

**ESGAZETTE: OPT OUT**-----  
**1. OUR HOUR**  
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Forever  
 You're running on adrenalin and so  
 You have to let the whole lot go  
 Sometimes need to slow and consider

Go steady  
 Everybody's shotgun ready  
 The consequences never seen  
 'Til they hit you in the head and happen

Our hour  
 We might never get forever  
 We might only see this hour

Our hour  
 Deep red cloud is blowing  
 The sky falls open starts snowing  
 Everybody go inside

This time  
 So afraid that it's not mine  
 It carries on a ceaseless line  
 It's going there even if you're staying

Our hour  
 Window with a view that far  
 A beacon on a distant tower  
 And everywhere is white with snow

That's better  
 I love it when all comes down  
 There's nothing that you should be doing

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**2. MORE OR LESS**  
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How much can a poor soul take  
 Test the patience of a saint  
 Struggling here for heaven's sake  
 Faced with all these things to do

Thunder booms and lightning flash  
 Hurricane spinning 'round  
 We can feel that strong wind blow

Lifting from the ground

Don't everybody  
 That's anybody anybody's guess  
 That's evidently ask anybody if they ever rest  
 Don't anybody know everybody  
 Is more or less  
 Nobody's body or mind in body  
 Can take that stress

I might reach my breaking point  
 Come crashing to the ground  
 The straw that broke the camel's back  
 The cup that overflowed

No time to think can't concentrate  
 Can't hear a word you say  
 Can't take all this stuff at once  
 Its getting in the way

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 That's anybody anybody's guess  
 That's evidently ask anybody if they ever rest  
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**3. PART HUMAN**  
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And that force that keeps it moving  
 And something it keeps it right  
 And when the word is said  
 And all the world has gone  
 Then there's still something remaining  
 All those animals seem like magic  
 How they find their way around  
 And when the word is said  
 And all the world has gone  
 Then there's still something remaining

*spoken:*

Scales start growing and I take that leap  
 Woke up human from a reptile sleep  
 Enter the water and I start to swim  
 Fins start growing as an extra limb

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**4. GAMES AND RULES**  
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You hit me with a storm  
 I'm turned into a wreck  
 I'm thrown up on an island  
 Don't know where I'm at

No formula explains  
 The rules to all these games  
 Just happened to be in this place  
 And to its laws I'm bound

You might want a heaven  
 You might want escape  
 Like the flower children  
 On that videotape

In some ways I'm a baby  
 I just have to trust  
 Like the other billions  
 Finding as needs must

Pretending that it's nature  
 That's the way it goes  
 Strangely disregarding  
 That it's a big construct

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**5. PSYCHE**  
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I don't know how and I don't know when  
 And I don't know who you think you are  
 And you try it on and it feels too good  
 Like you hit the spot that you knew you could

And I wont give up and I'll always try  
 Try not to lie try not to

Watching it all rush way  
 Drawn down the river of my life  
 Walking a path in the night  
 Braving extremes of weather

Well I don't feel sad though I sometimes do  
 That it all just goes when it took so long  
 But what I see it's not defined  
 Like a simple line or a logo sign

Watching it all rush way  
 Drawn down the river of my life  
 Walking a path in the night  
 Braving extremes of weather

Everything I heard and studied  
 All that I made or found  
 It wanted to make a mountain  
 But turned to dust on the ground

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**6. CEREMONY**  
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Ceremony to remember  
 How you got here  
 Glad to meet  
 Ceremony take a seat  
 Its all in colour it's all sweet

It's the house of the broken  
 In a dream by the sea  
 There's a slow candle burning  
 And a powdering of frost  
 There's the fading reception  
 There's a wave coming down

Ceremony to remember  
 How you got here  
 Glad to meet  
 Ceremony take a seat  
 Its all in colour it's all sweet  
 Faint odour of juniper  
 In a garden off the street  
 A pergola your retreat  
 Where the flowers come to eat

It's the house of the broken  
 In a dream by the sea

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**7. BORROWED SCENERY**  
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*instrumental track*

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**8. ONE WAY**  
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Think I've found a gap in time

A little hole through which to climb  
 Everything changes on the other side  
 So hold your breath and take the ride

I'll meet you there, we'll pick a date  
 Our only chance so don't be late

We go back to that lovely summer  
 At a time like no other

It all comes back like it's here today  
 I can see your face but you've gone away  
 In my head never far away

Can't look back 'cause its just one way  
 You thought you'd found another way  
 It goes so quick life in a day

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**9. EXIT SIGN**  
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It got to me tonight  
 What's wrong you say  
 That look that stare  
 I'm not sure that you're there

It starts to show  
 It goes interminably slow  
 There seems no way  
 No exit sign leading away

I wish I'd said  
 Be careful with my head  
 Things you say  
 For days go over and over again  
 Can't stop no pause  
 It plays over and over in my head  
 You say I did  
 I'm doing it again

I try to speak  
 but no I feel too weak  
 I'm sure that change will come  
 It leaves me when its done  
 I feel confined  
 I've lost I've lost the exit sign  
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**10. BACKWOODS**  
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Now's the time to get away  
 Did my best but it's not working  
 See the wood and see the trees  
 Overall and all the detail  
 I just need nowhere to go  
 Still not sure just how I'll get there

I'll be up to greet the day  
 It's a place where birdsong wakes me  
 In the air where skies are grown  
 And there's not so many people  
 Walk a path beside the sea  
 Curlew calls and rabbits running  
 Sunset rainbow moon and stars  
 We all get to see them sometime

I was looking where to be  
 And I'd like to take you with me  
 For a day or evermore  
 I think that it's time to go now

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**11. TOPAZ**  
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You were rediscovered  
 You were marked by stones  
 Dust off the remains  
 While digging up your bones

Took my Total Station  
 Made myself a map  
 Something surprising to unwrap

They called you Topaz  
 They don't know much  
 'Cept you was holding  
 A jewel in your clutch

During excavation  
 Beneath the aqueduct  
 Make again the body  
 Build and reconstruct

They called you Topaz  
 They don't know much  
 'Cept you was holding

A jewel in your clutch

A woman and her husband  
Take the dogs to walk  
Always at the same time  
Down Park Avenue at dark

They call you Topaz  
You walk the streets  
But you don't mean no harm  
If you ever meet

All of it forgotten  
I'd just taken what I'd got  
Everybody likes a story  
Like it to be true  
None of them compare  
To the tale of me and you

In love - in love

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**12. BLACKBIRD-15 BLACKBIRD-10**  
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Inspector Thomas at the station  
Called him out at midnight  
Thorough investigation  
With little pens of light  
We got communication  
A message from the boss  
They've stolen his computer  
They made off with his phone  
Packed him in a suitcase  
And tied it with a stone  
A taxi in the lay-by  
Two figures in the back  
A suitcase on a car roof  
Tied up on the rack

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**13. INTO THE SUNSET**  
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I've just made my perfect ending  
All complete this conceit  
There you are that missing piece  
It all makes sense to me now

I suspend my disbelief  
To climb in underneath  
There's no hero no device  
No unnecessary sacrifice  
To make this paradise

In love - in love

I never saw you happen  
I think I lost the plot