pete  
She does the bon ton roule  
Let the music boolay  
Don't you be no foolay  
Let the bon ton roule

Now we sneaked out to have a little bit of fun  
But we ran into her pappy with his shotgun  
He said "No you don't son I'll have your hide"  
We stepped right on back inside  
And did the bon ton roule  
Let the music boolay  
Don't you be no foolay

Let the bon ton roule

You know what the bon ton roule means  
Good times roll and like you never seen  
Grab your gal and get in the groove  
If you get happy all you do is move  
That's the bon ton roule  
Let the music boolay  
Don't you be no foolay  
Let the bon ton roule

### **GRAVEDIGGERS**

They can paint you a picture like heaven  
Promise you the earth and sky  
But they'll lock you up lust like a prisoner  
And take you for a ride  
You better watch the gravediggers coming around  
See the gravediggers trying to put you in the ground  
Oh yeah, they're at it again  
Digging a hole and trying to push you in

Woman why are you always cryin'  
I don't see nothin' wrong with you  
I know that you're only 27 years old  
You act like you're 82  
She's a gravediggin' woman coming around  
Gravediggin' woman tryin' to hot me in the ground  
Oh yeah, she's at it again  
Digging a hole and tryin' to push me in

You better run fast as you can  
Here they come with a shovel in their hand  
Yeah don't you get too stoned  
Cause you might find a graveyard for your home  
Watch the gravediggers coming around  
See the gravediggers tryin' to put you in the ground  
Oh yeah, they're at it again  
Digging a hole and trying to push you in

### **AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT TROUBLE**

All my friends are out having their fun  
Out all night way past the morning sun  
Yeah, everybody's knocked out  
But I stay alone I cry and shout  
Ain't nothin' but trouble  
Knocking at my door  
It drives me crazy, can't stand the blues no more

I want a woman all to myself

Want her to want me like nobody else  
Why in the world have we suffered so long  
I don't know why, I'm doing you wrong  
You ain't nothin' but trouble woman  
Hanging around my door  
My baby's good but I don't know what for

If the blues was a bird I could fly and sing  
If it was royalty I'd be a king  
Sometimes I stay in bed all day  
I've tried in vain to chase the blues away  
Ain't nothin' but trouble  
Knocking at my door  
It dives me crazy, can't stand the blues no more

### **STRANDED**

I took off In the middle of the night  
I believed in myself  
I refused to follow him or anybody else  
But now because of my swollen pride  
I'm a renegade on the run  
I'm starting to wonder what good this travelling has done  
Because I'm stranded, stranded  
I'm way out there waiting in the sun  
I'm stranded, stranded  
Momma please hand me down my gun

I dream about a woman like a flower dreams of May  
You wouldn't believe all the times I've fell in love that way  
But all I see are lonely nights that never end  
Sometimes I think that I have been condemned  
To be stranded, stranded  
I'm far away from my family and friends  
I'm stranded, stranded  
These lonely nights don't ever end

Here comes that gospel train all you got to do is hop aboard  
Gonna take you back home, back to the Lord  
But I waved that train on by  
I didn't flag it down and now I'm lying with my face on the ground  
Stranded, stranded  
I oughta paint my face and be a clown  
Stranded, stranded  
And now the rain is pouring down

Have you heard that old saying I have no regrets?  
Well I've did many things I wish I could forget  
I used to think that I was so damned tough  
But now I believe I just about had enough  
Cause I'm stranded, stranded

Don't you know the road is oh so rough  
I'm stranded, stranded  
Now I believe I just about had enough  
I woke up one morning felt like I was dead  
That must be the end straight ahead

Well I wish I had the power to change your life  
I wish I had the talent to cut through like a knife  
But what can I do, what can I say  
When you keep drifting far, far away  
Now you're stranded, stranded  
You keep drifting far, far away  
Stranded, stranded  
What are you gonna do on the judgment day?

Do you feel alone even when you're in a crowd  
Do you feel like you've been draped in a shroud  
But even death, death won't set you free  
And you lack the courage to jump in to the sea  
Now you're stranded, stranded  
Even death, death won't set you free  
Stranded, stranded, you're stranded  
I bet you'd like to jump in to the sea

### **LAY IT ON ME**

Here comes that dream again that burns out of control  
It rips and runs from pole to pole  
I go chasing after it with all my heart and soul

Chorus:

Lay it on me  
I don't wanta wait no more  
Lay it on me yeah, the heavy load  
Can't you see I want it all  
Lay it on me

Take over my eyes take over my mind  
Take over my hands and feet  
Take over my spine  
I'm tired of playin' the loser so many times

(Repeat Chorus)

I've seen the sunshine. I've seen the rain  
I've felt pleasure. I've felt pain  
Just as long as I feel somethin'  
To me it's all the same

(Repeat Chorus)

I want some action keys to the Unknown  
Power! Wisdom! The Philosophers Stone  
I found the secrets of life belong to God alone

They sold their brother Joseph into slavery  
Pharaoh saw his powers and he set him free  
The famine struck those brothers and  
they got down on their knees

(Repeat Chorus)

Moses raised his rod and the skies rained bread  
Joshua raised his sword and mighty nations fell dead  
But, the children took false idols and bowed their head

Chorus:  
Someone is watching you with great big eyes  
He got big shoulders to cry on  
Arms that open wide  
He can knock down the wall and  
Take you to the other side

(Repeat Chorus)

**SERENATA (INSTRUMENTAL)**

All songs written by Mason Ruffner  
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