



This Time Last Year – Lyrics

Off the Ground

(Christine Kane)

This is the way I see it
This is the life I live
This is the how-to book for the heart I give
And this is the way I wake up
This is the tale I write
This is the prayer I pray in the dead of night
And here's all my fearful moments
Here's all the sounds I've heard
Tangled in the nothingness of the spoken word

Chorus: Hey, don't you know I'm laying way too low
I'm on my knees I'll pick myself up if you let me go
Hey, I've been down too long in the lost and found
Now I'm just getting off the ground

I have my share of secrets
And dozens of things I hide
And maybe I'll let you in but it might take time
'Cause you say that you want me near you
And you smile when I run right by
When I throw you a sideways glance if you catch my eye
But you've got the patience, I don't
You give the way I can't
So you tell me you love me and I'm likely not to understand

Chorus

Part of me just can't stop talking
Part of me is tongue-tied
Half of me is laughing and the other half is
Keeping track of every last tear I've cried

But it's never without emotion
It's never an easy ride
And I've got to admit that it's so nice to have you by my side

Pocketful of Pennies

(Christine Kane)

What you see and what you're telling me is
That I'm running from the truth

It's in your eyes
And what you do and where you're running to
I could catch up to you
But I stay a step behind

Still I see you try to persuade and I just
Can't afford to try no more
You told me what your wishing for
I told you when my wishes ended 'cause
I don't have a pocketful of pennies anymore

What you see beats reality
You take the ordinary
And you set it free
Look at me and all I want to be
It seems imaginary
Dreams have got the best of me

Still I see me try to pray and I just
Can't afford to try no more
I know just what I'm wishing for
But don't know when my wishes ended 'cause
I don't have a pocketful of pennies anymore

Where You Are

(Christine Kane)

I'll find a way to confuse you
I'll find a way to get to your heart
I'll find the time to amuse you
If you find the time, I'll be in your arms

Blame it all on a crazy girl
And the eyes of a stolen heart
Take me take me where you are

I've got a room full of daydreams
I've got a shelf for a broken heart
I've got a script for a movie scene
I'll sit and wait for the show to start

Blame it all on a crazy girl
And I'll play that part
Take me take me where you are

There's a place for your memories
There's a place where it's always dark
There's a light up above me
Here's the chance to reveal your heart

Blame it all on a crazy girl
And she's falling hard
Take me take me where you are

You pretend it's a mystery
You can bet that it's clear to me
Now I'm ready so take me where you are

Let's Roll

(Christine Kane)

I've had a number of nights
Just staring at the windows and walls
Long sighs and lonely replies
And imaginary telephone calls
Seems to be to everyone but me
I'm wishing on a star
Lost in a world of fantasy
It only takes you so far
Let's roll

I'm asking you my friend
If you're willing to take me home
Got lots of time to spend
But I'm killing it all alone
Everyone I know they run from the dark
But I've never been afraid of fire
You don't need a match to start this spark
With a hold of my desire
Let's roll

I've seen some things in my day
And repented a time or two
But I blew my chance at judgment day
When I laid eyes on you
Heavens above 'cause I know it ain't love
But I don't really know what it means
When I look down the answers are found
Right in the holes of your jeans

So, tell me right now am I going insane
Will I ever get enough
Twenty-four hours of aches and pains
Is making my day kind of tough
I'll say it right now that there's a crowd
So tell her to hit the road
When the cat's away we're gonna be at play
And nobody has to know

Come and Disappear

(Christine Kane)

Make it your business
Make it your true concern
Makin' your romance
You're ready to learn about
How to be bold and how to believe
Keep your head on your shoulders
And your heart on your sleeve

You've never been lonely
The night is not long for you
The girls have been lovely
And a little too easy too
But where is the passion
If it's always an open door
Where is desire
If it's never worth fighting for
And the answer's clear
But answers come and disappear

You're feeling a fever
There's a longing that's in your eyes
You're gonna believe her love
You're calling it compromise
All of your friends say
Only the fools rush in
You have it your way
You're running right in
And love's so clear
But love will come and disappear

So, you turn your back today
'Cause love didn't go your way
So you slip back to the one night games
But there's no one to blame

Now you make it your business
Knowing you won't get burned
Making your romance
You know what you've learned about
How to control and how to deceive
You've got that chip on your shoulder
And you roll up your sleeves
And the anger's here
But anger comes and disappears
And love's so clear

But love will come and disappear

Fall From Grace

(Christine Kane)

I'll take my nightmares
You keep your dreams
I'll be fine taking midnight rides
You find yours on the street
You hold your madness
I'll hold my fear
And late at night when I hit the light
All I need's right here

I don't want to be some rebound babe
To catch you when you fall from grace
I've played that game I'll take the blame
Just send me on my way
And I know your fighting your feelings too
You never know what to say
So can't we just runaway

There's lights out on the highway
And broken glass below
I drive on past I drive too fast
And I think too much I know

So go on let your memories
Bring you to your knees
And when you're down on the life you've found
Listen to me listen to me

I don't want to be some rebound babe
To catch you when you fall from grace
It's an age old game no one to blame
But I'm just too tired to play
And I know you're fighting your feelings too
You never know what to say
So can't we just runaway

Loving Hands

(Christine Kane)

Everyday you wake up
And everyday a day goes by
You're never gonna catch up
'Cause there's never enough time
And there's no one in your love life

There's nothing on the news that's nice
But something keeps you going
Something's keeping you alive
It's a penny on the sidewalk
It's a feather on the subway train
It's sleeping to the rhythm
Of the Sunday morning rain

Chorus: It's those magic little moments
You're trying hard to understand
Wondering if it's luck or loving hands

It's blowing off your homework
And putting all the books away
To sit beside the window
And watch the snow accumulate
It's mailing off a letter
When you love to lick the postage stamp
It's your favorite purple sweater
It's the moths under the midnight lamps

Chorus

It's praying to the stained glass
When you don't know what an angel is
It's the memory of a mustache
Of a weathered kind of kiss
And it's going to confession
And telling all the sins you've tried
And the priest is getting angry
At the smile you cannot hide

Chorus

There's so much anger in these streets
So much hanging on your feet
So much sadness in the faces that you meet
And there's all this politics and hate
All these prices that you pay
But all this hope to guide your way

It's the parking lot attendant
Lettin' you go in for free
It's bitin' all your nails off
Instead of losing gracefully
And it's laying on a rowboat
When you're lazy like the summer breeze
And your arm is hanging over
So you autograph the sea

Chorus

Scratch My Back

(Christine Kane)

I like the way that the moon gets hazy
I like to walk on the railroad tracks
I like to go to the batting cages
I like for someone to scratch my back

I get luck from the four-leaf clovers
I find them next to the parking lot
I think it sucks when the summer's over
I'm always cold so I like it hot

I don't need an attorney
I don't need a confession booth
I don't need you to worry
I will tell the truth

Jimmy asks me what you thinkin'
And why you wrinkle your brow like that
He says man you don't need no boyfriend
You need a guy who will scratch your back

We met in a diner
We get in our share of fights
We're asleep in the daytime
And we're wild at night

My friend Loli's a street musician
Nobody listens but that's okay
Sometimes I wish I was out there with her
But she knows I'm not that brave

We met on a corner
We get a little depressed sometimes
A cigarette and a glass of wine
We make our toast to better times

My mom's a little bit insecure
When she sits up worrying late at night
She yells at me about health insurance
She don't believe it that I'm alright

It's decidedly something strange
That society's built that way
We're always paying out just in case
We die someday

When I'm famous I'll live much better

And when I'm rich I will fly first class
And when I'm dead I will live in heaven
With Billie Holliday or one of those cool people
like that

It's a kind of religion
To keep up a hope like this
I'm a chick with a vision
An idealist

First verse repeated

Crack of Blue

(Christine Kane)

There's a crack of blue in an all grey sky
There's a flock of birds and I wave good-bye
And all the leaves around have changed their colors
I kind of like the fall, but I really hate the winter

And after work the boys all meet at Joe's garage
Talkin' bout the rebuilt engine in some old Dodge
Joe's a northern boy, but folks still respect him
He lets every single car get by the state inspection

Driving on, this road is long, it's like loneliness
There's a big white house, it's my favorite
It makes me think that there's such thing as perfect
Makes me think of all the dreams still to come yet

There's a crack of white in the sky so soon
And I recall a song about a harvest moon
That I learned back when I was a second grader
When we'd sit and cut out pumpkins from construction paper

Back at home with my book half-read
My cat and me are sprawled out on my bed
The sun goes down, it's time to feed her
I wish I had a fireplace instead of a heater

Something here will find me
Some voice right behind me
Somehow will remind me of this time last year

There's a smack of cold on a night like this
There's a big white breath in October's kiss
Used to be, it all made me sad somehow
But I'll tell you what, it ain't so bad now

Romance Instead

(Christine Kane)

You play like it's not ending
And I pray that it's not true
But I'm no good at pretending
And prayers never work for you
It must hurt you to hurt me so bad
But you don't cry you have nothing left to say
You must have hated to break me like that
That must be why you just turned and walked away

Now I can't stop the rain from falling
I'm so cold and I can't forget
That you let me believe in something
That was only romance instead

I remember the lights of candles
And I remember the snow was falling down
I said I love you I meant I love you
You said I love you it meant just for now

Now I can't stop the rain from falling
What was imagined and what was said
What let me believe in something
That was only romance instead

Now I can't stop the rain from falling
And I can't get it through my head
How love can be so deceiving
When it's only romance instead

So let's just say tears are lessons
And broken hearts are tools
Am I a better person now
Or just a bigger fool

Now I can't stop the rain from falling
Love was only a word we said
It was only a dream that's all and
It was only romance instead

Love Like That

(Christine Kane)

Summer, it was my favorite thing
And playing outside was my job
I'd run down at the sound of the doorbell's ring
And me and my friends would take off

And I'd run through the street In my bare feet
In spite of what I was told
And I got stung by every damn bee in town
By the time I was ten years old

And I'd bring home every stray dog I found
And my dad would say take it back
All I wanted was something to call my own
All I wanted was love like that

Well, I have to admit that I hated school
And I'd hopelessly dread every fall
You get scared so you carefully follow the rules
You get bored so you write on the wall
And you bust up your soul to fit into some mold
To be everything for everyone
But you get by and sometimes I smile today
When I think of how far I've come

My father was sturdy and logical
My mom was afraid of her heart
Importance was placed on the sensible
So we all grew up safe and smart
But I never was much for the intellect
It just puts a heart to the test
It's a trick of the mind how often we find
Our feelings so hard to accept

Somedays I see how hard I can try
Somedays how fast I can run
And there are days where I may over-analyze
Where all this frantic came from
But I'd marry the fool who says break all the rules
Who says Go girl don't you look back
I'm beginning to see that I'll always be
Looking for love like that