

## Al Nicol 'Only Hoping' Lyrics & Credits

### **Credits**

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Vocals by Joanna Samuels, Lighthearted

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### **Lyrics**

#### **1. MOUNTAIN SONG**

OF ALL THE PLACES  
I HAVE KNOWN AND BEEN  
IT'S THE MOUNTAINS THAT CALL ME  
AND SHOW ME HOW TO FALL IN LOVE AGAIN  
IN LOVE AGAIN  
IN LOVE AGAIN

I'M TIED TO THE PEAKS AND THE CRAGS  
LIKE THE ROOT OF THE TALLEST TREE  
STRETCHING FARTHER THAN THE EYE CAN SEE  
THE EYE CAN SEE  
THE EYE CAN SEE

SO WHERE'S YOUR MOUNTAIN  
WHERE'S YOUR MOUNTAIN  
WHERE OH WHERE  
WHERE OH WHERE  
WHERE OH WHERE  
WHERE OH WHERE

#### **2. YOU AND ME**

WELL IF YOU LEAVE

WOULD YOU TAKE MY HEART  
YOU HAD IT ANYWAY FROM THE START  
CUZ WHEN I'M ALONE  
MY LUCK RUNS DRY  
WHEN I'M WITH YOU  
I'M READY TO TRY

NOW THE MERRY GO ROUND  
IS ABOUT TO START AGAIN  
WE COULD RIDE THE HORSES ONE MORE TIME  
AND IF YOU GET TIRED  
REST YOUR HEAD ON MY SHOULDER  
AND FROM THE DISTANT HILLS

COMES A SONG TO SING  
LIKE AN ANCIENT HYMN  
ABOUT THE LUCK YOUR LOVE CAN BRING  
CUZ I BELIEVE IN YOU AND ME  
AND THAT YOU SEE IS EVERYTHING

HEAR THE LARK  
SINGING IN THE PARK  
THAT SAME SWEET TUNE  
THAT'LL MAKE US SWOON  
LIKE THE FARMERS SAY  
YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW  
AND EVERYDAY  
I WATCH OUR LOVE GROW

NOW THE MERRY GO ROUND  
IS ABOUT TO START AGAIN  
WE COULD RIDE THE HORSES ONE MORE TIME  
AND IF YOU GET TIRED  
REST YOUR HEAD ON MY SHOULDER  
AND FROM THE DISTANT HILLS

COMES A SONG TO SING  
LIKE AN ANCIENT HYMN  
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### **3. MARYLEBONE**

MARYLEBONE

MARYLEBONE

WHY ARE YOU CALLING?

WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME SO CLEARLY?

WAS IT A DREAM

WASN'T WHAT IT SEEMED

WHEN YOU LIFTED ME

WHEN YOU LIFTED ME OUT OF THIS SCENE

### **4. ONLY HOPING**

I WAS ONLY HOPING FOR YOUR LOVE

I WAS ONLY SEARCHING FOR MY TURTLE DOVE

I WAS IN DENIAL YOU WERE KIND

I BROUGHT YOU TEA AND BISCUITS

YOU WANTED WINE

THEN IN THE NIGHT YOU CAME FOR ME

UNLOCKED MY CAGE AND SET ME FREE

BY THE MORNING I COULD FINALLY SEE

YOU WERE LIKE A FLOWER IN THE DESERT HEAT

I WAS A BLIND MIND ON A PILGRIMAGE

AND THERE BEFORE ME FINALLY

WAS THE BIG REVEAL

THE FEAR THAT YOU WOULD REJECT ME

FORCED ME TO CONCEAL

BUT LOVE IS NOT A THING TO FIND IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU FEEL

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## **5. GOLDEN HOUR**

NOW, NOW THAT YOUR OLDER  
YOU THOUGHT YOU TOLD HER  
EVERYTHING THAT'S IN YOUR HEART  
YES YOU, YOU MUST BE TENDER  
SUCH SUBTLE SURRENDER TO

THE GOLDEN HOUR  
THE GOLDEN HOUR  
THE GOLDEN HOUR

NOW, NOW THAT YOUR OLDER  
LET'S NOT GET COLDER  
BUT STAY YOUNG AT HEART  
YES YOU, YOU MUST BE TENDER  
SUCH SUBTLE SURRENDER TO

THE GOLDEN HOUR  
THE GOLDEN HOUR  
THE GOLDEN HOUR  
THE GOLDEN HOUR

## **6. MISSING YOU**

LET ME FEEL  
OH WON'T YOU LET ME FEEL  
WHAT IT'S LIKE  
TO SLEEP THROUGH THE NIGHT

CUZ BY NOW  
IT'S BEEN WEEKS OF TOSSING, TURNING, MISSING YOU  
STARING AT THE MIRROR FOR HOURS, IT'S TRUE  
AND HOW YOU USED TO LOVE ME  
BUT YOU'VE CHANGED SO WE'RE THROUGH

LET ME HEAL  
OH WON'T YOU LET ME HEAL

AND THEN REVEAL  
HOW I TRULY FEEL

CUZ BY NOW  
IT'S BEEN WEEKS OF TOSSING, TURNING, MISSING YOU  
STARING AT THE MIRROR FOR HOURS, IT'S TRUE  
AND HOW YOU USED TO LOVE ME  
BUT YOU'VE CHANGED SO WE'RE THROUGH

BY NOW  
IT'S BEEN WEEKS OF TOSSING, TURNING, MISSING YOU  
STARING AT THE MIRROR FOR HOURS, IT'S TRUE  
AND HOW YOU USED TO LOVE ME  
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AND HOW YOU USED TO LOVE ME  
BUT YOU'VE CHANGED SO WE'RE THROUGH  
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## **7. EMPIRE**

THE SUN WILL SET ON THE EMPIRE  
WHEN ALL OUR VOICES ARE ONE  
AND IN THE NEW DAWN WILL RING  
A MESSAGE WE CAN ALL SING

CUZ LIKE A SERPENT  
POWER CORRUPTS  
IT SLITHERS AND STRANGLES  
THE VOICE OF THE AGES  
AND FEEDS OFF THE LIES  
IN SUCH A DISGUISE

THE SONG WE'LL SING IN HARMONY  
IS NOT ONE WE'VE HEARD BEFORE  
IT MUST BE NEW  
IT MUST COME FROM YOU  
BOUND IN TWINE

AND WRAPPED IN A NEW GROOVE

CUZ LIKE A SERPENT  
POWER CORRUPTS  
IT SLITHERS AND STRANGLES  
THE VOICE OF THE AGES  
AND FEEDS OFF THE LIES  
IN SUCH A DISGUISE

## **8. PARADISE**

IF THERE'S A GOD  
THEN THERE'S A HELL  
BUT THERE'S A HEAVEN TO  
LOOK FORWARD TO  
AND TO THIS GOD  
I WOULD SAY  
THIS PARADISE YOU SPEAK OF  
I FOUND IT YESTERDAY  
OH IF EVERY MAN'S AN ISLAND  
THEN WHY IS MY HEART  
BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO  
OH WHEN TIME STANDS STILL  
WHEN I DON'T CRAVE SOMETHING NEW  
I THINK I'VE FOUND MY PARADISE

WITH YOU  
WITH YOU  
WITH YOU  
WITH YOU

OH I'M NOT A POET  
AND I'M NOT A PRIEST  
BUT AT LEAST I KNOW  
OUR LOVE WON'T COME AND GO

OH IF EVERY MAN'S AN ISLAND  
THEN WHY IS MY HEART  
BIG ENOUGH FOR TWO

OH WHEN TIME STANDS STILL  
WHEN I DON'T CRAVE SOMETHING NEW  
I THINK I'VE FOUND MY PARADISE

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### **9. FATHER TIME**

OH FATHER TIME  
LET ME TO TELL YOU A RHYME  
THAT YOU HAVEN'T HEARD BEFORE  
IT STARTS WITH A TWIST  
AND IT ENDS LIKE THIS  
DEATH DON'T SCARE ME NO MORE

OVER THE HILLS AND THE MOUNTAINS TOO  
ECHOED IN THE MARKET SQUARE  
I'VE HEARD IT SAID  
I'VE HEARD IT AGAIN AND AGAIN

DEATH DON'T SCARE ME  
DEATH DON'T SCARE ME  
DEATH DON'T SCARE ME NO MORE

OH FATHER TIME IT IS NO CRIME  
TO WANT TO LIVE FOREVER  
IT STARTS IN YOUTH AND IT ENDS IN TRUTH  
WE ALL WANT TO LIVE FOREVER

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ECHOED IN THE MARKET SQUARE  
I'VE HEARD IT SAID

I'VE HEARD IT AGAIN AND AGAIN

DEATH DON'T SCARE ME  
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OVER THE HILLS AND THE MOUNTAINS TOO  
ECHOED IN THE MARKET SQUARE  
I'VE HEARD IT SAID  
I'VE HEARD IT AGAIN AND AGAIN

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DEATH DON'T SCARE ME NO MORE

## **10. FACE TO FACE**

ONE DAY I'LL BUILD IT  
A MANSION FULL OF FLOWERS  
FOUR WALLS WITH NO EXITS  
EACH ROOM WITH A DIFFERENT HUE

STANDING FACE TO FACE  
STANDING FACE TO FACE

WILL YOU COME AND SEE ME  
THE WEATHER IS NICE IN JUNE  
WE COULD DANCE THROUGH PEDALS  
AND NAP ON DAFFODILS

STANDING FACE TO FACE  
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STANDING FACE TO FACE  
STANDING FACE TO FACE

WITH MY SHADOW  
WITH MY SHADOW

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WITH MY SHADOW

THIS IS A FLOWER SMILING  
THIS IS A GARDEN GREEN  
BUT IN THIS SCENE  
THE HOUSE IS A DRAWING IN MY MIND

STANDING FACE TO FACE  
STANDING FACE TO FACE  
STANDING FACE TO FACE  
STANDING FACE TO FACE

WITH MY SHADOW  
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