

Arlo McKinley – *This Mess We're In Credits*

I Don't Mind

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums: Ken Coomer

Wurlitzer: Rick Steff

Acoustic Guitar: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitar: Will Sexton

Fiddle: Jessie Munson

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocal: Arlo McKinley

BGV: Reba Russell

City Lights

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums/Percussion: Ken Coomer

Piano/Organ/Mellotron : Rick Steff

Acoustic Guitar/ Electric Guitar/ 12 String: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitar/ Baritone Guitar: Will Sexton

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocal: Arlo McKinley

Back Home

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums/Percussion: Ken Coomer

Pianos/ Organ : Rick Steff

Acoustic Guitar/ Mellotron: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitar: Will Sexton

Fiddle: Jessie Munson

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocal: Arlo McKinley

Vocal: Logan Halstead

Stealing Dark From the Night Sky

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums: Ken Coomer

Piano/ Wurlitzer/Organ: Rick Steff

Acoustic Guitar: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitar: Will Sexton

Fiddle: Jessie Munson

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocal: Arlo McKinley

To Die For

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums/ Percussion: Ken Coomer

Piano/ Organ: Rick Steff

Electric Guitars/Baritone Guitar/ Mellotron: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitars: Will Sexton

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocal: Arlo McKinley

Dancing Days

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums/Percussion: Ken Coomer

Piano/ Organ/ Wurlitzer: Rick Steff

Acoustic Guitar/Electric Guitars: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitars: Will Sexton

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocal: Arlo McKinley

This Mess We're In

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums/Percussion: Ken Coomer

Piano/ Organ/ Mellotron: Rick Steff

Electric Guitars: Will Sexton

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Vocal: Arlo McKinley

Rushintherug

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums: Ken Coomer

Piano/ Organ: Rick Steff

Acoustic Guitar/Electric Guitars: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitars: Will Sexton

Fiddle: Jessie Munson

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocals Arlo McKinley

I Wish I

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums: Ken Coomer

Piano/ Organ: Rick Steff

Acoustic Guitar/Electric Guitars: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitars: Will Sexton

Fiddle: Jessie Munson

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocal: Arlo McKinley

Where You Want Me

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums/Percussion: Ken Coomer

Piano/Organ: Rick Steff

Acoustic Guitar/Electric Guitar/ 12 String Guitar: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitars: Will Sexton

Fiddles: Jessie Munson

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocal: Arlo McKinley

BGV: Reba Russell

Here's to the Dying

Bass: Dave Smith

Drums/Percussion: Ken Coomer

Piano/ Organ/ Wurlitzer: Rick Steff

Acoustic Guitar/Electric Guitars: Matt Ross-Spang

Electric Guitars: Will Sexton

Acoustic Guitar/ Vocal: Arlo McKinley

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This Mess We're In - Lyrics

I Don't Mind

I don't care where you are coming from
I guarantee that I'm as high right now as you were once
And I don't mind
No, I don't mind
No, I don't mind anymore

Goodbye never is the easy part
I never thought that I would be someone that would break your heart
But I don't mind
No, I don't mind
No, I don't mind anymore

I always hoped that I would be the one
But now I can admit that I got scared and began to run
But I don't mind
No, I don't mind
No, I don't mind anymore

No, I don't mind
No, I don't mind
No, I don't mind, anymore

No, I don't mind
No, I don't mind
No, I don't mind, anymore

City Lights

City lights they are blinding
All these things I've been hiding
And all those places I shouldn't be
Is where they still find me

I have given you so many things
That you have wanted and I no longer need
But I can't let you get a hold of these dreams
Those still belong to me

Boy you're running out of chances

I don't have much more to give
It's up to you
What you say and what you do
How you're gonna be
How you're gonna live

City lights they are blinding
Makes it harder to find me
In all those places I shouldn't be
Is where they still find me

I have given you so many things
That you have wanted and I no longer need
But I can't let you get a hold of these dreams
Those still belong to me

Boy we're running out of chances
I don't have much more to give
It's up to you
What you say and what you do
How we're gonna be
How we're gonna live

Now we're running out of chances
I don't have much more to give
It's up to you
What you say and what you do
How we're gonna be
How we're gonna live

City lights they are blinding
Makes it harder to find me
In all those places I shouldn't be
The city lights blind me

Back Home

Road less traveled I'll ride
With this revolver by my side
Sweet speed of cocaine
Friends deep in the dope game

Well mamma I don't think I'm gone

Don't think I'm ever gonna make it back home
To you

This city is a symphony
That never seems to be in key
I've tasted every sin
Spit em out and I tried again

Well momma I don't think I'm gone
Don't think I'm ever gonna make it back home
To you

I hold myself accountable
For everything that I have done
Constant heat beneath my feet
I guess a glimpse of what's to come

Well momma I don't think I'm gone
Don't think I'm ever gonna make it back home

Well momma I don't think I'm gone
Don't think I'm ever gonna make it back home

Well momma I don't think I'm gone
Don't think I'm ever gonna make it back home
To you

Stealing Dark From The Night Sky

I sleep to dream in this old house
Only wake for the night
The city's queen and she holds me
Till the first sight of daylight

Trying to get through the breakdown
Find a way out of this town
Or in a lake of fire we'll surely drown
That's alright if you're with me

And that's why I'll run
From the shine of the sun
That's Stealing dark from the night sky

My heart is yours for the taking
If you want to take it
I know you're scared you might break it
Girl, it's been breaking all my life

I've been running on empty
Like the ones here before me
And all this hurt our hearts are hauling
Hurts a little less each day

And that's why we'll run
From the shine of the sun
That's Stealing dark from the night sky

And I held you close to me
Showed you where my heart would be
So when it came time again for me to leave
You'd be carrying a part of me

Let's try to get through the breakdown
Find a way out of this town
Or in a lake of fire we'll surely drown
But that's alright if you're with me

And that's why we'll run
From the shine of the sun
Stealing dark from the night sky
For our lives we'll run From the shine of the sun.....Stealing dark from the night sky

To Die For

We buried all our guns in the ground
And destroyed all the evidence
Knew that they'd be bringing hell down on us
For us, bringing hell down on them

We watched as they chose to ignore
The changing of the guard and the sound
We were few but we were ready for war
A war, to burn this place to the ground

And it breaks my heart to think about
We will never be the same again

Here I've been still trying to figure me out
When I should have been worried about them

We knew that we were going to fight
A fight we knew that we wouldn't win
To stand with those who believe
By my side by their side
Was worth our death in the end

From now until the end of time
The streets forever stained with our blood
In a town where dreams surely come to die
Every time the lights shine
Yeah they'll be thinking of us

And it breaks my heart to think about
We will never be the same again
Here I've been still trying to figure me out
When I should have been worried about them

I remember when you sat me down
Held on to every word that you said to me
You were spitting selfish lies from your mouth
Now I'm older and grown and know they don't mean a thing

And it breaks my heart to think about
We will never be the same again
Here I've been still trying to figure me out
When I should have been worried about them

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Here I've been still trying to figure me out
When I should have been worried about them

Dancing Days

If I can't have this dance with you
Then I think my dancing days are through
Cause I have wasted so much time
On hearts I knew that never would be mine

I just want to need somebody

I just want to leave my name
Now I know that nothing is forever
And no one leaves
As perfect as they came

They don't know who I am now
They only know the things that I have done
But no one wants to talk it out
Cause they're scared to death
Of what we might become

I just want to need somebody
I just want to leave my name
Now I know that nothing is forever
And no one leaves
As perfect as they came

I just want to need somebody
I just want to leave my name
Now I know that nothing is forever
And no one leaves
As perfect as they came

And none of us leave
As perfect as we came

This Mess We're In

These are the days that I'll remember
This boy's never held a smile so wide
It's proof that the bad days do get better
It's proof that love is still alive

I will follow where this goes
And in this mess we'll rest
And find ourselves a home

Take what you are needing
What's mine is yours
Girl lets set this world on fire
This time it's the real thing
We both should know

If you plan on leaving
Then I'm right behind you
Following wherever you go

This time it's the real thing
We both should know
We both should know

This is the only thing I'm needing
Open eyes to see your smile
You picked up my heart and stopped the bleeding
Knowing I can't erase the miles

I will follow where this goes
And in this mess we'll rest
And find ourselves a home

So take what you are needing
What's mine is yours
Girl lets set this world on fire
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We both should know

Rushintherug

I'm scared to death I'll always be

What I've always been

I thought by now

That I'd be used to it

I could use a late night call

Or a letter from a friend

But it's only if you feel like sending it

Cause I've heard this one before

One too many times

I know this story all too well

I know how it ends

The same as it began

We're cold, we're scared, we're shaking on the floor

Tell me what's been on your mind

What **you're** trying to hide

Well, I guess we've all got our own reasons

I will trade you my last wish

For one more goodnight kiss

Then I swear to god that I'll be leaving

Cause we've seen this one before

One too many times

We both know this story all too well

We know how it ends

The same as it begins

We're cold, we're scared, we're shaking on the floor

We're cold, we're scared, we're shaking on the floor

Maybe you can show me what

I've missing for so long

But it's up to me to keep my eyes open

I'll let these words drip from my pen
And then I'll put em in my song
But it's hard to sing
When no one's listening
And I've seen this one before
One too many times
I know this story all too well
I know how it ends
The same as it began
I'm cold and scared and shaking on the floor
We're cold, we're scared, we're shaking on the floor

I Wish I

Thinking about settling up
Kicking off the dust
Removing all the rust
That keeps me still

I think it's my time to go
Say goodbye to everyone I know
And I hope someday I'll be forgiven
For the bonds that I broke

I wish I could take you with me
But this road I must walk alone
I gotta get out of the city
Good god
I gotta lose myself
Just to find my way back home

No, I never thought I'd have to choose
Either way I know I'm gonna lose
The hardest thing that I'll ever have to do
Is leave this place without you

After everything had fell apart
They said time would heal my broken heart
So, why am I still here waiting for the healing to start

Cause I wish I could take you with me

But this road I must walk alone
I gotta get back to the country
Good god
I gotta lose myself
Just to find my way back home

I wish I could take you with me
But this road I must walk alone
I'm trying to get back down to Memphis
Good god
Been trying to lose myself
Just to find my way back home

We gotta lose ourselves just to find our way back home

Where You Want Me

My friends out west
They call me out
A girls down south I used to know

My family's north
My boys back east
They wonder which way I will go

While darling you
You got me where you want me now
Where you want me
Now darling you
You got me where you want me now
Where you want me
Where you want me now

My friends out west
They call me out
A girls down south I used to know
My families north
My boys back east
They wonder which way I will go

While darling you
You got me where you want me now
Where you want me

Now darling you
You got me where you want me now
Where you want me
Where you want me now

Here's To The Dying

Here's to the dying
Here's to the hurt
Here's to the crying
As we're returned to dirt

Trying to find
Somewhere solid to stand
Cause it's getting so hard
Without you holding my hand

Here's to our mothers
Raised daughters and sons
Your sister and my brothers
That they taught how to love

If you don't mind
Won't you reach down your hand
Cause it's getting so hard
Without you to stand

Here's to our fathers
Oh they're trying to get by
Without their best friend
And the love of their life

So if you don't mind
Could you reach down her hand
Cause it's getting so hard
Without her to stand

Trying to find
Somewhere solid to stand
Cause it's getting so hard
Without you holding my hand

Here's to the dying

Here's to the hurt
Here's to the dying