

# 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

miten - vocals / acoustic guitar

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

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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  
carry you over to the other side  
carry you over to the other side  
carry you over cross 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

in most melodious ways  
the river is my teacher  
she's still rolling - rolling down in my soul  
it's all about the rhythm of life,  
it's all about how we roll...  
i am the river man  
i am the river man

and i carry you over to the other side  
the river is my teacher  
listen to the river now  
i am the river man

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....

clouds lifting rain clouds lifting  
moon shadow on this holy ground  
clouds lifting  
moon clouds lifting  
now i see what it is i found  
i find a silence gently growing  
in my over-flowing heart  
i find a silence gently growing...

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

i remember the sky  
gold and blue  
there was no more 'i' and no more 'you'  
and the next obvious thing to do  
was take one step at a time

sarva mangala mangalye shive sarvartha sadike  
sharanye tryambake gauri narayani namostute

i feel a silence gently growing  
in my over-flowing heart  
i feel a silence gently growing...

i'm taking it easy  
taking it slow  
as above, so below  
i can tell you there's nowhere to go  
taking one step at a time

hari hari

5] 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

6] 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

jai gurudev guruji  
if i am not the traveller  
where then do i belong?  
if i am only flesh and blood  
from where comes this song?

for you - you are the music  
you are the golden key  
you - you are the answer  
jai guru dev guruji

you are  
you are the music ...

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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mylo-miten and ryley - yo sam!  
and ultimately to deva who, with her loving heart, has kept me focused, grounded and in absolute wonder  
throughout the passing years.

dedicated to guruji osho



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...

G - D - A - D - E - A - D - E  
(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...

G - D - A - D - E - A - D - E  
(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

D - A - G - B, A - D - A - G - G, A  
(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

Fadd4/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  
the 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 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...?

G - F/G - G - F/G - Eb(#11) - C (pause)  
(INST)

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

Bm A Bm  
your love is the fire in me

G Bm,  
burning up - i'm burning up

A Gmj7  
i'm burning in your love

Bm A  
burning up - i'm burning up

F#7 Bm  
i'm burning in your love

Bm G Bm  
love is the fire, i can feel it in my bones

Bm A Bm  
your love is the fire in me

Bm G Bm  
love is the fire, everybody knows

Bm A Bm  
your love is the fire in me

G Bm,  
burning up - i'm burning up

A Gmj7  
i'm burning in your love

Bm A  
burning up - i'm burning up

F#7 Bm

i'm burning in your love

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....



## 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 live it like you  
- 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 inescapable

F#m E F#m  
in - escapable love

Bm F#m  
we're living in the unbelievable

Bm F#m  
living unbelievable 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

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in - escapable love

A E  
be the light unto yourself

F#m  
and shine upon the world

