

Bernd's Lyrics for MotorPlanet

I don't seem to recall how we communicated before the the world wide web came up. Did we communicate at all? Life must have been quite awkward then...

Whatever! I had begun writing my own songs about ten years ago. And as happy I was with my lyrics as dissatisfied was I with my musical skill and performance. Therefore, I had begun to look out for partners to collaborate when I hit upon a post on an internet message board reading that a musician from a Bremerhaven rock band was looking for a partner who could write English lyrics for them. Holger and I have written about three dozen songs together since then.

I am really proud that I may contribute my lyrics to Holger's music. We may not have been successful as for making big bucks or gaining worldwide fame, but we have created great songs together that certainly stand out. "High enough" is still one of my all time favorites - note, favorites that include songs by the Who or the Rolling Stones. For me, Holger and MotorPlanet are in the same league.

Now, here is the collection of 36 lyrics I have written for Holger so far. Actually, I had written a few of these lyrics for myself first, and Holger eventually set them to music anew. "High enough", that I've just mentioned, is one of those. As for a few lyrics I am not really sure if Holger has actually completed the songs, or if MotorPlanet ever performed them. There are "the dragon", or "sudden silence" that I have never heard completed. I also included one text I have written with MotorPlanet in my mind that does not have a tune to it yet. It's called "burst mode" - I do hope that it will become yet another great MotorPlanet song sometime.

Let it rock!

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'bout you and me

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life was exciting, the world was re-born
just for you and me
though the past is history
it is still with me

don't know why we had to fight
and shouldn't get along
at times we were like cat and dog
there were times when we were full of hatred
times of misery
though the past is history
it is still with me

every day I feel
the time pass by
and how precious you're to me
and I realize
what life is all about
'tis 'bout you - 'bout you and me

we went through lows we went through heights
there was gay laughter there were angry cries
but we've stayed lovers, we've stayed friends
in the end - you see
though the past is history
it is still with me

every day I feel
the time pass by
and how precious you're to me
and I realize
what life is all about
'tis 'bout you - 'bout you and me

about living elsewhere

Starting a new life, ending the old -
that must be great, or so I am told.
Living for pleasure, living for fun,
basking my body in the southern sun.

In the mornings I would open my eyes
and ask myself what for and why.
In the evenings I would raise my glass.
Thus, void of meaning, days and nights pass.

The sea would take my thoughts away
whatever I think - lost in the spray.
My body would burn as would my soul,
the sun might be hot but I would feel cold.

At closer inspection my desire dries up.
I might get content with what I have got,
live in the present, blink into the sun.
Each new day means chances, friendship, and fun.

another way

I need music
and I need it loud
like to feel the bass drum
like to hear the crowd
wanna feel the beat
wanna feel my soul
don't mind the heat
I want Rock'n Roll

I want your body
and I want it now
there is no reason
to raise a brow

(it's) just another way of life

I need music
I need the band
I've made the guitar
my best friend
let's dare the devil
let's feel like Gods
let us play Rock and strike the ultimative chords

wanna run my hand
up your thigh
give me the chance to make you moan and make you cry

(it's) just another way of life

anybody here?

is there anybody here who's had one of these days where everything would go wrong?
have you messed up your job, made a fool of yourself, feeling that you don't belong?

let's forget for tonight
leave your worries behind
c'mon and join the band
let's have a good time

is there anybody here who's in deep waters, who's fallen on evil days?
is it money matters, are you out on the streets with no place you could stay?

let's forget for tonight
leave your worries behind
c'mon and join the band
let's have a good time

let's have some fun
raise your glass to Rock'n Roll
join in everyone
here's to Rock'n Roll

is there anybody here who's feeling blue for the first true love bein' gone?
are you grieving for the loss, are you pitying yourself being left alone?

let's forget for tonight
leave your worries behind
c'mon and join the band
let's have a good time

let's have some fun
raise your glass to Rock'n Roll
join in everyone
here's to Rock'n Roll

c'mon and join the band
let's have a good time
c'mon and join the gang
here's to Rock'n Roll

burst mode

strolling aimlessly
feeling some kind of vague agony
crying shamelessly
to the sounds of an urban symphony
tryin' to make some sense
desperate hope to find some sympathy
somehow you're too tense
to evoke a hint of empathy

now you're running in burst mode
driven by compulsive forces
you're running in burst mode
with the power of bolting horses
running in burst mode

you are quite confused
your imagination running wild
and you feel abused
as if you were a maltreated child
you can find no clues
how to rid your brain of the crap it's piled
you have no excuse
and no reason why you should feel riled

but you're running in burst mode
driven by compulsive forces
you're running in burst mode
with the power of bolting horses
running in burst mode

disasters may happen
in the course of tonight
though you can't think of
a reason to fight
disasters may happen

'cause you're running in burst mode
driven by compulsive forces
you're running in burst mode
with the power of bolting horses
running in burst mode

don't talk about love

don't talk about love
makin' me believe
that our love could work out
layin' in my arms
you'd take me in
make me forget all my doubts

each time you're here
I lose myself in you
and in my head I keep hearing
songs about joy
songs about happiness
songs about trust and love without end

don't talk about love
makin' me believe
I'd stand a chance with you, Babe
lookin' at me that way
you make me melt away again

each time you're here
I lose myself in you
and in my head I keep hearing
songs about joy
songs about happiness
songs about trust and love without end

stop teasing me, Babe
stop deceiving me, Babe
I'm no match for you

don't talk about love
makin' me believe
that your feelings were true
touchin' me that way
you'd take me in
leaving me with no clue

each time you're here
I lose myself in you
and in my head I keep hearing
songs about joy
songs about happiness
songs about trust and love without end

fairy

I saw you standing in the park by the creek
feeding the pigeons and the ducks
it was a scene, so full of love and peace
I felt a sudden sting of luck

I watched you dancing in the flick'ring laser beams
slim body 'gainst the flashing lights
an incarnation of my very private dreams
my fairy of the disco night

I wanna be by your side girl
be with you day and night
I wanna be by your side love
spend with you all my life

I saw you shopping in the bright city streets
you were all confidence and charm
would there be a chance for us to meet
(I) fancied you lyin' in my arm

I wanna be by your side girl
be with you day and night
I wanna be by your side love
spend with you all my life

gonna get my share

when I was born the promise was
a life in pleasure, a life in lust
when I was born I could well expect
sharin' all your riches, having your respect

I'm gonna get my share
I don't know how or where
I'm gonna get my share

you try to have me work after sending me to school,
making me your slave, but I'm nobody's fool
I won't just go working till my back is bent,
till I'm sick and tired, and close to my own end

I'm gonna get my share
I don't care how and where
I'm gonna get my share

(I) won't have the moral lessons of you hypocrites
defending your own riches, denying me my rights
what I earn in a year the boss grabs in a day,
but there will come a time we're doin' it my way

I'm gonna get my share
I don't know how or where
I'm gonna get my share

high enough

pot smokers become giggly
tend to do stupid things
some always become horny
others grow themselves wings

they are high enough to laugh
they are high enough to cry
they are high enough to jump - and fly

young lovers climbed the hills
he fumbled at her bra
enjoying the first time's thrills
they marvelled at the stars

they were far enough away
they were close enough to the sky
they were high enough to jump - and fly

young banker'd got a hot tip
put all his means at stake
this time it was the bears
he noted it too late

he winced of desperation
he'd really lost it all
got up the highest building
preparing for the fall

it was high enough to fear
it was high enough to try
it was high enough to jump - and die

how does it feel?

How does it feel to live in dirt and filth?
How does it feel to have a drunken mother?
How does it feel to have the rats as pets?
How does it feel if you don't know your father?

Each day the dice are thrown anew,
each day the cards are dealt again.
Who'd take your chances if not you?
If you're not lucky - try again!

How is it eating from a silver dish?
How does it feel when you're the best at school?
How does it feel when you get all you wish
and everything's falling in your lap?

Each day the dice are thrown anew,
each day the cards are dealt again.
Yesterday's winners may be today's fools.
But who could keep you from tryin' again?

I want my money back

you went shopping - I paid the bills
the price never played a role
well - yeah
you did not give a 'damn
but I
want my money back

outstanding debts keep worrying me still
your wishes were like a black hole
well - yeah
you did not give a 'damn
I
want my money back

the latest trends, the latest fashion
up-marked brands were your passion
well
you kept exhausting my means

when you left I was broke
you just ruined me at a stroke
well
you sure exhausted my means

when you were gone you only left debts
costs of my desperate love
well - yeah
you did not give a 'damn
but I
want my money back

if you can't pay you could come back
I'd have invested in love
well - yeah
for money I don't give a 'damn
I
want my Baby back

I want you back

turning a blind eye to your affair
made it look like I didn't care
I was afraid to lose you
what could I do
I ran around with blinders
so I did not have to see
I need no reminder
the blame's on me

what does he have that I don't
what does he do that I won't
why don't you talk it out with me
why didn't you open my eyes
why not give us a chance
why do you stick to your lies
and your romance

I want you back
want you back
now and here
I want you back
I want you back
now and here

I know you used to mess around
now you have got me on the ground
and I still love you
what can I do
why do you say it's over
why do you say there's no choice
why can't we stay together
don't I have a voice

I want you
I want you
I want you back
I want you back
want you back
now and here

what does he have that I don't
...

I want you back
want you back
now and here
I want you back
I want you back
now and here

I want you
I want you
I want you back
I want you
I want you
I want you back

Joan is dead

first there were rumours
people were talking
some facts, some details
merged with their lying

no chance to fight back once you're gone
no-one will listen when you're dumb
no places left were you belong
your truth surrendered to the scum

Joan is dead
as to her reason there's no clue
Joan is dead
just leaving questions, doubts, and views

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first they were crying
some screamed, some wailed
some tried denying
to no avail

no way to comfort those you've left
no-one will listen when you're dumb
they have to suffer and they'll cry
until their grief is overcome

Joan is dead
as to her reason there's no clue
Joan is dead
she's left the world out of the blue

Joan is dead
Joan is dead
as to her reason there's no clue
she's left the world out of the blue

keep rockin'

get up, folks, jump up and join the party
leave your seats and troubles way behind
jump up, folks, and shake your lazy bodies
don't let worries occupy your mind
get dancing
dancing
keep dancing
keep on dancing
leave your seats and troubles way behind
don't let worries occupy your mind

if you fear the future - here's the present
let your soul and body feel the beat
let's dance and let's be living for the moment
come on, let the music move your feet
get dancing
dancing
keep dancing
keep on dancing
let your soul and body feel the beat
come on, let the music move your feet

keep on rocking till the joint is shaking
have fun, keep on dancing through the night
ignore complaints about the noise we're making
we'll be rocking till the first daylight
get rocking
rocking
keep rocking
keep on rocking
have fun, keep on dancing through the night
we'll be rocking till the first daylight

last night (let's forget it)

the air was hot and the drinks were cool
she was so young, she still goes to school
the music and the humming made our mind spin
there was this sparkle in her eyes, and the touch of her skin

there was no intention - there just was the night
in seclusion we danced, and dim was the light
the music was loud and we danced a lot
she lay in my arms and our bodies got hot

we were so close, and there was no restraint
I am a man, I'm not a saint
I have my faults, that I concede
but it's you who I love, you're the woman I need

no reason to worry or for starting a row
yesterday's passed, and we live here and now
let's try to forget it and bury the past
'cause you're who I love and our love should last

lesson learned

I don't know how she could tell
I had hidden all the clues
might have been some faint smell
no idea what I can do

is this fair?
is this
how a lesson's learnt?
lesson's learnt

I had felt so good those days
since I'd fallen in love with you
but our fate has its own ways
it does not matter what we do

I'm losing her - that I have learned
as I have lost you before
when your boyfriend had returned
we'd known there'd be no more

is this fair?
is this
how a lesson's learnt?
lesson's learnt

I had felt so good those days
since I'd fallen in love with you
but our fate has its own ways
it does not matter what we do

is this fair?
is this
how a lesson's learned?

like the first time

I met this girl who simply shattered my whole world
I can't think straight,
I can't stop thinking 'bout this girl

it's just like the first time

I feel awkward, shy, and nervous when I meet her eyes
my mood jumps from the bottom up to unknown heights

my life's turned upside down
she drives me crazy

just like it was the first time
- my heart keeps racing
just like it was the first time
- what am I facing?

my settled life
is goin' to ruins
my kids and wife -
boy, what shall I do?
she's gone to my head
what can I do?
boy, she drives me mad

just like it was the first time

she drives me crazy

just like it was the first time
my heart keeps racing
what am I facing?

she drives me crazy, boy

lost love

my life was your life
as your life was mine
we stuck together
two birds of a feather
through thick and thin, o'er heights and through the lows

maybe we were too close
left each other no room
to breathe and to grow
strengths and foibles to show
always together, no things that we did on our own

hard to believe it now
hard to believe it now
I can't believe it now
how and why we've drifted apart
how what once was warmth and care
love, devotion, faith, and trust
over the years should have been lost

my heart was your heart
as your heart was mine
sharing hopes, sharing dreams
sharing views and beliefs
through thick and thin, if our path was rough or smooth

but what was caring
became a constraint
we got trapped in our love
chained to each other
our closeness got stifling, the tension was killing our love

I can see clearly now
I can see clearly now
I can see clearly now
how and why we've drifted apart
how what once was warmth and care
love, devotion, faith, and trust
over the years would have been lost

I can see clearly now ...

love on the dance floor

we got to leave the places we find unforgiving
got to look ahead and take another chance
we got to bury the dead so there's room for the living
got to tear down the walls so there is room to dance

we got to find the joint where the crowd is rocking
got to find the place where it's fun to live
we're goin' to have parties till the birds are mocking
'cause our time on earth will be gone in a whiff

now you
give me the eye
make me feel high
make me feel like
making love right on the dance floor

we won't leave the world to bores and politicians
or trust war-mad gen'ral's with our lives -
we'd rather have a dancing competition
leave 'em to themselves and to their strifes

now you
give me the eye
make me feel high
make me feel like
making love right on the dance floor

mother

Mother, Mother, don't remind me of the hardship
of that run-down place
that we called home

a beat-up mother, and her children crying
a life with no hope
and nights alone

I know
that you know
that I feel
I've done right

a desperate dream of a life worth living
no threats, no bruises
no cuts, no fear

with help, and comfort, and forgiving
and no boozier
me must call 'Dad'

I know
that you know
that I feel
I've done right

every day
cryin' myself to sleep
- there had to be a way out

Mother, Mother, do believe me
where's no judge there
is no crime

just some useless man's life wasted
where no one would
give a Dime

you know
that I know
that you feel
I've done right

a life to gain -
freedom doesn't come cheap
- sure there was a way out

motor planet

each tough driver dreams of a place
where they're having the perpetual race
no traffic lights and no speed limit
sure there's no room for the shy and timid

you will get there but you cannot plan it
you're always welcome to the motor planet

drive on ..

much better than the heavenly choir
is the sound of the continuous roar
tuned-up cars and stylish bikes
pushed to their limits till the motor strikes

you will get there but you cannot plan it
you're always welcome to the motor planet

ride on ..
me and my gang used to fill the air
with our engines' roar and gasoline smell
on our road to heaven or the highway to hell
though I cannot say that we really cared

you're the speed kings till your cars are wrecked
you'd risk a crash - never mind your neck
get prepared for the final race
heading from earth to the outer space

you will get there but you cannot plan it
you're always welcome to the motor planet
drive on ..

need your love tonight

had a bad day at the office
everything went wrong
guess who they would blame?
I'll quit before long

rather be unemployed
than playin' their fool
got to find a better place
and keep my cool

Oh, I need your love tonight
we both will make things right
Oh, I need your love tonight
we could turn dark to light
you're the stronghold of my life
the best I've done was making you my wife

things weren't better on my way home
got into the traffic jam
next the car broke down
but I don't give a damn

it was one of these days
to drive you insane
when I walked home it started
to rain

Oh, I need your love tonight
we both will make things right
Oh, I need your love tonight
we could turn dark to light
you're the stronghold of my life
the best I've done was making you my wife

Oh, I need your love tonight ...

on the move

seven months on the road
trees and buildings passed by
seven months on the move
only living for the nights

losing my sense for the daytime
no longer seeing my old friends
I'm the slave of this business
like being lost in some foreign land

seven months on the move

left a woman behind
at some place of the past
make a friend here and there
but no love that could last

this kind of living's hard to take
could not stand it much more
something has got to change
got to find me some shore

seven months on the road
lives and friendships passed by
seven months on the move
only living for the nights

on the road

I'm on the road
it's getting dark now
must have driven many hours
no destiny,
no destination
but I'm on my way.
though I really cannot say
what I'm looking for
I'm on the road

I'm leaving home,
left you behind
for nor reason I could give
all I can say
is that I had to -
to find my own way.
though I really cannot say
what I am looking for
I'm on the road

I'm on the road
the day's dawning.
break at a trucker's stop
I do not care
what I am having
but I become aware
that the young girl who waits on me 's
what I am looking for
I'm on the road.

sod it

you say that my friends are bad company
you say my friends ain't good enough for you

sod it!
you ain't tellin' me what I got to do
sod it!
you ain't tellin' me who to see

you say I've got to change for you
all I can say's: "no way!"

I'm living my life my way (- yeah)
and I won't compromise
gonna do my own thing anyway (-yeah)
I won't apologize

sod it!
you're not gonna change my way
sod it!
or accept that my friends are okay

I ain't gonna change for you
neither now nor here

soon I'll be there

I'd watched you from the hotel bar
you'd been waiting - he didn't show
we just talked, I saw you to your car and you

winked at me,
smiled at me

somehow you've got into my dreams
I close my eyes to see your face
does me good just like sun beams -
must find you -
so I can see you

smile at me,
wink and smile at me
yeah

soon I'll be there
soon I'll be there
soon I'll be there
soon I'll be there

I try hard to figure out some way
to find out where you may be living
I'm quite certain there will come a day
when I'll find you
to see

you smile at me

I don't have a clue where you may be
you might live next door or be very close
even if you're far away from me
I'll find you
I'll find you to see you

wink at me and
smile at me
yeah

soon I'll be there
soon I'll be there
soon I'll be there
soon I'll be there

still missing you

I see your face like it was yesterday
sometimes I think I feel your skin -
soothing tricks played by my memory

I see you when I close my eyes
I hear you when I shut my ears
I feel you in my lonesome dreams at night

the gentle words you once spoke to me
I used to hear, I used to love -
I still recall them in my memory

I see you when I close my eyes
I hear you when I shut my ears
I feel you in my lonesome dreams at night

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I hear you when I shut my ears
I feel you in my lonesome dreams at night

I see you when I close my eyes
I hear you when I shut my ears
I feel you in my lonesome dreams at night

sudden silence

there were angry shouts
there was a shriek
sudden silence
in the night
went back to sleep
in the calm
after the violence
of the night

saw the item
on the front-page news
the next day
close to my place
they'd found a body
they've got no witness
is what they say
and not a trace

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the dragon

a cruise missile lead by GPS
cluster bombs leave scattered body parts
the high-tech war's transmitted on TV
destroying homes, breaking bones, and breaking hearts

a noble knight sets off to fight the evil beast
a fiery dragon who is spewing flames
slaying dragons' (is) what the hero's living for
it's for the honour, it's for the Gods, and to impress the dames

what I do learn, and what I see -
is breaking me - can't you see?

a kid is lying in a hospital bed
having lost a leg and his best friend -
the friendly dragon of his childhood dreams
is this the way, is this the way that good and evil end?

what I do learn, and what I see -
is breaking me - can't you see?

who are the good ones, who's evil - how can you decide?
don't want to witness this carnage - I want the dragon alive!

what I do learn, and what I see -
is breaking me - can't you see?
it's breaking me, yeah - can't you see?

the end of our love

this is the end of our love, Babe
can't you see, something's gone wrong
with our love and
with our lives
it's over
it's over

nobody else could break my heart like this
no way out - no cure for our souls
it's over
it's over

what have we done to our love
ruining our lives beyond bearing
how come we missed the first signs
wasting the time we were sharing

all our dreams were shattered in the course
of our love - we've buried all our hopes
it's over
it's over

nobody else could break my heart like this
no way out - no cure for our souls
it's over
it's over

what have we done to our love
ruining our lives beyond bearing
how come we missed the first signs
wasting the time we were sharing
this is the end of our love, Babe

the same old place

well,
watch the boys cruise the neighbourhood
searching for a hot spot
wearing their cool, weekend-special look
no idea where to go ,though

but I
know what to do
I know where to go
to the same old place where I
once met you

well,
watch the girls getting all dolled up
they're looking real hot
little sweeties - all dressed-up
but nowhere to go

but I
know what to do
I know where to go
to the same old place where I
once met you

watch all this fussing and buzzing
like ants being lost
like all their heads have gone muzzy
with no place to go

but I
know what to do
I know where to go
to the same old place where I
once met you
to the same old place where I
once met you

tiger in a cage

another Friday
another weekend lies ahead
another Friday
one of these days I've come to dread
hangin' 'round with brother boredom

she's gone for good now
said I could stuff my sympathy
so in my spare time
all that is left to do for me
get pissed and throw a tantrum

I am feeling churned up
I'm feeling turned on
I waver between
lust and rage

I am feeling churned up
I'm feeling turned on
I feel like a tiger
in a cage

look at the chicks now
no single girl without her bloke
a smile can cause a row
their blokes are easily provoked
you may have to knock 'em down first

she's gone for good now
said I could stuff my sympathy
so in my spare time
all that is left to do for me
got to find for what I thirst

I am feeling churned up - so confused
I'm feeling turned on
I waver between
lust and rage

I am feeling churned up
I'm feeling turned on
I feel like a tiger
in a cage

torn down

no way we could get along
both our minds were much too strong
caught up in our power games
heading for quite different aims

simple as that

I wish I had understood
that our break-up was for good
I wish I had understood
and had done all I could

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and I'm longing for the past .. and I
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what would you think?

when I was away
you kept messing about
hoping I would not find out
you two-timing bitch
weren't you a clever witch?

so what would you think now
if you knew that I've known,
that I have seen through you
since long ago?

you slept with my best friend
and lied to my face
thought you were holding the ace
you two-timing bitch
weren't you a clever witch?

so what would you think now
if you knew that I've known,
that I have seen through you
since long ago?

you think that you've fooled me
now you're letting me down
thinking I'd look like a clown
you two-timing bitch
weren't you a clever witch?

why don't you love me?

when I first saw you I fell in love -
that was the end of me!
I'd give you everything I've got
to see you pleased.

but you don't love me!
why don't you love me?

booked a fitness course, got my body shaped -
massive chest and all
looked like Rambo in his better days,
muscular and tall

but you don't love me!
why don't you love me?

whatever I tried was in vain!

next I had my nose and nipples pierced
and dressed up all in chains
looked pretty weird and very fierce -
it was all in vain.

'cause you don't love me!
why don't you love me?

bought fancy shoes with platform soles
and wore nice frilled shirts
tried out all kinds of different roles
but one thing hurts:

you still don't love me!
why don't you love me?

whatever I tried's been in vain!

what else is there - that I could try
how could I conquer you?

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you can't see the light

somehow you've managed
getting on with your life
though everything you've ever tried
would go wrong
reality never would fit
with your dreams
waiting for some miracle
you're hopes are hung high

but you can't see the light - oh yeah

when you look at a girl
you dream of a queen
when you're given a chance
you're shy of seizing it
you'd rather stick to your dreams
and your fantasy
waiting for some miracle
you're hopes are hung high

but you can't see the light

it's 'bout time to start living
in the world we all share
for the world of your fancies
no-one would care
leave your hideout
come into the sun
waiting for some miracle
you're hopes are hung high

but you can't see the light
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