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# TAKING OFF



## SIDE ONE

### CRYSTAL BALLS

I got my hand up the skirt of Mother Nature  
I got my foot in the door of liberty  
I got my head stuck in the railings of reason  
Thank God for the Banjo on my knee.

Crystal balls,  
To Fortune-Tellers  
Reveal a swarm of what-will-be's  
All in all  
Like clocks and watches  
We got time on our hands and destinies

I've heard the squeal of tyres around a corner  
I've broken down and I've been towed  
I've seen everything I ever hoped and  
dreamed for  
Squashed like a hedgehog in the road

Crystal balls etc.

Just give me wide open spaces and clean-  
living  
As long as I've a banjo to pluck  
I'll sing to the cactus and coyotes  
Hipperty-Hi, Hipperty-Ho, Que Sera.

Crystal Balls etc.

### CATCH PHRASE

I wanna catch-phrase  
I wanna start a craze  
I wanna gimmick  
I wanna hit  
I'm just a poor boy  
With a song and a smile  
And not just another  
Shallow entertainer  
I'm a clean-cut  
Boy-next-door  
A-tellin' what I know is true  
I wanna catch phrase  
I wanna start a craze  
I wanna make love to you.

Burn, Baby, burn,  
Shake, Baby, shake,  
One foot on the gas  
And one foot on the brake  
An eye for an eye  
And a tooth for a tooth  
A Poet for a lie  
And a clown for the truth.

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### GOD IS LOVE

I stepped into a bar  
for a drink or two.  
I was feeling lonely,  
and as the feeling grew,  
I ordered same again,  
'til I heard Nature call,  
and through a door marked 'Men'  
I found written on the wall;  
'God is Love.'

Next to a naked lady,  
and some parts of a man was written,  
'God is Love.'

The message seemed so simple  
I stared in disbelief,  
could it be some wisdom  
had come to my relief?  
Was the Son of God, a man among men?  
Or which of the apostles  
had owned a ballpoint pen?  
God is Love,  
God is Love,  
Like the joke that says the future of mankind  
is in your hand,  
'God is Love.'

Love is never easy.  
Love is hard to find.  
And just as hard to keep  
as an open mind.  
So somehow I felt sorry  
for that unknown 'Patron Saint'  
whose words would soon be martyred  
by a fresh coat of paint;  
'God is Love,'  
'God is Love'  
In a temple or a toilet,  
in a bed or in a bar,  
'God is Love.'

### RANDY RAQUEL

No one can see me or hear me  
I'm all alone in my room  
No one can touch me or hurt me  
As I prepare my balloon  
Naked and bare  
Realistic hair  
Taking great care  
I breathe in the air;

Randy Raquel  
I think you're swell  
My sweet inflatable you  
You never say no  
or come and go  
You're always faithful and true  
Fantastic dream  
Elastic and cream  
Plastic and steam  
Spastic supreme  
Randy Raquel

### SHANGRI-LA

Did you ever get the feeling  
That the truth is less revealing  
Than a downright lie?  
And did you think your head was hip  
To certain things it's not equipped  
To qualify?

All day long the sky is blue  
And everyone agrees with you  
In Shangri-La  
Every day's a perfect day  
And you can go your own sweet way  
In Shangri-La

In Shangri-La, in Shangri-La,  
You can be whoever you are  
In Shangri-La.

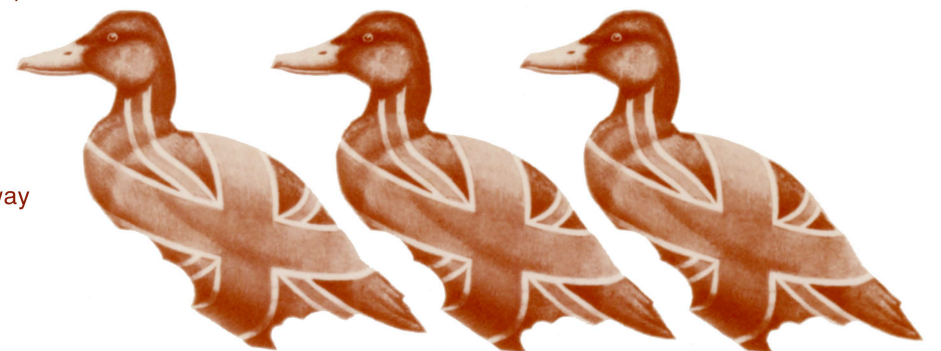
Investment with a good return  
Provides the means through which we earn  
Our daily bread  
Insisting on an equal cut  
Some people even bust a gut  
To stay ahead.

All day long the sky is blue  
And no one has a lot to do  
In Shangri-La.

It's a strange world we live in  
And surely we're forgiven  
If we don't know where to turn  
With Paradise for hire  
On the back streets of desire  
We all live and learn.

All day long the sky is blue  
And everyone's in love with you  
In Shangri-La  
Lovers dance and children sing  
And everybody does their thing  
In Shangri-La.

In Shangri-La, in Shangri-La,  
You can be whoever you are  
In Shangri-La.





## SIDE TWO

### DRAMA ON A SATURDAY NIGHT

Bella was a beauty Queen  
One of a kind  
She couldn't get ambition off her mind  
She entered every contest  
From Redcar to Penzance  
She entered anywhere she stood a chance  
Then one day, way down yonder  
In Shanklin, Isle of Wight,  
She became a big name overnight  
She was placed above the rest  
The winner's sash across her breast  
She wept with joy, she kissed the crown  
She was the toast of her home town;

Drama on a Saturday night  
A story of human emotion  
Love is as shallow as people  
And as deep as the ocean.

She posed for Sunday papers  
Wearing nothing but a smile  
She took 'em off while putting on the style  
She soon became the sweetheart  
Of a playboy millionaire  
Who bought her clothes and took her  
everywhere  
They were married in Las Vegas  
She said solemnly 'I do'  
Amidst T.V. cameras and Yankee Ballyhoo  
Bella frequented the night club scene  
As befits an ex-beauty Queen  
She took to drink while her playboy played  
And so it was their love decayed

Drama on a Saturday night etc.

Bella got a gun  
Bella shot him dead  
He died instantly the Coroner said  
And so behind dark glasses  
Bella hid her eyes  
It's unsightly when a woman cries  
Just who was to blame  
The Press would soon find out  
But as it was, the Jury had no doubt  
The verdict was guilty  
The Judge had no choice  
He said 'You get life'  
In a serious voice  
But Bella just laughed  
And tearfully said,  
'Oh what a joke, I've always been dead!'

Drama on a Saturday night etc.

### DREAMS SHINE THROUGH

An old man lay dying beneath cold city skies  
An ominous look in his derelict eyes  
The moment of death, for him had no sting  
His soul had the power to grant him one thing  
So he said:  
'Let my dreams shine through,  
Let my dreams shine through.'

Pasing nearby was a shiny black car  
In the front a chauffeur, in the back a cigar  
That lit up the face of a middle-aged man  
Who bought and sold stock like nobody can,  
And he said:

'Let my dreams shine through,  
Let my dreams shine through.'

Close by, two young lovers were getting it on  
And of all the positions they knew every one  
And after they'd tried every trick in the book  
He lay on the bed with a faraway look,  
Thinking:  
'Let my dreams shine through,  
Let my dreams shine through.'

Not far away was another big car  
This time, in the back, was a rock and roll star  
And that night at the concert the fans all went  
wild  
As he strummed his guitar and sang through  
his smile  
Singing:  
'Let my dreams shine through,  
Let my dreams shine through.'

Well, the fans went home happy, and so did  
the Star  
Likewise the young lovers, and the man in  
the car  
But as the old man turned over and died  
For the moment all the others felt cold  
And empty, inside.

### BUSY DAY

Feeling cosy, safe as houses,  
Sitting in her easy chair  
Watching T.V., sipping whisky,  
In her see-through underwear;  
She lights a cigarette  
The room is much too hot  
She opens up the window  
Showing all she's got:

Feeling restless, and upset,  
She slides a hand between her thighs  
She doesn't see him  
She doesn't hear him  
He takes her by surprise;  
He throws himself upon her  
Pins her to the floor  
She moans in sudden pleasure  
'Give me more, give me more.'

Headlights in the driveway  
Footsteps down the hall  
'Is anybody home?'  
She hears her husband call  
He finds her in the kitchen  
With his dinner on a tray  
And as she takes his coat and hat  
He says he's had a busy day.

### THREE PIECE SUITE

Two armchairs and a sofa  
Make our world complete  
We just bought a brand new  
Three piece suite  
It matches the curtains  
And the walnut veneer  
The hire purchase  
Will finish in a year, or two;

Eating Chinese pizza  
And staring into space

We are so very lucky  
To have a nice place  
Decent next-door neighbours  
With similar values  
Throwing weekend parties  
With lots and lots of booze.

### LA VIE EN ROSE

Such a cold, cold morning  
The wind against my face  
No special feeling,  
Just a sleepless night to taste,  
Never had so many memories to waste  
Oh Oh, La Vie En Rose.

Such a girl can make you  
And then you wonder why,  
When in the morning  
You find a way to say goodbye  
But did it have to take all night  
To kiss away each lie?  
Oh Oh, La Vie En Rose.

When love is new  
The stars are in your eyes  
When love is new  
The world is in disguise  
When love is new  
You take any chance,  
But love is friendship,  
Much more than romance.

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The wind against my face  
No special feeling  
Just a sleepless night to taste  
Never had so many memories to waste  
Oh Oh, La Vie En Rose.

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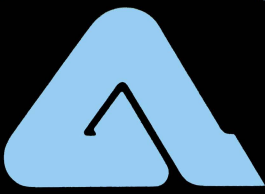
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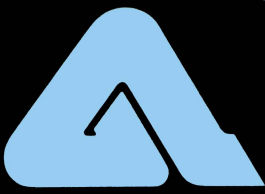
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