

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
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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)

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