TEMPLE AT MIDNIGHT
NOTES & SONGS
1] RIVER MAN - inspired by a quiet moment by the river Pegnitz in Deva's home town of Nuremberg; dedicated to Hermann Hesse and his masterpiece, Siddhartha.

2] NORWEGIAN WOOD - an old man (me) looks back to the 60's and reminisces about a love lost.

3] NO GOAL BUT THIS - there is a Zen saying 'no goal but the path' - living life in a simple, refined way - chopping wood, drawing water from the well ... etc.

4] ONE STEP AT A TIME - more Zen from the path.

5] ALL IS WELCOME HERE - living in the here and now there arises a sense of gratitude for every lesson learned, even the painful ones.

6] EXACTLY AS IT IS - sometimes love is so clean and so clear it is not mysterious at all.

7] HUMANIVERSAL - I have my doubts as to whether humanity can actually save itself - maybe human kindness is our only hope.

8] LOVE IS THE FIRE - a celebration of the fire of love which burns the ego, sears the fears and destroys all questions, leaving us free to leap with absolute abandon, into the holy fire of life itself.

9] NOBODY CAN - when it comes down to it, I really wouldn't want to be anyone else, would you? The great teachers tell us we're perfect as we are and even though we may have our doubts, in our hearts we know it's true.

10] GURUJI - before John Lennon left his body he pointed me towards meditation and it was there I discovered Osho; before Osho left his body he pointed me towards the ultimate master, one that was never born, and will never die: the great spirit of music.

11] INESCAPABLE LOVE - why wait! - we all have an inner light - now is the time to shine it on the world.

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Joby Baker – backing vocals / drums / bass / piano / upright bass / bowed bass / hand percussion / guitar / pump organ / celeste
Richard Moody – viola / violin / mandolin
Deva Premal – vocals
Manose – bansuri / vocals / ukelele
Nick La Riviere – trombone
Miguel Valdes – trumpet / flugelhorn
Barrie Sorensen – tenor sax
Brass arranged by Joby Baker
1] RIVER MAN (miten)

close to the water, that's where I am
the river is my teacher
close to the water, that's my plan
the river is my teacher
clean or dirty that's the way she goes
it's not about the water, it's all about the flow
I am the river man

close to the water I'm on holy ground
the river is my teacher
I love to hear her singing, I love that sound
the river is my teacher
she takes the path of least resistance, I know
it's not about the distance, it's all about the flow
I am the river man

well I could've been a carpenter
carving buddhas out of trees
and I could've been a fisherman
sailing out on the seas
but I became a ferryman
and in ones and twos and threes
I carry you over to the other side
I am the river man

I carried you over to the other side
I carried you over to the other side
I carried you over to the other side
I carried you over to the other side
I carried you over across this river
deep and wide
you can take my hand
I am the river man

close to the water
that's where I'll end my days
the river is my teacher
her words of wisdom come

2] NORWEGIAN WOOD (lennon/mccartney)
i once had a girl or should I say
she once had me
she showed me her room
isn't it good, norwegian wood
she asked me to stay
and she told me to sit anywhere
so I looked around
and I noticed there wasn't a chair

I sat on a rug
biding my time drinking her wine
we talked until 2
and then she said it's time for bed
she told me she worked in the morning and started to laugh
I told her I didn't
and crawled up to sleep in the bath

and when I awoke I was alone
this bird had flown
so I lit a fire - isn't it good
norwegian wood
3] NO GOAL BUT THIS (miten)

chopping wood, drawing water from the well
singing the holy name, ringing the temple bell
out here on the edge of the abyss
there is no goal but this

we didn’t come to discuss if there’s a god above
we came to get up - stand up - sing out in the name of love
we find ourselves here in a place where time does not exist
and there is no goal but this

we’re singing out the mantra, our voices in the sky
nobody holding back, nobody busy with the question why
hearts are open, aim is true, tonight we cannot miss
because there is no goal but this

i really love you deva, you’re the apple in my pie
you’re my gayatri mantra, you’re the honey in my chai
you’re my vegetarian dish, no meat no fish
and i’m here to fulfil your every wish
and there is no goal, no goal but this

4] ONE STEP AT A TIME
(miten / deva premal / ktori / de moor)

clouds drifting
moon clouds drifting
oh this longing for the sky
clouds drifting
moon clouds drifting
we’re disappearing these clouds, you and i
i feel a silence gently growing
in my over-flowing heart
i feel a silence gently growing....
ALL IS WELCOME HERE (miten)

broken hearts and broken wings
bring it all, bring everything
bring the song you fear to sing,
all is welcome here
and even if you broke your vow
a thousand times, come anyhow
step into the power of now,
all is welcome here

see the father and the son,
reunited here they come
they're dancing to the sacred drum,
they know they're welcome here
i see the shaman and the mighty priest,
i see the beauty and the beast
singing i have been released
and i am welcome here

i stood alone at the gateless gate,
too drunk on love to hesitate
to the winds i cast my fate
and the remnants of my fear
i took a deep breath and i leapt
and i awoke as if i'd never slept
 tears of gratitude i wept,
i was welcome here

so bring your laughter and bring your tears, your busy lives and your careers
and bring the pain you've carried for years, all is welcome here
freedom is not so far away, there's just one price we all have to pay:
live our dreams until they fade away
- and let them go
waking up - letting go

EXACTLY AS IT IS (miten)

oh the flame in my heart
it burns for you, my love
like a river, burning red
at the close of day
and the wheel of my life
it turns with yours, side by side
i have no choice
i simply love you that way

it's like that and it's like this
it's exactly as it is
it's a natural affair,
there's no mystery there
it's exactly as it is
i simply love you

and the healing light
from the blessed sun
it still shines for you
beloved one
shining on this river
burning red
at the close of day
i've seen that river so still
i've seen it roaring in flood
you are that river, running in my blood
and i rejoice that i have loved you this way

it's like that and it's like this
it's exactly as it is
it's a natural affair,
no mystery there
it's exactly as it is
i simply love you

om hum hanumate vijayam
7] HUMANIVERSAL (miten)

ever been lonely?
ever felt out of place?
ever cried yourself to sleep at night praying for descending grace?

ever danced alone in the moonlight?
dancing like there's nobody there
the whole world could be looking on but what do you care...
you're dancing your prayer

humaniversal
we're all reaching for the stars in the sky
humaniversal
you and i

ever been to india?
seen the world from ground zero
13 year old mother with a baby in her arms
knocking on your taxi window
lights change and you leave her standing in the road
still her eyes come back to haunt you wherever you go

humaniversal
we can all hear her baby cry
humaniversal
you and i

and after all it's only life
we come and go in the wink of an eye
we say hello we say goodbye
is that all...?
and what about the dalai lama
what about that smile
simple monk from the roof of the world living in exile

he can't go back and he can't go home
what does that say to you and me?
he speaks of love and compassion
even towards his enemy

humaniversal
say a prayer for his people
when you're driving home tonight
humaniversal
say a prayer for him,
when you turn out the light tonight

8] LOVE IS THE FIRE (miten)

love is the fire burning in the night
your love is the fire in me
love is the fire, sets my heart alight
your love is the fire in me

burning up - i'm burning up
i'm burning in your love
burning up - burning up
i'm burning in your love

love is the fire, i can feel it in my bones
your love is the fire in me
love is the fire, everybody knows
your love is the fire in me

love is the fire in my heart
love is the fire in my mind
love is the fire in my dreams
love is the fire in my soul
love is the fire in my toes
love is the fire....
9] NOBODY CAN (miten)

it's the song from the forest
it's the voice in the trees
it's the dance of the spirit
and the shadow that it leaves
it's the call of the wind that we cannot deny
it's the love between you and i

and nobody can give it what you can
nobody can live it like you
nobody can

it's the sun on the meadow
at the first light of dawn
it's the sound of a baby being born
it's the dance of the mountain
when there's nobody there
the dance of life we share

and nobody can dance like you can
nobody can dance like you nobody can

10] GURUJI (miten)

if i am not my body
if i am not my mind
if i am not my emotions
who is the one crying?

if i am not the teachings
if i am not the word
if i am only sleeping, john
what was that song i heard?

it was you - you were the music
you were the poetry
you - you were the laughter

11] INESCAPABLE LOVE (miten)

we're living in the inescapable
living inescapable love
we're living in the inescapable
inescapable love

we're living in the unbelievable
living unbelievable love
we're living in the inconceivable
inescapable love

we're living in the unconventional
living unconventional love
living in the non-directional
inescapable love

living in the indescribable
living indescribable love
living in the undeniable
inescapable love

be the light unto yourself
and shine upon the world
love & thanks

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dedicated to guruji osho
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RIVER MAN

D(open)  close to the water, that's where i am
          D/C    D (open)  the river is my teacher
D(open)  close to the water, that's my plan
          D/C    D (open)  the river is my teacher

Bbmj7    Fmj7  clean or dirty that's the way she goes
          Bbmj7  it's not about the water
          Bbmj7  it's all about the flow

D       D7    D6    D(b6)  i am the river man

D(open)  close to the water i'm on holy ground
          D/C    D (open)  the river is my teacher
D(open)  i love to hear her singing, i love that sound
          D/C    D (open)  the river is my teacher

Bbmj7  she takes the path of least resistance,
          Fmj7  i know
          Bbmj7  she says it's not about the distance
          A      A7    it's all about the flow

          D       D7    D6    D(b6)  i am the river man

G7  well i could've been a carpenter
       D  carving buddhas out of trees
       G7  and i could've been a fisherman
       D  sailing out on the seas
       A  but i became a ferryman
       G7  and in ones and twos and threes

D  i carry you over to the other side
       carry you over to the other side
       carry you over to the other side
\(G7\)
carry you over cross this river
\(D\)
deep and wide
\(A7\) \(G7\)
you can take my hand
\(D\)
i am the river man

\(D\) (open)
close to the water
that's where i'll end my days
\(D/C\) \(D\) (open)
the river is my teacher
\(D\) (open)
her words of wisdom come
in most melodious ways
\(D/C\) \(D\) (open)
the river is my teacher

\(Bbmj7\) \(Fmj7\)
she's still rolling - rolling down in my soul
\(Bbmj7\)
she says it's all about the rhythm of life
\(A\) \(A7\)
it's all about how we roll...

\(D\) \(D7\) \(D6\) \(D(b6)\)
i am the river man
\(D\) (open) \((D7\ D6\ D(b6))\)
carry you over to the other side
the river is my teacher
listen to the river now
i am the river man

**NORWEGIAN WOOD**
(Lennon/McCartney)

\(D\) (open, D7add4 flavour)
i once had a girl or should i say
she once had me
she showed me her room
isn't it good, norwegian wood
\(Dm\)
she asked me to stay
\(G\)
and she told me to sit anywhere
\(Dm\)
so i looked around
\(Em\ A\)
and i noticed there wasn't a chair

\(D\) (open, D7add4 flavour)
i sat on a rug
biding my time drinking her wine
we talked until two
and then she said it's time for bed
\(Dm\)
she told me she worked in the morning
\(G\)
and started to laugh
\(Dm\)
i told her i didn't and crawled up to
\(Em\ A\)
sleep in the bath

\(D\) (open, D7add4 flavour)
and when i awoke i was alone
this bird had flown
so i lit a fire - isn't it good
norwegian wood
NO GOAL BUT THIS

Cm
chopping wood, drawing water from the well
singing the holy name, ringing the temple bell
F Cm
out here on the edge of the abyss
G F Cm
there is no goal, no goal but this

Cm
we didn’t come to discuss if there’s a god above
we came to get up - stand up - sing out in the name of love
F
we find ourselves here in a place
Cm
where time does not exist
G F Cm
there is no goal - but this

Cm
we’re singing out the mantra, our voices in the sky
nobody holding back, nobody busy with the question why
F Cm
hearts are open, aim is true
G F
tonight we cannot miss
Cm
because there is no goal but this

Cm
i really love you deva, you’re the apple in my pie
you’re my gayatri mantra, you’re the honey in my chai
F
you’re my vegetarian dish, no meat no fish
Cm
and i’m here to fulfil your every wish
G F Cm
and there is no goal, no goal but this

ONE STEP AT A TIME

E Emj7
clouds drifting, moon clouds drifting
D A B
oh this longing for the sky
E Emj7
clouds drifting, moon clouds drifting
D A B
we’re disappearing these clouds, you & i

C#m C
i feel a silence gently growing
G D
in my over-flowing heart
C#m C
i feel a silence gently growing....
G - D - A - B
(inst)
E  Emj7
clouds lifting, rain clouds lifting
D   A   B
moon shadow on this holy ground
E  Emj7
clouds lifting, rain clouds lifting
D   A   B
now i see what it is i found

C#m   C
i find a silence gently growing
G    D
in my over-flowing heart
C#m   C
i find a silence gently growing...
(inst)

A   D   A
here's my story i was all at sea
A
looking for a heart
    D   E
that was looking for me
A   D   A
i knew i'd find you eventually
    D   E   A
taking one step at a time

A   E/G#   D   A
i remember the sky - gold and blue
A   E/G#   D   E
there was no more 'i' and no more 'you'
A   E/G#   D   A
and the next obvious thing to do
    D   E   A
was take one step at a time

C - G - D - A - B
(inst)

E  Emj7
sarva mangala mangalye
D   A   B
shive sarvartha sadike
E  Emj7
sharanye tryambake
D   A   B
gauri narayani namostute

C#m   C
i feel a silence gently growing
G    D
in my over-flowing heart
C#m   C
i feel a silence gently growing....
(inst)

A   D   E   A   D   E
hari hari, hari hari

A   E/G#   D   A
i'm taking it easy taking it slow
A   E/G#   D   E
as above, so below
A   E/G#   D   A
i can tell you there's nowhere to go
    D   E   A
taking one step at a time
A   D   E   A   D   E
hari hari, hari hari
ALL IS WELCOME HERE

G        Bm
broken hearts and broken wings
A        Bm
bring it all, bring everything
G        Bm
bring the song you fear to sing
A        Bm
all is welcome here
G        Bm
and even if you broke your vow
A        Bm
a thousand times, come anyhow
G        Bm
step into the power of now
A        Bm
all is welcome here

(VOCAL/INST HOOK)

G        Bm
see the father and the son,
A        Bm
reunited here they come
G        Bm
they're dancing to the sacred drum,
A        Bm
they know they're welcome here
G        Bm
i see the shaman and the mighty priest,
A        Bm
i see the beauty and the beast

G        Bm
singing i have been released
A        Bm
and i am welcome here

(VOCAL/INST HOOK)

G        Bm
i stood alone at the gateless gate
A        Bm
too drunk on love to hesitate
G        Bm
to the winds i cast my fate
A        Bm
and the remnants of my fear
G        Bm
i took a deep breath and i leapt
Am        Bm
and i awoke as if i'd never slept
G        Bm
tears of gratitude i wept
A        Bm
i was welcome here

(VOCAL/INST HOOK)

G        Bm
so bring your laughter and bring your tears
A        Bm
your busy lives and your careers
G        Bm
and bring the pain you've carried for years
A  Bm
all is welcome here

G    Bm
freedom is not so far away

A    Bm
there's just one price we all have to pay:

G    Bm
live our dreams until they fade away

A    Bm
- and let them go

(VOCAL/INST HOOK)
waking up - letting go

EXACTLY AS IT IS

C    Am
oh the flame in my heart

F    G    C
it burns for you, my love

Am    Em
like a river, burning red

G    G7
at the close of day

C    Am
and the wheel of my life

F    G    C
it turns with yours, side by side

Am
i have no choice

Em    G
i simply love you that way

C    Am
it's like that and it's like this

F    G    C
it's exactly as it is

G
it's a natural affair,

F
there's no mystery there

G    C
it's exactly as it is

i simply love you

C
and the healing light

Am
from the blessed sun

F    G    C
it still shines for you, my beloved one

Am    Em
shining on this river, burning red

G    G7
at the close of day

C
i've seen that river so still

Am
i've seen it roaring in flood

F    G    C
you are that river, running in my blood

Am    Em
and i rejoice that i have loved you

G    G7
this way
C   Am
it’s like that and it’s like this
F   G   C
it’s exactly as it is
G
it’s a natural affair,
F
no mystery there
G   C
it’s exactly as it is

i simply love you

C
om hum hanumate vijayam
F(add4/C)  Gsus  G
om hum hanumate vijayam

HUMANIVERSAL

C(add4)
ever been lonely?
ever felt out of place?
ever cried yourself to sleep at night
F/A   G7sus
praying for descending grace?
C(add4)
ever danced alone in the moonlight?
dancing like there’s nobody there
doing whole world could be looking on but
F/A   G7sus
what do you care...
F/A   G7sus
you’re dancing your prayer

F   G   C
humaniversal
F   G   C   F
we’re all reaching for the stars in the sky
F/A   G7sus  C
hu - mani - versal
F(open)/Bb, F/A, Fm/Ab,   C
you and i

C(add4)
ever been to india?
seen the world from ground zero
13 year old mother with a baby in her arms
F/A   G7sus
knocking on your taxi window
C(add4)
lights change and you leave her standing
in the road
still her eyes come back to haunt you
F/A   G7sus
wherever you go

F   G   C
humaniversal
F   G   C   F
we can all hear her baby cry
F/A   G7sus  C
hu - mani - versal
F(open)/Bb, F/A, Fm/Ab,   C
you and i

Cm   Fm/C   Cm7
and after all it’s only life

Ab   (Bb)   Cm
we come and go in the wink of an eye

Cm   Ab   Bb   G
we say hello we say goodbye - is that all...?
and what about the dalai lama

C(add4)
what about that smile
simple monk from the roof of the world
F/A G7sus
living in exile
C(add4)
he can't go back and he can't go home
what does that say to you and me?
he speaks of love and compassion
F/A G7sus
even towards his enemy

F G C
humaniversal
F G
say a prayer for his people
C F
when you're driving home tonight
F/A G7sus C
hu - mani - versal
Bb F/A
say a prayer for him
Fm/Ab C
when you turn out the light - tonight

LOVE IS THE FIRE

Bm G Bm
love is the fire burning in the night
Bm A Bm
your love is the fire in me
Bm G Bm
love is the fire, sets my heart alight


**NOBODY CAN**

Bbsus
it's the song from the forest

Eb
it's the voice in the trees

Bbsus
it's the dance of the spirit

Eb
and the shadow that it leaves

B
Eb
Db
Eb
it's the call of the wind that we cannot deny

Ab
Eb/G
Fm
Eb
Bb
it's the love between you and i

Cm
Bb
Eb
and nobody can give it what you can

Cm
Bb
Ebsus4 - 3
nobody can dance like you can

- nobody can

Bbsus
it's the sun on the meadow

Eb
at the first light of dawn

Bbsus
Eb
it's the sound of a baby being born

B
Eb
it's the dance of the mountain

Db
Eb
when there's nobody there

Ab
Eb/G
Fm
Eb
Bb
the dance of life we share

Cm
Bb
Eb
and nobody can dance like you can

Cm
Bb
Ebsus4 - 3
nobody can dance like you

- nobody can

**GURUJI**

C
F
G
C
if i am not my body

C
F
Gsus4 - 3
if i am not my mind

C
F
G
C
if i am not my emotions

Am
G
F
Gsus
who is the one crying?

C
F
G
C
if i am not the teachings

C
F
G
if i am not the word

C
F
G
C
if i am only sleeping, john

Am
G
F
G
what was that song i heard?

C
Cmj7
Am
G
it was you - you were the music

C
Cmj7
Am
G
you were the po - e - try

C
Cmj7
Am
G
you - you were the laughter

C
Cmj7
Am
G
C
jai - gurudev guruji
C F G C  
if i am not the traveller

C F Gsus4 - 3  
where then do i belong?

C F G C  
if i am only flesh and blood

Am G F G  
from where comes this song?

C Cmj7 Am G  
for you - you are the music

C Cmj7 Am G  
you are the golden key

C Cmj7 Am G  
you - you are the answer

C Cmj7 Am G C  
jai - gurudev guruji

C Cmj7 Am G  
you are - you are the music ...

INESCAPABLE LOVE

Bm F#m  
we're living in the inescapable

Bm F#m  
living inescapable love

Bm F#m  
we're living in the inconceivable

F#m E F#m  
in - escapable love

Bm F#m  
we're living in the unconventional

Bm F#m  
living unconventional love

Bm F#m  
living in the non-directional

F#m E F#m  
in - escapable love

Bm F#m  
living in the indescribable

Bm F#m  
living indescribable love

Bm F#m  
living in the undeniable

F#m E F#m  
in - escapable love

A E  
be the light unto yourself

F#m  
and shine upon the world

A

Bm F#m  
we're living in the inescapable

Bm F#m  
living inescapable love

Bm F#m  
we're living in the inescapable

F#m E F#m  
in - escapable love