

Soundtrack Of A Journey

This collection represents the songs of a lifetime. Every song has a story and illuminates a distinct moment in my musical odyssey. Some songs represent my career with The Brothers Four, others the music that Mike McCoy and I have made, while many more give voice to years as a solo artist and a songwriter. Together with a lifetime of stories these songs weave a lasting tapestry around the journey that we share.

Thank you for coming along.

Let Love Go Forward

Love is a candle that lights up the night Love is a star that we follow to daylight Love is a lighthouse that leads us safely home The surest light we'll ever know

Chorus

Let love go forward from this time and place Shine its healing light in a gentle embrace Let love go forward from this place and time Let love shine

Love can unite us though we are apart Love is the answer we all learn by heart Hopeful and faithful whatever we may do Love now waits for us to choose

Chorus

Let love go forward from this time and place Shine its healing light in a gentle embrace Let love go forward from this place and time Let love shine

Bridge

Let the light of love always shine from you Illuminating what is fine and true May you shine with your own special light Together let us light up the night

Chorus

Let love go forward from this time and place Shine its healing light in a gentle embrace Let love go forward from this place and time Let love shine





When I Was Young and This Old Guitar Was New

Thought life would come with answers I would find along the way Felt I'd surely know the questions at least by a certain age Believed maybe by this time I might even know the truth When I was young and this old guitar was new

Sure that life would be much simpler than it has turned out to be Never dreaming it would be so hard to trust or to believe I never thought there'd be so much to learn or to get through When I was young and this old guitar was new

Bridge

This old guitar and I we're both glad to have reached this stage We have both been nicked and scratched and surely show our age Still somehow inside ourselves we both have found a song Discovering in the music how we both belong

I never thought that I could know such joy or such delight Or that I could find such depth or passion in my life I didn't think that I could love someone like I love you When I was young and this old guitar was new

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Wrote this song a few months before my 50th birthday. It means more every year.

1968

Watched boys die in Viet Nam in living rooms at night We lost the Tet Offensive when we heard it from Cronkite McCarthy in New Hampshire led a Children's Peace Crusade Believed times were a changin' in back in 1968

We lost another Kennedy and we also lost a King May dreams outlive the dreamers was our fervent prayer that spring When Humphrey lost to Nixon no one heard of Watergate Or knew all we had left to lose in 1968

Dubchek, the Odd Couple, Peggy Fleming, Jean Claude Killy Rod McKuen, Tiny Tim, 2001-Space Odyssey When Arthur Ashe won Wimbledon there was no fear of AIDS We'd beat disease and bigotry in 1968

"Hey Jude," 'The Sounds of Silence," Hendrix on the radio Bob Beaman's jump, black power salutes were raised in Mexico We gave the Heisman Trophy to someone we called OJ Saw it all in black and white in 1968

Three astronauts circled the moon and saw the first earth rise Frank Borman read from Genesis no one asked if God had died The earth looked like a world at peace that Christmas night in space Held tight to that illusion the end of 1968

It was a year like other years the worst and best of times
Twelve months that tried our souls that tried our hearts and minds
That brought us to the future we are living to this day
The peril and the promise that is 1968

1968 was a life changing year in my life and the life of our country.

Green Fields

Once there were green fields kissed by the sun Once there were valleys where rivers used to run Once there were blue skies with white clouds high above

Once they were part of an everlasting love We were the lovers who strove through green fields

Green fields are gone now parched by the sun Gone from the valleys where rivers used to run Gone with the cold wind that swept into my heart Gone with the lovers who let their dreams depart Where are the green fields that we used to roam?

I'll never know what made you run away How can I keep searching when dark clouds hide the day

I only know there's nothing here for me Nothing in this wide world left for me to see

But I'll keep on waiting till you return
I'll keep on waiting until the day you learn
You can't be happy when your heart's on the roam
You can't be happy until you bring it home
Home to the green fields and me once again

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This Land Is Your Land

Chorus

This land is your land this land is my land From California to the New York Island From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream water

This land was made for you and me

As I went walking that ribbon of highway I saw above me that endless skyway I saw below me that golden valley
This land is made for you and me

Chorus

This land is your land this land is my land From California to the New York Island From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream water

This land was made for you and me

I've roamed and rambled and I've followed my footsteps

To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts

And all around a voice was sounding
Singing this land was made for you and me

Chorus

This land is your land this land is my land From California to the New York Island From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream water

This land was made for you and me

The sun was shining as I was strolling Through the wheat fields and the dust clouds rolling

While all around me a voice was sounding Singing this land was made for you and me

Chorus

This land is your land this land is my land From California to the New York Island From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream water This land was made for you and me

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Green Leaves of Summer

A time to be reapin'
A time to be sowin'
The green leaves of summer are callin' me home
'Twas so good to be young then
In the seasons of plenty
When the catfish were jumpin'
As high as the sky

A time to be plowin'
A time to be plantin'
A time to be courtin'
A girl of your own
'Twas so good to be young then
To be close to the earth
And to stand by your wife
At the moment of birth

'Twas so good to be young then To be close to the earth Now the green leaves of summer Are callin' me home

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When I Grow Up I'll Be An Old Man

Maybe I'll grow a soft snow beard Maybe a 'stash crooked and weird Maybe I'll keep myself warm in beer Or maybe I'll carry a cane Wear an old fashioned pink carnation Or dream under sweet scotch intoxication

But I'm gonna be an old man
That's all I've really got planned
Back on the top of my list
Wrote it on the back of my list
All I really know is when I really grow up
I'll be an old man

And maybe I'll rock away in some cabin Rent a flat and play golf in New Haven Maybe I'll get some tools for a garden Or collect tin foil and string Lose my mind, go blind, or just turn gray And like my song kind of fade away

But I'm gonna be an old man
That's all I've really got planned
Back on the top of my list
Wrote it on the back of my list
All I really know is when I really grow up
I'll be an old man

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This is a song I wrote with Gary Drager on Vashon Island. It has remained a part of the active repertoire ever since.

Winners and Losers

Taking chances making changes another small step down the line
Along the road I'm traveling not sure of what I'll find
Might hit a streak of losers or by some chance just might win
All I know for certain is this time won't come again Success might turn impostor or failure satisfy Something that's discovered somewhere deep inside
So when it's over may I look back and see the ends were justified
And understand the meaning of what it was to try

Chorus

There's not too much between the winners and the losers
It's a fine line between the beggars and the choosers
Not far from being born to dying
It's a long way from anywhere once you give up trying

Three thousand nightclub hours eight years of words that rhyme
May not have brought me closer to a goal I can't define
There's a satisfaction that success may never know Staying a part of me no matter how it goes
Lord knows I may not make it or even if I can
But I'm thankful for the people who have helped me understand it's

A long way from knowing yourself to someone knowing your name Success is all around us it's called the loving of the game

Chorus

There's not too much between the winners and the losers
It's a fine line between the beggars and the choosers
Not far from being born to dying
It's a long way from anywhere once you give up trying

Sometimes I start to wonder what's all the trying for It seems I'm spending so much of my time rising from the floor And as I look around I see that life isn't fair So full of frustrations sometimes it grows hard to care But then it dawns upon me and I'm thankful for the chance Of seeing what I can in life and joining in the dance And the dance might form a circle to enclose a magic ring That might give us the answers explaining everything

Repeat Chorus

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This is one of those defining songs.

Greyhound

Boarding the bus at midnight Tripping down the aisle in the bad light One seat left it's near the back and to the right

You moved your coat with a sigh When I asked if I could share the ride The wheels began their rolling toward the moon in the sky

You were reading the Sunday Times
In a light that might just leave you blind
The paper was already two days old
you didn't seem to mind

A baby was crying all night long

A conversation near by about Freud and Jung People singing in the back a bunch of fifties songs

Closing my eyes and trying to rest It was a fitful night at best

Half a wake and dreaming I was living somewhere out west

We sat together at the breakfast stop Drank our coffee from well stained cups Something struck us funny as we were getting up

Chorus

Happens just a few times in a lifetime
Find yourself outside the hands of time
Like Alice falling deep into what was to be
a nursery rhyme
We lived a day and night that filled a lifetime

We talked about the weather in the afternoon

A stop for dinner than when we resumed That conversation was taking on a different tune

The sun finished racing across the sky
And we were becoming hypnotized
By the turning of the wheels that erased
the last trace of life outside

The darkness closed around like a magic spell If we tried to escape the deeper we fell We fought it no more and now we knew

To share all of our joys and fears Saying things we thought no one would ever hear

that we were compelled

Holding hands knowing no one outside would interfere

We lived a lifetime through the night Shared it all and never quite Believed the world would ever return into the light

Chorus

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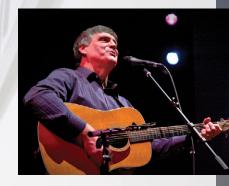
We lived a day and night that filled a lifetime We lived a day and night that filled a lifetime

When the morning came we were silent for The magic spell was ours no more We stared at a paper four days old and wrinkled on the floor We were now like anyone forced to decide Between a stranger and the world outside Waiting restlessly now for help to arrive The bus sighed and stopped we stepped to the around We both saw familiar faces we had been found You smiled grabbed your bag and melted down into the crowd My friends ran up and said we're glad you came You look kind of tired you should have come by plane I wondered if I'd ever understand what I couldn't explain

Chorus

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Like Alice falling deep into what was to be
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We lived a day and night that filled a lifetime

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Life can turn quickly.
There are moments that
change our lives forever
and those moments
that we look back
upon and wonder.

Dear Partner

Dear Partner and soul mate we've come a long way
Down fast lanes and dirt roads crossed an ocean or two
Shared adventure and danger with friends and strangers
Doing the best that we thought we could do

There more lines on my face than I've left for the ladies More no's than ever were yeses or maybes More times I wonder where do I belong My boots have worn out 'fore I could die with them one

Chorus

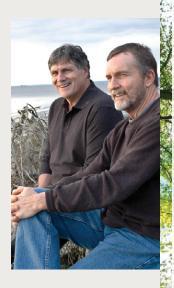
Thought we'd go out in a great ball of fire Get shot or arrested fooling with desire Thought we'd be gone when the piper came round Before life filled us up and started slowing us down

Old soul mate dear partner how'd we get this far In old cars and beer bars no one to blame The dream was to stay young until we keeled over We've been young together we've grown old just the same

It seems to take more work the harder we play
And tomorrow gets closer than some old yesterday
For the people we loved and the places we've been
I wish we'd known better but I'm sure glad we didn't

Chorus

Thought we'd go out in a great ball of fire Get shot or arrested fooling with our desire Thought we'd be gone when the piper came round Before life filled us up and started slowing us down



This is one of those songs that is part of my personal "canon." It is one that Johnny Cash "almost" recorded a couple of times.

Magic Carpet

Thought I'd swing by in my old Chevrolet
Just for a minute know I can't stay
Was a night like this that she got her name
The magic carpet she could take us away

On a night like this we've got nothing to fear A six-pack or two and we put her in gear There's nowhere to go but we couldn't stay here

We'd get on the magic carpet and just disappear

We're driving through those August nights With the windows all rolled down And we're all gassed up and ready to go with the radio up loud

Chorus

The magic carpet, oh, how she could fly Oh, how she made the times go by On a night like this those feelings they just comes back alive
So lets roll the magic carpet out tonight

I still have the maps of the forty-eight From trips that we planned but never did take

And wondering now why we decided to wait Cause gas we cheap and we could get away Oh, how that car was our claim to fame Settling down was never our game But that was before the baby came Now the magic carpet's the only thing that stays the same

Now we're driving through those August nights With the windows all rolled down We're all gassed up and ready to go with

Chorus

the radio up loud

The magic carpet, oh, how she could fly Oh, how she made the time roll by On a night like this those feelings they just come back alive

So let's roll the magic carpet out tonight

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This was a song I wrote for my first singing partner, Dan Eaton. McCoy made it his own.

Real Life Field of Dreams

So what if for an hour I had a real life field of dreams. Go outside with this mitt and ball have my dad appear to me Throwing that ball back and forth would I know what it means If for an hour I had some kind of real life field of dreams

If I could play one final game of catch now with my dad What would I try to tell him what would I want to ask What would I do or undo if I had just one more chance And I could play one final game of catch now with my dad

Could we both say I love you to each other and out loud Would the little disappointments and hurts disappear somehow

Would I realize that I had done enough to make him proud After we had said I love you to each other and out loud

When that hour was over and I walked off that field of dreams

Would the world somehow be different with some changed reality

How would that magic hour connect to countless memories When that hour was over and I walked off that field of dreams

Now I take the ball and throw it up and catch it in my glove Wondering what I hold on to what should I let go of How do we know we love someone how do we know we're loved I take the ball and throw it up and catch it in my glove

So what if for an hour I had a real life field of dreams...

Mv dad's been dead since 1997. I still miss him in ways I have trouble explaining even to myself. I do know writing this song brought cleansing tears and singing it continues to do the same.

My Witness

You're my witness to this journey To the road that Lam on All the times when I was up All the ways that I've been down Yours the voice that I am hearing Yours the eyes that I can see Where I go when I grow weary Faith enough so I believe There's the story of the forest And the tree I think that fell Cause no one was there to hear it Can we really tell

Refrain

We all need a witness to the stories of our lives Wanted to tell you I am grateful you are mine

You're the keeper of my secrets You're the quardian of my dreams

Haven for my disappointments Safe there in your memories Just to know that someone's watching Just to know that you are there

Awake and waiting in my garden So alert and so aware I have heard that songs and stories Make it so we never die Maybe I could live without you With you I am alive

Refrain

We all need a witness to the stories of our lives Wanted to tell you I am grateful you are mine

Repeat refrain

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Singing Our Way

Sing our way down the road Going out coming home We have known for so long Life is ours for a song

Chorus

Singing our way through the years
Through the laughter the tears
Singing our way singing our way
Singing our way through those nights
Till we finally saw the light
Singing our way singing our way

We've been through ups and downs Always found songs somehow Whatever life may bring We'll be friends and we'll sing

Chorus

Singing our way through the years
Through the laughter the tears
Singing our way singing our way
Singing our way through those nights
Till we finally saw the light
Singing our way singing our way

(Repeat Chorus)

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McCoy and I started singing
together in college. These
days we travel the world as
two of The Brothers Four.
Music has been an
important part of
our lives whatever
stage we have
been in or on.

A Candle's Light

There are many kinds of light Help us to embrace the night Yet I know there's nothing quite Like a candle's glow

Something in a candle's light So alluring so alive Something all hearts recognize Living in a candle's light

There are many kinds of love Some we cannot see or touch Still my heart believes and trusts Our love will abide

Something like a candle's light So alluring so alive That my heart has recognized Something like a candle's light

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We live more and more
in a virtual world.
There is nothing quite
like live music or
live light or
living love.

Following the Light

In the dark light of the winter
We have come to see the birds
White tundra swans and snow geese
My soul both shaken and stirred
They have flown down from Alaska
Where they shall return in the spring
Something calls and they must answer
In their fateful wandering

Chorus

There's a light that leads them onward There's a light that leads them home A dream their hearts' must follow Into the dark unknown Theirs is an awesome beauty White wings against blue sky Their journey a sacred duty Following the light

As we watch these swans and snow geese
Feel my heart stop with a start
There's a journey we all make
Trying to find out who we are
Find the light that's shining for us
And to let it be our guide
To match the light we follow
With the light that burns inside

Chorus

There's a light that leads us onward There's a light that leads us home A dream each heart must follow Into the dark unknown There's a wonder and a beauty As we struggle and we strive Each journey a sacred duty

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We Simply Must Believe

We look across the water at a ragged range of mountains
The moment becomes magic as the sun begins to set
The world alive with color in the mountains, sky, and water
See miles and miles of yellows, purples, oranges, golds, and reds

While it may be the two of us who watch this magic show (While it appears to be just two of us watching this magic show) Something is telling each of us we're simply not alone

Chorus

There are moments when we know that God is watching (There are) moments when we're sure it's God we see Those few times in a lifetime When they're one and the same moment Are the moments when we simply must believe

Then as the light is fading and the magic show is ending We feel something behind us turn around to our surprise The stars begin appearing by another range of mountains We hold our breath and watch a golden silver full moon rise

We had stopped to watch a sunset it was more than worth our while We somehow saw the face of God and then we saw God smile

Chorus

There are moments when we know that God is watching (There are) moments when we're sure it's God we see And those few times in a lifetime When they're one and the same moment Are those moments when we simply must believe

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Journey Home

On the banks here of Gold Creek Salmon slapping at our feet Circle of life now complete On their journey home

In the natural scheme of things Goodbye to this stream of kings Sets my mind to wondering On their journey home

Feeling sad and satisfied
Time to be born time to die
Both the earthly and divine
On their journey home

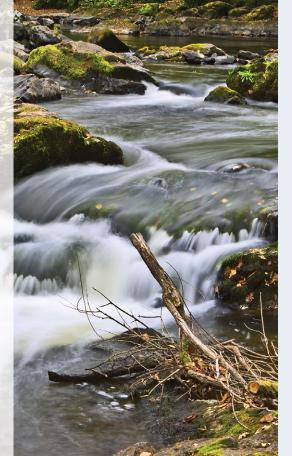
Bridge

Do they know the end is near? Is that why they persevere? Is there nothing left to fear? On their journey home

Something called them out to sea Now returns them to this stream Both the memories and dreams Of their journey home

Before we have turned to go Take a moment hold you close Tell you how I love you so On our journey home

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The Thrill of Loving You

Went down the mighty Colorado River in a raft I've escaped the bonds of earth In a glider's warm updraft Felt a mountain's natural high While taking in the view There's nothing in the world to match The thrill of loving you

Jumped out of an airplane
For a moment I fell free
Swung out from a granite cliff
With one rope holding me
Sailed alone across an ocean
And I swear that it is true
There's nothing in the world to match
The thrill of loving you

Bridge

You^re the thrill of a grand adventure
The thrill of coming home
The thrill that comes in discovering
The thrill of the unknown
So long I've been a seeker
I have been a searcher, too
Found all that I was looking for
The moment I found you

You simply take my breath away
You make me feel alive
There's nothing that's as beautiful
In all God has designed
You give my life a timelessness
Make everything brand new
There's nothing in the world to match
The thrill of loving you

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One Love and Two Lives

On the first page are two pictures look at them and you'll see
One's a young girl, one's a young boy waiting there to meet
Turn the page they're together turn again a groom and bride
The pictures tell the story of one love and two lives

Page after page the pictures show a growing family One, two, three the kids arrive and make the scenes complete Sometimes in living color sometimes in black and white The pictures tell the story of one love and two lives

Bridge

Through all the change of fashion lengths of skirts and lengths of hair Through every change of season their love is always there
Through holidays and birthdays through vacations through the years In portraits and blurred snapshots their love is always clear

On the last page is one picture of a white haired man and wife Who found each other years ago and married then for life The years have been exposed to the unblinking camera's eye The pictures tell the story of one love and two lives

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You Are the One

I've been asking questions and searching for answers While looking for reasons for all of my life While stumbling blindly the road's been unwinding Not sure what I'm finding look in your eyes...l see...

Chorus

Love is the question love is the answer Love is the reason and you are the one Love is the question love is the answer Love is the reason and you are the one You are the one

After all of the testing and all of the blessings
All of the lessons untying those knots
Learned life's about giving and truly forgiving
And loving and living with all that we've qot...and that...

Chorus

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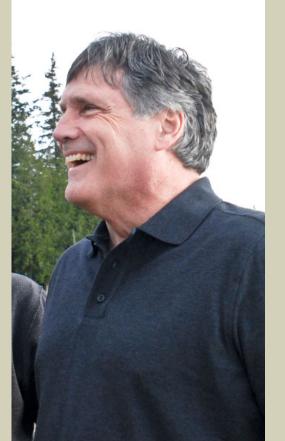
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The Road That Leads Us Home

On this road we travel down
It isn't wealth or fame somehow
Or power that we may hold now
That makes this life worthwhile
It's not revenge or many loves
And glory never is enough
For in the end all turns to dust
After all of those miles
Our journey is to find ourselves
To share and care and love as well
Be witness for somebody else
And in the end to know

The depth of our determination
The extent of our dedication
The place we seek our inspiration
Our true and honest goals
The reason we find to believe
The way we set our demons free
That place where we will not retreat
Though we must stand alone
What we are counted on to do
The limits of our courage, too
What we have found to be the truth
On the road that leads us home

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The Missing Peace

May you find someone within you who is gentle and is strong
May you know a somewhere where you know that you belong
May life always fascinate you, may wonders never cease
May you find the missing peace
May you be one more time courageous than the times you are afraid
And may you be doubtful one less time than you have faith
May you get to know your demons and sometime set them free
May you find the missing peace

Chorus

May you find the missing peace to every puzzle Find the missing peace to all your wars Share the missing peace that is in others And be the missing peace that someone else is looking for May there be someone who knows you and know them in return
May you find new ways of giving always something more to learn
May the world that you have hope for in time be yours indeed
May you find the missing peace
May you welcome new adventure may you know you have a home
May you share yourself with others and share with yourself alone
May your need for faith diminish may your faith itself increase
May vou find the missing peace

Chorus

to every puzzle
Find the missing peace to all your wars
Share the missing peace that is in others
And be the missing peace that someone else
is looking for

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May you find the missing peace





Soundtrack Of A Journey

Recording Credits

LLGF: Let Love Go Forward

GA: Golden Anniversary

BF: Between Friends

BOF: Between Old Friends

TMP: The Missing Peace

FTL: Following the Light

Credits:

Let Love Go Forward 1999

Produced by Bob Flick and Ted Brancato,

Engineer: Reed Ruddy

Mark Pearson: guitar and vocal

Ted Brancato: keyboards
Dan Deardorf: bass

Terry Lauber: guitars

Between Friends (1981) and Between Old Friends (2009)

Producer: Bob Flick, Engineer: Reed Ruddy

Mark Pearson: vocal and guitar

Mike McCoy: vocals

Ted Brancato: keyboard
Tom Collier: drums

Dan Dean: bass

John Morton: lead quitar

Karl Olsen: guitar (Between Old Friends)

Bob Haworth: guitar (Between Friends)

The Missing Peace 2004

Produced and arranged: Ted Brancato, Engineer: Reed Ruddy & Sam Hofstedt

Mark Pearson: vocal and guitar

Ted Brancato: keyboards
Chuck Deardorf: bass

Mark Ivester: drums and percussion

Paul Elliot: violin (and fiddle)

John Goforth: flute and saxophone

Kelly Harland and Mike McCoy: additional vocals

Following the Light (2009)

Produced, engineered, and arranged: Ted Brancato

Mark Pearson: vocals and guitar Paul Gabrielson: acoustic bass

Paul Prestopino: various guitars, mandolin, Dobro, mandolo, banjo, and harmonica

Ted Brancato: piano Gary Oleyar: violin

Lucy Sims, Mike Carr: background vocals

John Ferrari: percussion

Golden Anniversary

Producer: Bob Flick Engineer: Reed Ruddy &

Sam Hofstedt

Bob Flick: vocals and bass

Mike McCoy: vocals and guitar

Karl Olsen: vocals and guitar

Mark Pearson: vocals, guitars, and banjos

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- 8. Winners and Losers (BF)
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