

easier said songs by mark houghtaling

easier said

buddha sitting there in my back yard
still as stone, still as stone
never mind about this flesh and bone
bruised and scarred, it's always in the way

buddha sitting there all day and night
never wrong, never right
in the middle of the dark and light
black and white will surely fade to gray

you talk about awareness
you talk about surrender
it's easier said than done
to talk about compassion
to talk about forgiveness,
it's easier said than done

to practice what i preach
it's easier said than done
to live what we have learned
it's easier said than done

me and buddha, we're like two old friends
thick as thieves, thick as thieves
never mind about the falling leaves
summer ends and winter's on its way

buddha smiling like it's no big deal
life will hurt. love will heal.
never mind about the pain you feel
the pain you feel will surely pass away

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to practice what i preach
it's easier said than done
to live what we have learned
it's easier said than done
how many times will i be burned
before i pull my hand away?

it's cold, but it's getting warmer
i'm blind, but slowly i see
it's cold, it's cold...

to practice what i preach
it's easier said than done
to live what we have learned
it's easier said than done
one of these days before i'm burned
i'm going to pull my hand away

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these hands

these hands, they're a talkin' to me
don't know yet what it is they're sayin' to me
so soft you can barely hear them
knock, knock, knockin'
tryin' to open up this heart

these hands, they were built for prayin' and holdin'
plantin' trees and makin' music
these hand gonna work their way in
knock, knock, knockin'
'til i open up and

start to move
to give, to steal
to hold on
to heal

these hands, they're a talkin' to me
now i know what it is they're sayin' to me
this head built a wall around me
and now these hands are gonna
take that wall apart

when we don't run

hey, don't you like the way
we can waste a rainy day
so well together
hey, don't you think it's rare
the color of the air we share
when we don't run

i like the way the sun hits your hair
i like the way your smile takes me in
i like the way you spin me around
and you keep my feet on the ground

hey, don't you like the way
two can learn to work and play
so well together
hey, don't it make you high
the color of the sky we fly
when we don't run

i like the way the sun hits your hair
i like the way your smile takes me in
i like the way you spin me around
and you keep my feet on the ground

the way, the way we take our space
the way, the way we take our time

hey, don't it make you high
the color of the sky we fly (we fly!)
when we don't run

i like the way the sun hits your hair
i like the way your smile takes me in
i like the way you spin me around
and you keep my feet on the ground

i keep forgetting where you leave off
and i don't remember where i begin
i only know you spin me around
and you keep my feet on the ground
you spin me around
and you keep my feet on the ground
you spin me around
and you keep my feet on the ground

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crazy sometimes

monday morning comes, better turn on the tv
turn on the tv, relax
sip a cup of coffee and sink in for a minute
give in for a minute, relax
everybody smiles and so you buy what they tell
you
buy what they sell you, relax
by the way it's the end of the world
hey, it's the end of the world

monday morning goes, better turn on the
caffeine
tune in to the action, wake up
someone wants the work, we all fall in for a
minute
step in for a minute, wake up
look him in the eye and understand for a minute
yeah, land for a minute, wake up
look away it's the end of the world
hey, it's the end of the world

look around
everyone's a little bit crazy sometimes
looking for an easy way out
all of us a little bit lazy and shallow
this i know
everyone likes it slow
so why do we have to go so fast?

monday, tuesday, wednesday, thursday
pull up the covers, turn on the tv, sleep tight
have another cocktail and choose for a minute
the news for a minute, sleep tight
everybody smiles and sells the pills that they tell
you
will kill you or help you sleep tight
either way it's the end of the world
today is the start of the end of the world

look around
everyone's a little bit crazy sometimes
looking for an easy way out
all of us a little too eager to follow
this i know
everyone likes it slow
so why do we have to go-

so fast it burn or throws a breeze
at last to feel at ease

take a look around
everyone's a little bit crazy sometimes
looking for an easy way out
all of us a little bit hungry and hollow
this i know
everyone likes it slow
that's why we let it go
yeah, that's why we let it go
just a little bit
crazy sometimes

soulspeak

you're saying one thing
i'm hearing another
how are we going to learn
to trust each other?

listen to the soulspeak
listen to the soulspeak
listen to the soulspek
and do what it says

people are reaching
people are calling
doors turn into windows
and i'm falling

listen to the soulspeak
listen to the soulspeak
listen to the soulspek
and do what it says

everyone has some big idea
of what you ought to sell
but how can they know what's bes for you
when even your heart won't tell?

listen...

i walk the streets in the wee hours
praying for a reason to go back home

listen to the soulspeak
listen to the soulspeak
listen to the soulspek
and do what it says
do what it says

listen.

rock a little

i'll be the first one
to want to know where you're soul is situated
i'll be the first one to take a look inside
i'll be the last one
to let you go with i don't know it's complicated
the complications are what keep the soul alive

but don't get me wrong baby
everybody waits for payday
all work and no play
can make a woman crazy
sometimes, oh
i just want to rock a little
make a little room for the moonlight

i'll be the first one
to want to see your love from me illuminated
i'll be the first one to find out where you hide
i'll be the last one
to let you go with something so unelevated
without the hunger honey how can love survive?

but don't get me wrong, baby
everybody waits for payday
all work and no play can make a woman crazy
sometimes oh
i just want to rock a little
make a little room for the moonlight

gonna make you crazy, baby
gonna make you crazy

don't get me wrong, baby
everybody waits for payday
all work and no play can make a woman crazy
sometimes oh
i just want to rock a little
make a little room for the moonlight

don't sell me short, sugar
everybody waits for payday
all work and no play can make a woman crazy
sometimes, oh
sometime, oh
sometime, oh
i just want to rock a little
make a little room for the moonlight

puppydog

i know you must think i am crazy
hanging around, wasting my time
you've got a hundred others like me
waiting their turn, standing in line
so maybe you ignore me when i say hello
i still think that you like me just the same
and maybe i'm the kind of guy who won't let go
i'll sit until you call my name

just like a sad-eyed puppydog
scratching at the screen door
so sad, i'm drooping on the doorstep
poor puppydog
nothing to be late for
so i'll sit and wait for you

my friends they tell me i am crazy
out of my league, aiming to high
you've got a hundred others like me
still i persist, don't ask me why
when maybe this is not a match that's heaven-made
i hope that i'm not holding out in vain
and don't i get to join for all the dues i've paid
pull my chain, end my pain

i'm just a sad-eyed puppydog
scratching at the screen door
so sad, i'm drooping on the doorstep
poor puppydog
nothing to be late for
so i'll sit and wait for you

and when you're near me
can you hear me
barking to come in
don't have to feed me
just say you'll need me alone
throw me a bone

so maybe you're afraid i'll move into your home
i promise that i won't get in your way
and aren't we both afraid we might end up alone?
look my way, make my day

scratching at the screen door
drooping on the doorstep
poor puppydog
nothing to be late for
so i'll sit and wait for you
for you
i'm drooping on the door for you

borrowed time

living on borrowed time
we are living on borrowed time
but living on borrowed time ain't no crime
it ain't no crime

on the beach

on the beach far away
there is one woman waiting
in the sun, in the spray
speaking soft to the sea
i can hear every word
'though she speaks in a whisper
on the beach she will stay
'til the day i come home

on the beach far away
there are two children laughing
building castles of sand
never claimed by the tide
but i fear not for i know
their summer is endless
on the beach they will play
'til the day i come home

not long now
not so long now
for soon i will be sailing

not long now
not so long now
for soon i'm off to meet them

on the beach far away
there's a family standing
in the sun, in the spray
in the back of my mind
out of reach, yes, but soon
we will all stand together
on the beach far away
on the day i come home

praying for rain

sun shines, grass grows
tell your son, tell your daughter
life is simple as a drink of water
better start praying for rain
better start praying for rain

towns boom, trees fall
all around us the world gets hotter
times I'd kill for just a drink of water
better start praying for rain

but we forget to be kind
and we forget to tread lightly
no need to hold so tightly
burn so brightly

men shout, mothers weep
keep on counting sheep to slaughter
wake up dying for a drink of water
better start praying for rain
we better start praying for rain

we can remember to be kind
we can remember to tread lightly
no need to hold so tightly
why is it so hard to breathe?

sun shines, grass grows
tell your son, tell your daughter
life is simple as a drink of water
better start praying for rain
better start praying for rain
we better start praying
praying for rain

lay down your head

lay down your head
here where it's warm and predictable
here where you normally find a little peace

lay down your head
here where the light will not frighten you
here where you might see your nightmare cease
for a time

no, don't let go, hold tight to me
safe in my arms, secure and familiar
hide in my arms, it's all right with me
it gets cold in the world
but you need not go there

come here instead
here where it seems you will always be
here where the dreams are much better than in bed
lay down your head