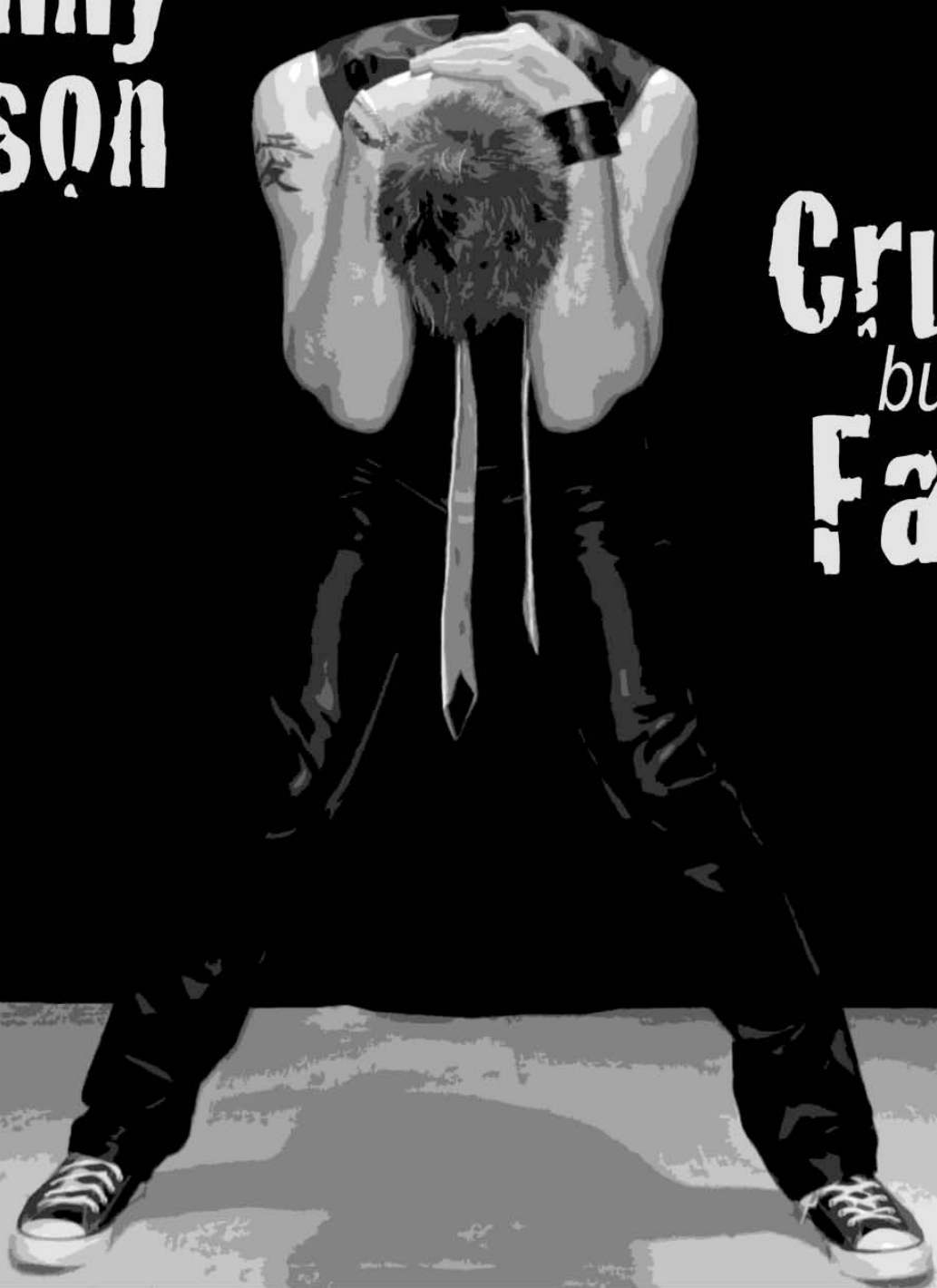


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HARD TO HANDLE

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

I wore my tailor-made suite and my best cologne,
I was on top of the world like a king on the throne,
Behaved just like a sinner out on parole,
Tried to get all the ladies to reveal and unfold,

CHORUS:

I was, hard to handle,
I guess, hard to handle,
Always, hard to handle,
Please forgive me,

I was a part of the A-crowd, movin' in the fast lane,
With a cheerleader girlfriend, almost drove her insane,
Had a lot of girls on the side, never had cold feet,
I used to call in from out of town, lie about a business meet,

REPEAT CHORUS

I was so God damn hard to handle, I was so God damn hard to handle,
But I straighted myself out,

[SOLO]

Sold the mansion down in Paris, moved back home,
Married my sweet cheerleader, honeymoon in Rome,
And burnin' my black book is something I've never regret,
The secret dirty weekends is something I'm trying to forget,

REPEAT CHORUS

[SOLO]

SWEET LADY

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

Lookin' at a picture of you taken in a local pub in June,
It brings back memories of hours of standing in the cold,
You and me freezing to the bone and no one wants to leave,
And I gotta hand it to you, there ain't a woman like you,

CHORUS:

Sweet lady, come and stay with me,
Sweet lady, come and make me complete, [times 2]
(sweet lady, sweet lady, sweet lady, sweet lady)

I used to dream about you, standin' behind the curtain lookin' and sneakín',
Watchin' you in secret, on your way to an unknown rendezvous,
I used to be under the impression that you and I would make it,
But I'm still livin' alone and you never were mine,

REPEAT CHORUS

[SOLO]

REPEAT CHORUS

I WISH WITH ALL MY HEART

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

Don't you try to run, don't you try to hide,
I don't want you to put it all aside,
'Cos last night in the dark,
You promised me you'll be good to me,

CHORUS:

I don't want you to say you gotta go,
I don't want to hear you say no, [to me]

When the night feels lonely and cold,
I will be there for you to hold,
Just don't tell me you've changed your mind,
'Cos deep down you know I'm just your kind,

REPEAT CHORUS

I don't wanna be alone, I wanna see ya here at home,

[SOLO]

And when I sit here lookin' at the sky,
I wish with all my heart that you're gonna try,
'Cos I would not believe that you'd be lying to me,
I think you know just as I do, you and I could be,

REPEAT CHORUS

ALONE

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

This little man was born in seventy one,
His parents where good to him and now he's grown up,
He's the kind of man who says he don't need someone,
His eyes tell a different story,
A sweet blonde broke his heart in ninety eighty nine,
He never told anyone what it really felt like,
For a couple of years he cried in his sleep,
He never really got over her,

CHORUS:

Alone, He never wanted to be alone,
Alone, He cries in his sleep all alone,
Alone, He never wanted to be alone,
Alone, She never knew how he felt,

She never knew how he felt,
'Cos when she told him it's really over,
He kept smiling saying "it's all right",
But inside he was really torn up,
Now six years have passed since they broke up,
And he remembers like it was yesterday,
How they used to spend all night long,
Talkin' and just lookin' at each other,

REPEAT CHORUS

[SOLO]

REPEAT CHORUS

FOOLISH, CRAZY AND IN LOVE

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

I sat down waiting for my ride away,
I'd said goodbye, left you all behind me,
I sat there, thinking about the future,
I realized I can't, I can't, I can't, leave you, ['cos]

CHORUS:

I'm foolish, crazy and in love with you,
So don't you leave me no matter what you do [times 2]

I know I broke your heart when I said goodbye,
Can't explain why I did like I did,
Talks about family life brought me down,
But I'm sorry honey, I really wanna be with you, ['cos]

REPEAT CHORUS

So can't you understand I gotta stay with you,
And will you forgive me for behaving like a fool,

[SOLO]

So will you take me in your arms tonight,
Will you kiss me, with your honey lips,
And make love to me, all thru the night,
You'll see, everything's gonna be all right,

REPEAT CHORUS

no matter what you do, no matter what you do
no matter what you do, no matter what you do

REMEMBER ME

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

Will you remember our time together,
Will you remember the sweet moments,
Will you remember laughs at breakfast,
Will you remember all the bad jokes,

[SOLO]

All I have is memories,
And a couple of pictures,
All I really ask of you,
Is to never forget our love,

CHORUS:

Don't forget my face,
Don't forget my name,
Don't forget our love,
Don't forget about me,

I remember the sound of your laugh,
I even remember how you smelled,
In your new life away from here,
Will there be room for memories of me?

REPEAT CHOURS

[SOLO]

REPEAT CHOURS

Remember my face,
Remember my name,
Remember my love,
Remember me,
[whisper 'till fade]

BLONDES HAVE MORE FUN

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

Tall or short makes no difference to me,
All you need is long blonde hair,
And a gleam in your sweet eye,
Of course I don't mind a sexy thigh,

CHORUS:

Blondes I love 'em all,
Blondes make me wild,
Blondes short or tall,
Blondes have more fun,

Let me buy you a glass of wine,
And if you like I could buy you a dine,
'Cos blondes have so much fun,
With or without the sun,

REPEAT CHORUS

Tall or short makes no difference to me,
All you need is long blonde hair,
And a gleam in your sweet eye,
Of course I don't mind a sexy thigh,

REPEAT CHORUS

DO YOU WANT ME?

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

I see her thru my window almost every day, she wears blue jeans and a leather jacket,
Her brown hair long and beautiful, she really looks like a schoolboys dream,
[God she's beautiful]

It's late and I'm getting' desperate, I don't think I can take it any longer,
I gotta have her, that's all I'm living for, I ain't brave enough to tell her how I feel,

CHORUS:

Do you want me, do you long for me, and I hope you do so tell me honey,
That you want me, that you long for me, God you're beautiful, I need you now

I think about her every minute of the day so what am I gonna do, I don't even know her
name,

I try to reach out but I'm scared to my breeches, I don't think I can take a no for an answer,
[No, no]

So what would I do if she called me on the phone, I'd probably get myself a heart attack,
It makes me sad 'cos honestly, if I had the nerve I would ask her to be mine,

REPEAT CHORUS

I wish that you could come to me, without a lot of words and make love to me,

[SOLO]

She waves to me when she see me in the window, I wave back to her but it feels kind a
strange,

'Cos I don't know what she wants with me, maybe she wants me and maybe she don't
[I hope she does]

I get calls, they claim the wrong number but it sounds like her with that pretty voice,
I wish that she could tell me the truth, if she did I would whisper in her ear,

REPEAT CHORUS

ILLEGAL LOVE

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

Ev'rybody wants her so bad, more than anything in this world,
She just turns her pretty head, ev'rybody's lost in another swirl,
Watch your back boys, she could start the biggest rage,
It might be impossible to believe, but she's actually under age,

CHORUS:

She's illegal love, make you fly like a dove,
She's illegal love, she'll take you out again and again,
Oh so sweet, she's illegal love,

You're ravished by her, but don't get lost in the passion,
What would be your defence, "Sorry Judge, I lost myself",
No one would buy it, you'd be locked up in a cage,
I warned you about her, she's actually under age,

REPEAT CHORUS

[SOLO]

REPEAT CHORUS

I CAN SEE WHY

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

Can't take our fighting any longer,
Can't agree on anything we do or say,
Not even what to have for dinner,
It's a shame, we used to have fun,
But somewhere down the line,
It went astray, it went so wrong,
I never thought we wouldn't last,
I never thought I would hear myself say this;

CHORUS:

I can see why we gotta break up, I can see why we gotta leave,
I can see why we gotta say goodbye, and a part of me will die,

All those names we used to call each other,
If I ever could I'd take 'em all back.
Make 'em undone, make it all right,
Remember our love not our fights,
I don't wanna hurt you anymore,
And there ain't no other,
Our love died somewhere,
And we couldn't find the passion again,

REPEAT CHORUS

GO DOWN

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

I met her at the Horseshoe Casino, She was drivin' a Ford Gran Torino,
She looked like a beauty queen from Texas,
She asked me "you wanna go for a drive?", I couldn't say no, she was so fine,
Stopped at the Best Western Airline Motor Inn,
She took me for a ride,

CHORUS:

She said, Go down on me and I'll go down on you, [oooh]
Go down on me and I'll go down on you, [oooh]
And I went down....

I light up and fill my lounges with smoke, And I tell her a really bad joke,
She laughs like it was, really funny, [she was bein' kind you know]
Spend an hour with some trashy talk, When I thought it was time for me to walk,
That beauty queen from Texas got wild,
And she was wild,

REPEAT CHORUS

She looked me in the eyes when I went down,
She looked me in the eyes when I went down,
She looked me in the eyes when I went down,
She looked me in the eyes when I went down,
Oh yeah,

[SOLO]

REPEAT CHORUS

I went down, I went down,
I went down, I went down,
I went down, I went down,
I went down, I went down,
'Cos I'm from Texas,

LET ME BE THE ONE

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

Are your bed empty and cold, are you sleepin' alone,
Are you watchin' TV even though there's nothin' on,
Are you workin' overtime almost ev'ry single day,
Are you going to singles bars, only to find there's no one around,

CHORUS:

Are you lookin' for a lover, are you lookin' for another,
Let me be the one that takes you high,
Are you tired of bein' lonely, are you afraid of bein' lonely,
Let me be the one that makes you fly,

Do you lie to your friends about your social life,
Do you say you go on dates ev'ry Saturday and Monday,
Do you pull down the curtains, do you cry thru the night,
Do you wait for the weekend to turn into Monday,

REPEAT CHORUS

[SOLO]

Did you think you'd get by livin' on your own,
Did you ever stop and wonder about growin' old,
Are you eatin' your dinner on a plate on the sink,
Don't you ever dress up, don't you ever smile and laugh,

REPEAT CHORUS

SUCH A BITCH

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason, Tobe Lance, Stanley E, Johan Lagerquist)

I think it's time for me to let you go, thought we had it all but now I know,
You never listen when I speak, I tried to tell you exactly how I feel,
You're a package I can get thru, and I hate ev'rything about you,

CHORUS:

You're such a bitch, and I let you go, I don't need you I don't want you, anymore,
You're such a bitch, and I let you go, I don't need you I don't want you, let me go,

And I know what's going on, I know you're, you're done me wrong.
You can't, you can't fool me anymore, it's the same old, same old, same old talk,
You're a package I can get thru, and I hate ev'rything about you,

REPEAT CHORUS [x 2]

[SOLO]

REPEAT CHORUS [x 2]

You're such a bitch, you're such a bitch

FOOT LOOSE & FANCY FREE

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

Early in the morning,
My neighbours going to work,
Well I ain't,
'Cos I'm so free,

CHORUS:

Foot loose and fancy free,
I feel so free, I feel so loose,
Foot loose and fancy free,
I feel so free, I feel so loose,

Sometimes I sleep all day,
Sometimes I can't even eat,
'Cos I got no money,
But I'm so free,

REPEAT CHORUS

I remember when I had nowhere to live,
I was just walking around,
Doin' whatever came to my mind,
And I was so free,

REPEAT CHORUS [times 2]

GAME SHOW HOST

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

You and I could be on Ricki Lake, that would be such a great show,
People would laugh and shake their heads and the ratings would go thru the roof,
'Cos seriously "what do we have?", we call ourselves husband and wife,
But honestly take a good look at us, we're not living like a married couple,

CHORUS:

I'm nothing more than a game show host, I'm being put, put on display,
I'm smiling when asked to smile, I might as well just be on another planet,

We talked about it oh so many times, ev'ry time you said you understood,
I trusted you and thought it would get better, it never changed and who was I fooling,
It dragged on for so many years and I can't answer why I didn't realize,
That it was never gonna change, I'd be forever your puppet in a string,

REPEAT CHORUS

So would you please tell me now why am I still sittin' here,
Puttin' on another act, livin' my life like doin' charades, like a God damn actor,

[SOLO]

I don't know why you're still livin' with me, can you tell me why we're livin' like this,
Two strangers in the same house and we don't even like the same things,
God knows I've tried to make it work, spendin' hours doin' things that you like,
But you would never get up off the couch to do anything that I liked to do,

REPEAT CHORUS

I'm nothin' more than a game show host, I'm nothin' more,
I'm nothin' more than a fuckin' game show host, a game show host,
A game show (host), a game show (host), a game show (host),
A game show (host), a game show (host), a game show (host),
A game show host, a game show host,
A game show (a game show), A game show (a game show), A game show (a game show),
A game show host, a game show host,
A game show host, a game show host,
A game show host, a game show host,
A game show host,
A game show host, Oh yeah (Oh yeah), Oh yeah (Oh yeah),
I'm fuckin' out of here (I'm fuckin' out of here), I'm out of here (I'm out of here)

IF I TOLD YOU

(Words & Music: Johnny Tason)

Would you laugh in my face if I told you I still love you,
Would you turn away from me if I told you all there is to say,
Would it ever change a thing if I told you I regret I ever left you,
Would you stay with me tonight if I told you there is no other,

Would you stay with me forever if I told you I miss your essence,
Or would you break my heart like the wind breaks a tree,
Please, at least listen to me now, I want you to know before you leave,
That I will always love you no matter if you move away from here,

CHORUS:

Would you take me back if I told you,
Could you love me again if I told you,
Would you stay forever if I told you,
I still love you, I still love you,

My heart aches like a broken glass when I think about what I did to you,
And now I walk the streets at night, the cold wind in my face and I'm crying,
I play all my sad songs over and over, I'm writing you letters I know I won't send,
These strong feelings make me scared, don't know if you'd take me back,

REPEAT CHORUS

There's been many girls, they don't mean a thing,
It's just you that can make my heart sing again,

[SOLO]

Do you remember what we used to do when the lights where out,
Do you miss those days as much as I miss you, [come back to me]

REPEAT CHORUS

CRUEL BUT FAIR INFORMATION

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Back vocals: Johnny Tason

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All keyboards: Johnny Tason

Drums programmed by Johnny Tason

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Takamine EQ531C Acoustic Guitar

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Casio CTK-591 Keyboard

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Studio Projects B1 Cardioid Condenser Microphone

AKG K77 Stereo Headphones

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Reason 4.0

FL Studio 8

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Know facts about the songs [random order & some facts are not known]:

GO DOWN:

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Vocals Recorded: April 13 2010

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GO DOWN [alternate version]:

Music recorded: March 2007

Sologuitar recorded March 14 2010 using PodX3 "Class A30TB"

Vocals Recorded: April 14 2010

DO YOU WANT ME?:

Drums programmed November 26 - December 05 2007

Guitars recorded March 23 2010 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Guitar solos recorded March 24 2010 using PodX3 "Blues Slide"

Piano recorded March 23 2010 using Reason 4.0 "Grand piano"

Keyboards recorded March 23 using Reason 4.0 "Orchstrings" & "HipHop Stab"

Vocals Recorded: April 9 2010

I CAN SEE WHY:

Drums programmed December 06 2007

Guitars & keyboards recorded March 14 2010

Vocals Recorded: April 9 2010

I WISH WITH ALL MY HEART:

Drums programmed December 07 2007

Guitars recorded March 29 2010 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Guitar solos recorded March 29 2010 using PodX3 "Rollin' on a River"

Guitar main solos recorded March 29 2010 using PodX3 "China Groove"

Piano recorded March 27 2010 using Reason 4.0 "Grand piano"

Keyboards recorded March 29 using Reason 4.0 "Orchstringsslw" & "Bigstrings"

Vocals Recorded: March 30 2010

BLONDES HAVE MORE FUN?:

Drums programmed December 07, 08 2007

Guitars recorded 2009 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Vocals Recorded: April 9 2010

HARD TO HANDLE:

Drums programmed 2008

Guitars recorded December 2008 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Vocals Recorded: March 31 2010

FOOLISH, CRAZY AND IN LOVE:

Drums programmed January 2008

Guitars recorded March 25 2010 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Guitar solo recorded March 25 2010 using PodX3 "Austin Blue"

Keyboards recorded March 27 using Reason 4.0 "Orchstringsslw" & "Bell Pad"

Vocals Recorded: April 15 2010

GAME SHOW HOST:

Drums programmed December 07 2007

Guitars recorded 2009 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Lead guitar & solo guitars recorded 2009 using PodX3 "Blue Ballad"

Keyboards recorded August 10 using Reason 4.0 "String section"

Vocals & handclap Recorded: April 11 2010

SWEET LADY:

Drums programmed February 2008

Guitars recorded March 15 2010 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Keyboards recorded March 15 using Reason 4.0 "Orchstrings" & "Venus Pad"

Vocals Recorded: March 31 2010

REMEMBER ME:

Drums programmed 2008

Guitars recorded March 23 2010 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Acoustic guitar recorded: March 23 2010 using PodX3 "Acoustic Guitar"

Bass Keyboard recorded March 20 using Reason 4.0 "Dlb Bass"

Keyboard recorded March 20 using Reason 4.0 "Orchstrings"

Vocals Recorded: April 11 2010

SUCH A BITCH:

Drums programmed March 22 2010 using EZDrummer "Drumkit From Hell"

Bass Guitar recorded March 22 2010 using PodX3 "Detroit Grove"

Guitars recorded March 22 2010 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone" & "Nashville"

Guitar solos recorded March 22 2010 using PodX3 "China Grove"

Vocals Recorded: April 12 2010

IF I TOLD YOU:

Drums programmed 2008

Bass recorded March 18 using PodX3 "Detroit Grove"

Acoustic guitar recorded March 16 2010

Guitars recorded March 18 2010 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Guitar intro & solo recorded March 19 2010

Keyboards recorded March 16 & 19 using Reason 4.0 "Redemption" & "Pad Sound"

Vocals Recorded: March 31 2010

LET ME BE THE ONE:

Drums programmed 2008

Bass recorded March 11 using PodX3 "Power Pop Bass"

Guitars recorded March 11 2010 using PodX3 "Basic guitar tone"

Piano recorded March 12 2010 using Reason 4.0 "Grand piano"

Keyboards recorded March 12 & 13

Vocals Recorded: April 12 2010

FOOT LOOSE & FANCY FREE:

Drums programmed 2008

Bass recorded March 10 2010 using PodX3 "Subterranean"

Guitars recorded March 09 2010 using PodX3 "Clean guitar tone" with full drive

Lead guitar recorded March 11 2010 using PodX3 "School Boy"

Vocals Recorded: April 9 2010

ALONE

Drum programmed 2008

Recorded 2008

Vocals Recorded: April 8 2010

ILLEGAL LOVE

Drum programmed 2008

Recorded 2008

Vocals Recorded: April 12 2010