

Love's Funny

Words by Pete McCabe

Music by Pete McCabe & Will Seltzer

Verse 1. You've got a broken heart and don't know what to do
Seems your latest lover pulled a joke on you
Left you feelin' empty inside
You should have known sooner
About his sense of humor

Chorus: Love can make you laugh
Laugh until you cry
Sometimes you miss the punch lines
And you don't know why
Love can break you up
And leave you out of breath
Love's funny, love's so funny
Love can make you laugh
Laugh until you cry
Love's funny

Verse 2. That stand-up comic stood you up and let you down
Gone to find another girl, another town
You find out he's been tellin' you lies
He's got a million of 'em
Why'd you ever love him?

(Chorus)

Coda: A jilted lover, an unemployed circus clown
And an obscure songwriter walk into a bar
Bartender throws 'em all out immediately
Sayin', "I'll listen to one sad story
But three is goin' too far!"
(What, can't take a joke?)
Love's funny, love's so funny
Love can make you laugh
Laugh until you cry—love's funny
Yeah, love's funny!

The Big Sleep

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Verse 1. Two hearts beat out a rhythm
Now they're picking up speed
The parts start to fuse in the white heat
The pieces are beginning to fall into place
Honey, you're the only reason I took this case

Chorus: And I must keep hot on your trail or I'll fall deep
Under the spell of the Big Sleep

Verse 2. Daddy's in the greenhouse
Your sister's in a trance
And the boys downtown give me one last chance
Now, you've got me spinning like a roulette wheel
All your funny jokes don't tell how you feel

(Chorus)

Bridge: If you'll just tell me what you know
One last question, then I'll go
Why make love a mystery?
Why not let it show?

Coda: Two hearts beat out a rhythm
Now they're picking up speed
The parts start to fuse in the white heat
The pieces are beginning to fall into place
And even if I never crack this case
I must keep hot on your trail or I'll fall deep
Under the spell of the Big-
Sleep
Under the spell of the Big Sleep
Under the spell of the Big Sleep

A Thing of Beauty

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Verse 1. To make a thing of beauty is hard, dirty work
But someone's gotta do it
So they put their heart and soul into it
They may not know the answers, but they question anyway
And search on through the night while we check off each day
When I grow weary in this world of corporate retail stores
And endless, useless wars
I think that maybe I
Could make a thing of beauty and hope that it will fly
I owe it to myself to try

Verse 2. Is anybody out there? I wonder sometimes
Can we still talk to each other?
Are there any new things to discover?
I sit at my piano, the familiar black and white
And feel my way into the colors that will lead me to the light
Though everything I do will disappear one day
I do it anyway
Now I wish that you and I
Could make a thing of beauty
And set it off to fly
We owe it to ourselves
You know we owe it to ourselves to try

Amnesia Blues

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Verse 1. I've got the Amnesia Blues
I can't remember what my troubles are
I might have been scrounging for a dime
But right now I feel fine
I should be having a lousy time
I know I should be singin' the blues
But you've gotta have hard times to use
I know I have 'em but I can't remember what they are!

Verse 2. It seems that one of my worries
Was a woman that I met in a bar
She had something to give me
I had something to give her
Yes, women made me feel so sad
But the thing that really is bad is:
I'd like to moan about them
But I can't remember what they are

Bridge: Well, the last thing I remember
Was it November or December?
I can't recall
I met a man and bought a can of
Poly-syphaglycol-chlorathiasyfamiazol
And that ain't all
I met somebody else, embarrassed myself
About what, I really don't know
But somehow the name of Francis Spillane
Means something to me
It seems he said yes, and I said no

(Repeat first verse)

Just a Hormone

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Verse 1. A whirlwind romance
Can make your heart beat faster
And lead you closer to disaster
Than any well thought-out thing
But given a chance
The sexes come together
Ruffle-feathered fair weather lovebirds
Need to be on the wing

Chorus 1: I wonder if it's true love or only just a hormone
That sends us flying straight into a cyclone
How many times a true, true love?
How often just a hormone?

Verse 2. I'm a lot like a moth
That flutters round a candle
To find some warmth, I'll take a gamble
Though I've been burned before
Can you measure the cost
Of every loss you've suffered?
It's up to you: Is it tougher to leave it
Or to believe it once more?

Chorus 2: I wonder if it's true love or only just a hormone
That sends us flying straight into a cyclone
You're searchin' for a true, true love
And you settle for a hormone

Coda: Keep searchin' for that true love
It's got to be a true, true love
If you think you've found yourself a true love
It could be just a hormone

Space Song

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Verse 1. Robot lovers rendezvous down to the Hotel Neptune
For a drink in the moonlight and a dip in the pool
Chrome bikini sparkles brightly against her cool bronze body
As he whispers softly, "I've been such a fool
Let me make it up to you"

Chorus 1: They almost blew the bank job on Venus
There was a high-speed chase through the void
A few more days of layin' low in that resort town
Then shoot with the loot to her father's asteroid

Verse 2. Special agent Sammy Quasar isn't sure where they are
But he's got the right town and he's found a few clues
Sammy checks into the Hotel Neptune, tips the human bellboy
For a double bourbon and a copy of the morning news
Delivered to his room

Chorus 2: Their pictures made the front page on Venus
There was a high-speed chase through the void
A few more hours and they'd be out of that resort town
To shoot with the loot to her father's asteroid

Coda: Seven light years later, back at Daddy's hideaway
Our fugitives from justice empty out the attache case
And bursting through the doorway
With a summons and a gun
It's secret agent Sammy come to spoil the fun
And as the news reported
There was no way to avoid
The disintegrator shoot out
On her father's asteroid
Big shoot out down at the asteroid now
Sammy's gun is not a toy now

Hollywood

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Like strings behind a droning saxophone
You brought your beauty to my tune
And like an image from the cinema
You brought light into my room
Sometimes the phonograph can make me laugh
A movie scene will make me cry
But there's not been too much of that
Not since you said goodbye
In Hollywood, our act would never do

You'd never see the starlet head so quickly for the door
Never leave so many kisses on the cutting room floor
In Hollywood
I'd be everything to you

So now my starring role is just a cameo
I play your lover in flashback
A close-up of the two of us
Then a slow fade into black

Someday, you may find me at the Ritz or 21
Or combing Monte Carlo
For lost moments in the sun
I'll chat with you on almost any topic that you choose
We'll talk about the weather and your European cruise
But Hollywood
That would just give me the blues

You'd never see the starlet head so quickly for the door
Never leave so many kisses on the cutting room floor
In Hollywood
In Hollywood

Multiple Choice

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

This test is designed to formulate
Your relationship with me
It's all multiple choice, find your inner voice
And answer items one, two and three
There's no essay section, no bonus question
Take all the time that you want
Just remember, for every problem
There's only one correct response

Number One: Do you find me...
A) Undesirable? B) Somewhat desirable?
C) Desirable? or D) Intensely desirable?
Choose the one that best describes how
You feel about me right now

Number Two: Do you think I'm...
A) Ugly? B) Bland? C) Handsome? or D) Godlike?
Choose the answer that best defines
How bright your love light shines

Number Three: Your emotion is...
A) Hatred? B) Ambivalence? C) Friendliness? or
D) Erotic exhilaration?

You've done it all, there is no more
Now let's take a look at your score
Number One: You find me D) Intensely desirable
That's an excellent choice
Number Two: You think I'm D) Godlike
That's reason to rejoice
Number Three: Your emotion is D) Erotic exhilaration
I'm proud to say your grade compares
With the top scores in the nation

So put your pencil down and rest while I freshen up
You aced your test
You're clearly into education
Thanks for your participation

The Six A.M. Train

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Verse 1. Some say she must have known
Where he was all those nights when he left her alone
And some say she never knew
Till she spied them embracing on the dance floor
Of the Lone Wolf Saloon
We know she went a little insane
When the next day, her man and that out of town woman
Were gone on the six a.m. train

Verse 2: She cried all her tears in that big old house
She closed all the curtains and seldom came out
The neighborhood gossip soon carried the news
That she spent every evening all alone
With a bottle of booze
Though we never once heard her complain
We all knew her man and that out of town woman
Had gone on the six a.m. train

Bridge: And when that diesel horn moans through the rain
In the sleepless hours of alcohol
She could swear he was calling her name

Coda: Some heartaches never mend
Some were certain she'd never be happy again
Today, without taking time to explain
She was gone
On the six a.m. train
Gone on the six a.m. train

Not in a Virtual Way

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Verse 1. I don't want you texting me
I just need you next to me
It's great to make an email connection
But I need real female affection
I don't mind you friending me
Or the videos you're sending me

Chorus: I just gotta hold you
Not in a virtual way
How often have I told you
Without face to face, it's all game play?
I just gotta touch you
'Cause no touch screen will ever do
You've gotta be here, right now, today
Not in a virtual way

Verse 2. And I've got this to say:
You can't stop technology
They say it makes us all so free
But I need you to stop for a minute
And think about your world without me in it
Yes, you really love your phone
But don't you ever feel alone?

(Chorus)

Bridge: I'm nah-nah-nah-nah-nah-nah-nah-nah
Not gonna show you how
You've gah-gah-gah-gah-gah-gah
Got to get over here right now
I don't mind you friending me
Or those videos you're sending me

(Chorus)

No Strings Attached

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Verse 1. You've said goodbye
He can't hurt you now. No need to cry
You can stay a while with Eleanor
I'm right next door. Take care
I'll see you Wednesday
Looking back, is it years? Have I been losing track?
There was a moment when we nearly were
An almost perfect pair
No matter what our friends say

Chorus 1: But now, you need more than just a lover to see you through
I'm here to let in the light should the night close in on you
I'll make omelets. We'll have marmalade
And we'll forget that man who stole your smile away
I'm in it just to hear you laugh
No strings attached

Verse 2. With your gentle touch
Reaching out this time, you gave too much
But don't believe he's taken all you had
Don't be sad. Be strong
That's who you are
Now, we both know I was never any Romeo
So it's not up to me to tell you who is good for you
That's so wrong. I don't wanna go too far

Chorus 2: But now, you need more than just a lover to see you through
I'm here to let in the light should the night close in on you
I'll bring that album that we used to play
And we'll forget that man who stole your smile away
I say I'm in it just to hear you laugh
To tell the truth, I wish I had you back
For you and me, I guess this must be
No strings attached
No, no strings attached

Reincarnation

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Verse 1. I know it's long been out of style
To die of a broken heart
If that's my fate, I'll reincarnate
And find you wherever you are
I might come back as the looking glass
You're holding in your hand
Reflecting all the lovely smiles
You saved for another man

Chorus: If it takes a hundred lifetimes
Our love is coming true
Sure as daylight follows nighttime
I'll find my way to you

Verse 2. I knew you in another life
You were my star to wish upon
There for awhile, I made you smile
And then one day, you were gone
Now, I'll make my home in your goldfish bowl
Try to swim my blues away
Your pretty eyes all magnified
And gettin' closer every day

(Chorus)

Coda: If it takes a hundred thousand lifetimes
I'll be waiting right behind you
Every day gone by will remind you
One of these lifetimes
Our love is coming true
I've got time enough to wait
Sooner or later, I'll reincarnate
And catch you at the right time
One of these, one of these lifetimes
Our love is coming true

I Fancied Myself an Artist

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

- Verse 1. I fancied myself an artist when I was a kid
Instead of playin' football like everybody did
I would sit with paint and pencil and turn out hearts and flowers
And conceive the floor plans for the grandest ivory towers
- Verse 2. I soon was painting portraits of imaginary girls
I decked them out with satin and diamonds and pearls
Then I took to carving pedestals for my sweethearts in school
And to set them so high I couldn't reach them
Was the plan of a fool
- Bridge: If you see the world as your canvas, take a lesson from me
You had best drop your romantic notions
Don't show your emotions if no one cares to see
And if you think you've been painting so long
You're not sure you can stop
Buy some house paint, a roller and a ladder
If you still hope to climb to the top
- Verse 3. The years rolled by and the family ties died away
I was looking for food and money and some place to stay
There was no one hiring artists, so I took a factory job
And I was scared they'd turn me into a robot
And my brain, they might rob
- Verse 4. I once had delusions of grandeur. Now that's in the past
I once had a job and a future, but that couldn't last
I've got a roomful of paints and pedestals
My portraits look quite real
And you can have anything that you see here
For the price of a meal

Time Travel

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

- Verse 1. My time machine broke down in high school
The year before I met you
So right now, passing Algebra is just about all I can do
The world outside shows promise
But I'm not so sure about me
It wasn't until you that I found out who I could be
- Verse 2. In science class, I study the time-space continuum
While I'm stuck here in the sixties
Tryin' to get back where I come from
In the future, we'll date then break up
But when high school comes to an end
I'll be sittin' in that college art class
Falling in love with you again
- Chorus: It's one of those things they don't teach you in school
To travel through time is really uncool
To turn back the clock is breaking a rule you never wanna break
It's a major heartache (I made that mistake)
It's one of those lessons you'll never quite learn
Stay out of the past. You may never return
Why don't they teach you in school
That time travel's really uncool?
- Verse 3. I'll soon pack up my yearbook
Turn in my cap and gown
My coming of age movie is set in a distant college town
Where the love that awoke me and broke me
Will happen exactly the same
Oh, if only this damn time machine could take me past the pain
- (Chorus)
- Coda: Why don't they teach you in school that Time travel
Is really, really uncool?!

Wim's Birthday

Words & Music by Pete McCabe

Happy birthday to you, Wim!
Let the festivities begin
May the summer sun you've waited for
Shine upon your door
And what is more
We wish you coffee and rhubarb
Lounge on your patio in multicolored garb
And know we treasure all the notes you wrote
And the world you share
So from us everywhere
Happy birthday to you, Wim!