



# 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