

Nic Panken 'Near Divine or Merely Rhyme'
Credits & Lyrics

ALBUM CREDITS

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MUSICIANS

Nic Panken: Guitar, Percussion, Voice
Jared Samuel: Bass, Electric Guitar, Keys, Piano, Pump Organ, Voice
Mat Davidson: Pedal Steel, Fiddle, Voice
Ken Woodward: Bass
Austin Vaughn: Drums, Percussion
Adam Jones: Drums
David Christian: Drums
Cem Misirlioğlu: Guiro, Shaker
Stephen Weinheimer: Guiro
Maggie Carson: Voice

LYRICS

Prelude

*I wrote a song for you
Didn't take much time
Well maybe that's not true
If you count the time that I'm*

*Getting lost deep in thought
Searching for a sign
That's near divine or merely rhyme*

Nic Panken: Guitar, Voice
By Jared Samuel

Into Eternity

*I was waiting inside
I was waiting with my back against the wall
I was reaching for the blind
I was trying to turn a darkness into light*

*But a fool such as I
Would strike a match against the corners of the night
Into eternity
To turn eternally
To serve this burden all but certainly*

*I was running out of time
Just admiring the caverns of my mind
Oh, to watch the shadows climb
I got lost among the caverns of my mind*

*Where a fool much like I
Did strike a match against the corners of the night
Into eternity
To turn eternally
To serve this burden all but certainly*

*To where it runs, the errant loom
To weave beneath the free moon
Oh, to fall into eternity*

*I would wander in the wild
I would pass by every path that I would find
From a spark into a fire
I was lifted like the sea into the sky*

*There a fool just like I
Could strike a match against the corners of the night
Into eternity
To turn eternally
To serve this burden all but certainly
To burn internally
To yearn to turn the key
To serve this burden all but certainly*

Austin Vaughn: Drums

Ken Woodward: Bass

Mat Davidson: Pedal Steel

Jared Samuel: Keys, Voice

Nic Panken: Guitar, Voice

By Nic Panken

Dear Companion

*Leaving on a summer evening
Like we don't believe in any other way*

*Bad news fades just like a tattoo
Lingers in the rearview these days*

*I can hear a teardrop
Tick tock
Time slows
Eyes close
Mind goes
Heart knows the way*

*Window, I can feel the wind blow
Carry the crescendo along
Full moon striking like a harpoon
Riding out the tide soon, then gone*

*I can hear a teardrop
Tick tock
Time slows
Eyes close
Mind goes
Heart knows the song*

*The fortune in your eyes
The way the arrow fell
Near divine or merely rhyme
Draw another ocean from the well*

*Echo ever since you let go
Swept up in the undertow
Tattoo, give you something brand new
Take something away too*

Teardrop
Tick tock
Time slows
Eyes close
Mind goes
Heart knows the way

Laying in the moonlit canyon
Dear companion
Steady breathing
Soon be leaving

Adam Jones: Drums
Jared Samuel: Bass, Electric Guitar
Nic Panken: Acoustic Guitar, Percussion, Voice
By Nic Panken with Jared Samuel

Another World

First it comes the burning
Then it comes the balm
Here forever turning
A pebble in your palm
A memory to embers
A battlecry to calm
First it comes the burning
Then it comes the balm

In other words I know where you are

*In other words I know where you are
Another world leaping from a star
In other words I know where you are*

*First it comes the waiting
Then it comes the wave
A tidal elevating
Surfacing the grave
To rearrange the ages
The castle to the cave
First it comes the waiting
Then it comes the wave*

*In other words I know where you are
In other words I know where you are
Another world leaping from a star
In other words I know where you are*

*Long before we lost the war
You almost lost your way
I could see that victory was there for me
If only I could hear you say*

*First it comes the sorrow
Then it comes the song
The vision of tomorrow
Was absolutely wrong
Hitch on to this wagon
We're driving all night long
First it comes the sorrow
Then it comes the song*

*In other words I know where you are
In other words I know where you are
Another world leaping from a star
In other words I know where you are*

Austin Vaughn: Drums, Percussion
Cem Mısırlıoğlu: Guiro, Shaker
Jared Samuel: Bass, Electric Guitar, Keys, Voice
Nic Panken: Acoustic Guitar, Voice
By Nic Panken

2 Hearts

*In the meadow with a magazine
Cut a sliver of the silver screen
There's a mile lying in between
Here and the avenue
Can I slip out of this silhouette?
Into the symmetry my vision met
It's a rhapsody you don't forget
If you ever knew*

*Two hearts, two hearts
Beating as the river starts
Time will tear this veil apart
And lead me back to you*

*Like a feather on the forest floor
Like a shipwreck on a foreign shore*

*I was shorn of all there was before
And sank like a stone
Then I woke up in the darkest night
With a primitive and pure delight
With ravenous an appetite
I felt right at home*

*Two hearts, two hearts
Beating as the river starts
Time will tear this veil apart
And lead me back to you*

*In the marriage of heaven and hell
Life and death on a carousel
I'd lie awake as every shadow fell
Drowning in my tears
I want to cross onto the other side
Of this tragedy I bear inside
Where gravity and dreams collide
And propel the years*

*Two hearts, two hearts
Beating as the river starts
Time will tear this veil apart
And lead me back to you*

Adam Jones: Drums

Jared Samuel: Bass, Keys, Percussion

Nic Panken: Guitar, Percussion, Voice

By Nic Panken with Jared Samuel

I Believe That I Know

*Early in the morning time to get up out of bed
Dreaming never lasts so long
If I could let this ancient feeling rise into my head
Help me breath some life into my song*

I believe that I know

*Fortune does a favor for the brave and the bold
Not without a certain price to pay
If you turn to worry for your dreams to unfold
The cost is growing steeper by the day*

I believe that I know

*Sunlight goes away from my window
Winds of change are blowing through my heart
Beneath a sickle moon I'll be laying soon
Slip into a blind and faithful part*

*When this world is guided by the meek and the mild
As the butterfly defies the breeze
When the heart is heavy with the aching of a child
As the autumn leaves depart the trees*

I believe that I know

Austin Vaughn: Drums

Jared Samuel: Bass, Piano, Keys

Mat Davidson: Voice

Nic Panken: Guitar, Percussion, Voice

By Nic Panken

Deep Time

*In the light that's softly glowing on the dark and distant shore
The feeling I am knowing where I turned away before
A gesture like an echo, a ripple through the dawn
Then gone*

*I carry through the hour a long forgotten song
Drawing purpose, drawing power where the heartache lingers on
I wonder would I meet you in a melody so clear
I hear, I hear*

*Sing to me the language of the blind
Carry through the canyons of my mind
Where everything would linger on the vine
I never want to wake up from deep time*

*In the shadow of the lighthouse where you spoke my name out loud
Like arrival in the harbor through the parting of the clouds
Like you always know that number even if I never would
You could*

*It's a wonder you are willing to roll this wretched stone
To be faithfully distilling from the spirit, from the bone
In the crucible of fortune on a blade of circumstance*

We dance, we dance

*Sing to me the language of the blind
Carry through the canyons of my mind
Where everything would linger on the vine
I never want to wake up from deep time*

Deep time

*I was taken to the table, I was humming with the hive
It was graceful, I was grateful I was able to arrive
To know beauty and abundance on a mountain of despair
To be there*

*From remembering to measure this unsuspended breath
To the batteries of pleasure in this factory of death
On the barricade of ages comes one more curtain call
That's all, that's all*

*Sing to me the language of the blind
Carry through the canyons of my mind
Where everything would linger on the vine
I never want to wake up from deep time*

Mat Davidson: Fiddle

Jared Samuel: Bass, Keys, Percussion

Nic Panken: Guitar, Voice

By Nic Panken

Delightful Dust

*I took a trip on a rocket ship
I lost my grip and started sliding
As I fell down to the underground
To the lost and found where you were hiding*

*Did you even know you were free to go?
As the robins free the morning
Did you fall in line just to pass the time?
While you whisper every warning*

*I took a chance in a colony of ants
I caught your glance coming sideways
Down upon my knee to a symphony
Of the breeze blowing my way*

*Did you ever see such possibility?
When the world was still turning
Now is it any fun singing doo dum dum?
As you pass the point of no returning*

*I'm a chaser of a glacier
I'm invited, undecided
I'm forever fair-weather
I'm a lost daydreamer beneath the moon
I'm a searcher for the suture
I'm uncovered, undiscovered
I'm attention to the tension
I'm awake and wasted in the waiting room*

*I took a stroll on the grassy knoll
I saw the whole situation
Just a lonely seed in a great stampede
Into the flames that feed creation*

*Now is it safe to say we just fade away?
Like a discontinued flavor
But even if you're just some delightful dust
You bring essence that I savor*

Austin Vaughn: Drums

Jared Samuel: Bass, Keys

Stephen Weinheimer: Guiro

Mat Davidson: Fiddle, Voice

Maggie Carson: Voice

Nic Panken: Guitar, Voice

By Nic Panken

Out In The Rain

*A dream I hold you in my arms
Between alarms embracing
Harmony ringing clear as a bell
The infinite well reclaiming*

*I'm on the hillside looking above
Out in the rain*

Did I see you baring your soul

*Uncovered the holy portal
Heart was free then, resting in flight
A parcel of light immortal*

*I'm on the outside looking in
Out in the rain*

*In the territory of my birth
Cemetery gives the earth
A break from always chasing the sky
In the echo of the ancient herd
Statues sleep beneath the birds
Gathered at the end of the line*

*Weeping willow moving along
A long distance song of ages
Old as oceans, near as the flood
Bury these blood-stained pages*

*I'm on the inside coming undone
Out in the rain*

*Cut the cord, tear the seam
Bear the mark in between
Steady hand, settled score
Bleeding heart, needing more
Time to break, time to heal
Time to let the wound reveal
Mirror moon, burning sun
Tell the tale for everyone
Wisdom of wilderness*

*Cut across these fingertips
River flowing to the sea
Sorrow flowing out of me
Cast into the open night
Inner flame shedding light
Wicked path I'm tethered to
Trying to get back to you*

David Christian: Drums

Jared Samuel: Bass, Piano, Electric Guitar

Nic Panken: Guitar, Voice

By Nic Panken

Desire, Creation

*Sitting in silence
Living with violence
Stillness reflecting
Mindless rejecting
Body, feeling
Shadow revealing
Turbid relation
Desire, creation*

*Mind turns to action
Burns with attraction
Feeding the meter
Desire defeater*

See the projection
The old resurrection
The only assignment
Pursue realignment
Of earthly ambition
From solar transmission
On fertile foundation
Desire, creation

Mind tends to wander
Restless responder
Consuming attention
Desire deception

Desire is holding
A flower unfolding
In hands as they tremble
The vine reassemble
And gracefully weaving
The mindful receiving
The ancient sensation
Desire, creation

Heart lets you notice
To fall into focus
Don't leave me waiting
Desire, creating

David Christian: Drums

Jared Samuel: Bass, Pump Organ, Keys

Nic Panken: Guitar, Percussion, Voice

By Nic Panken with Jared Samuel

Time

Time moves slow by the clouds of yesterday

The aching of the breaking of the bow

Time to go awaken to the wonder

Slipping from the slumber below

Unravelling the tragedy

Unnameable anatomy

Not out of view but out of reach

Oh, in between

Time moves fast down the ribbon of tomorrow

Gathering the sorrow along the path

Time at last, the fields are laying fallow

Severed be the shadow that was cast

Mapping out the mystery

The masquerade, the history

The point of view that poisoned me

That poisoned you

Time stands still in the sermon of a sunrise

The serpent turning clockwise ever will

Time to kill the still familiar longing

The present always dawning over the hill

My old infernal symphony

In solitude a ministry

Immortal and infinitely

Merciful

Austin Vaughn: Drums

Ken Woodward: Bass

Jared Samuel: Keys

Mat Davidson: Pedal Steel

Nic Panken: Voice

By Nic Panken