

## The Honey Dewdrops - "If the Sun Will Shine" Lyrics

### 1. Bluest Blue Eyes (2:53)

Bluest blue eyes as blue as I feel  
going by the door gone away from here.  
Never did nothing my record's clean  
but he turned me down and he treated me mean.

\*So long trouble, so long X2

I sit at the bar and I hear sad songs  
and I sing 'em soft until all my trouble's gone.  
I don't pretend like I have any choice  
when I'm whispering with poorboys in a worn-out voice.

So long trouble, so long X2

I'm tossed about and I get knocked around  
by all these people trying to lay me down.  
I won't give up and I won't give in  
and I'll keep fighting until I win.

So long trouble, so long X2

Came to me like a mountain rain running down these hills.  
Calling back "hey honey babe" I can hear him still.

So long trouble, so long X2

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### 2. Don't Leave Me Here (3:45)

They say Hattie, sweet as honeysuckle, lit the light under  
the shade.  
She'd come on down from Memphis, slow march as the  
fire began to fade.

On the table, the book of dreams, the colors all faded  
Country radio from the bedroom, cracklin' low  
On her hands the cracks and wrinkles are a map  
To the places she knows, and is bound to go

I felt the arms of the mother, in the back of the car,  
dreaming on the side of the road  
Watching in light of the passing cars, gently feeling  
where we been, where we are

On the table, the book of dreams, the colors all faded  
Country radio from the bedroom, cracklin' low  
On her hands the cracks and wrinkles are a map  
To the places she knows, and is bound to go

I want to say 'don't leave me here' I am bound for you, a  
bird in a cage just trying to be free  
And everything you gave me, there wasn't a key, ever a  
slave, love, ever a slave

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### 3. Wandering Boy (2:43)

I love to hear his guitar singing  
take it away when he goes

the sweetest song you ever heard  
lay me down in the cradle low

\*Maybe high up in the mountains  
or out on the deep blue sea  
wander this wide world over  
never coming back to me

Oh bye, bye, bye says the restless boy  
his true kid don't understand  
he's only home, he's only happy  
when he's rolling through the land

\*chorus

Rusty strings, on his old guitar  
voices shake, they shimmer and sigh  
light on a rusty string  
brighter than all stars in the sky

\*chorus

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### 4. Stomping Ground (4:31)

In the dust, out over town, I fade into the hills  
Touch the quiet, blue horizon, nobody ever been  
Post cards, on the road, I send them back to you  
A couple lines, here and there, well see what we can do

Love like the sun, behind the clouds and rain  
When you see her going, she's coming back again  
She's coming back again

Pictures, on the light box, they're flying by the door  
Telling us, get ready, they never say what for  
Mirror, in a puddle, I see your face so real  
Black and white photograph, buttons on her dress

Love like the sun, behind the clouds and rain  
When you see her coming, she's gone away again  
She's gone away again

Out on the stomping ground, dressed up for herself  
Thinking, all the time, she's walking through the door

Love like the sun, behind the clouds and rain  
When you see her going, she's coming back again  
She's coming back again

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### 5. 1918 (1:25 - Instrumental)

### 6. How We Used to Be (4:09)

Seen him stepping off of the porch  
Words in his mouth I never heard before  
Come out slow, the saddest bunch  
Don't explain to me, don't give me much

Change come quick, can't feel or see  
When true love ain't true, get left lonely  
This red, red rose he painted on my breast  
Faded too soon, there's nothing left

Shadows in here, crowd the floor

Echo calls, can't hear no more  
Gets so loud, when I'm all alone  
My ears'll bleed that whisper tone

Everything here, reminding me  
This old life, how we used to be  
All the same steps and sounds  
Lost again, the love I found

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### **7. Nowhere to Stand (2:48)**

One time, you held a full house in your hand  
Your sound, a pedal steel in a country band  
Anybody, shine your shoes when you walk by  
Right there, held your hand while you got high

\*Now your cards don't draw good no more  
You've got an empty hand, nowhere to stand except right here

It was fine, you had a dollar and a dime  
Blindfold, you wore it all the time  
Wrong turn, you missed all the dead-end signs  
Hit the road, down those long yellow lines

\*Chorus

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### **8. Without Tears (3:26)**

You broke my heart into pieces  
the blackbird brought the night.  
Ain't got nobody to wake me,  
to see if the sun will shine.

I'm keepin' warm by the heat pipes  
you left me so cold.  
I'm wrapped up tight, trying to stay dry  
new patches on my clothes.

\*How can I keep going on?  
With the silver girl, no more to hold.  
Ain't had a day without tears love,  
down in this loneliness.

My back is bent and broken,  
the weight around my neck.  
I just keep wandering  
no earthly end in sight.

\*Chorus

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### **9. Fly Away Free (2:37)**

I got a song and I got a prayer  
For a little bird trying to get south from here  
Pretty alright but all out of breath  
She got a little branch to rest on and nothing much else

Throw down her body for one more mile  
One more night 'til she can sleep awhile  
Blood in her eyes light out another day  
Little bit faster to keep the cold away

Got a feeling in her gut just comes calling  
Got no end just keeps a howlin'  
There is a valley full of memory and shadow  
She ain't divided in herself and the ghosts don't follow

Throw down her body and light up her soul  
She's searching for diamonds and sifting through coal  
Her hands are shaky she let go of tomorrow  
She gonna fly away free from this world so narrow

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### **10. When Was the War (2:52)**

When was the war I know, I know  
that's where my husband was called to go.  
Didn't need no priest, wasn't laid down below  
but he didn't come home the boy I used to know.

I watch him at night, he sleeps through his dreams.  
Many of the nights tremors convene.  
I don't hardly know who can be where he been,  
who's not pining away or languishing.

When was the war I know, I know  
written on the page of a book to never close.

When was the war I know, I know  
caught in this mud and moving so slow.  
I know there ain't nobody in this whole wide world  
who can stay still so long and never get hurt.

I watch him so silent sleep through his dreams  
black hole sleep a violent stream.  
When was the war I know, I know  
sooner or later we all come to know.

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### **11. Petals (3:43)**

My days are falling like petals on a slow stream  
They pile up and slip away to the spaces in between  
Couple got the light that's shining all the time  
Some are fading black and losing all their shine

And when I learn to fall and close my eyes  
I'm gonna shine all the time

My days are written on sheets of blue and green  
Folded now and ripped apart, not like they've always been  
Throw 'em away when the time comes around  
To pack it up, tear it down, and clear on out of town

And when I learn to lay me down and sleep  
Then you know I'm doing fine

If I find a stand of trees, a place to call my own  
Crickets there to laugh with me, singing when I moan  
Filled up by the notes sung so delicate  
Placed there one by one the song I can't forget

And when I let the nighttime fold over me  
Then I'll find you everytime  
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Then I'll find you everytime

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