

# Renato Russo, All Music

## 1: Send In The Clowns

Isn't it rich, are we a pair  
Me here at last on the ground  
You in mid-air  
Send in the clowns

Isn't it bliss, don't you approve  
One who keeps tearing around  
One who can't move  
Where are the clowns  
Send in the clowns

Just when I'd stopped opening doors  
Finally knowing the one that I wanted  
Was yours  
Making my entrance again with my  
Usual flair  
Sure of my lines  
No one is there

Don't you love farce,  
My fault I fear,  
I thought that you'd want what I want  
Sorry my dear  
But where are the clowns  
There ought to be clowns  
Quick send in the clowns

What a surprise!  
Who could foresee  
I'd come to feel about you  
What you felt about me?  
Why only now I see  
That you've drifted away?  
What a surprise...  
What a cliché...

Isn't it rich, isn't it queer  
Losing my timing this late  
In my career  
And where are the clowns  
Quick send in the clowns  
Don't bother, they're here

## 2: Clothes Of Sand

Who has dressed you in strange clothes of sand,  
Who has taken you far from my land,  
Who has said my saying were wrong,  
And who will say that I stayed much too long?

Clothes of sand have covered your face,  
Given you meaning but taken my place,  
So make your way on down the sea,  
Something has take you so far from me.

Does it now seem worth all the colour of skies,  
To see the earth through painted eyes,  
To look through panes of shaded glass,  
See the stains of winter's glass?

Can you now return to from where you came,  
Try to burn your changing name,

Or with silver spoons and coloured light  
Will you worship moons in winter's night.

Clothes of sand have covered your face,  
Given you meaning but taken my place,  
So make your way on down the sea,  
Something has take you so far from me.

### 3: Cathedral Song

I saw from the cathedral  
You were watching me  
And I saw from the cathedral  
What I should be

So take my lies  
And take my time  
'Cause all the others want to take my life

And I watch, with an intent, basic  
It's the same for you  
You hold your hand  
And it's all fine - laced and  
What would you make me do

So take my lies  
And take my time  
'Cause all the others want to take my life

Serious for the winter time  
To wrench my soul  
Whole cotton whole cotton ears  
But I know there must be  
Yes, I know there must be  
Yes, I know there must be a place to go

You saw me, from the cathedral  
Well, I'm an ancient heart  
Yes, you saw me from the cathedral  
And here we are just falling apart

You catch me  
I am tired  
I want all that you are

And I saw from the cathedral  
You were leaving me  
And I saw from the cathedral  
You could not see to see

So take my time  
And take my lies  
'Cause all the others want to take my life

### 4: Love Is

Love is a shiny car  
Love is a steel guitar  
Love is a battle scar  
Love is the morning star

Love is a twelve-bar blues  
Love is your blue suede shoes  
Love is a heart abused  
Love is a mind confused

Love is the pleasures untold  
And for some love is still a band of gold  
My love has no reason has no rhyme  
My love crossed the double line

Love is a minor chord  
Love is a mental ward  
Love is a drawn sword  
Love is it's own reward

Love is the pleasures untold  
And for some love is still a band of gold  
My love has no reason has no rhyme  
My love crossed the double line

#### 5: Cherish

So tired of broken hearts, of losing at this game  
Before I start this dance  
I take a chance in telling you  
I want more than just romance  
You are my destiny, I can't let go baby  
Can't you see  
Cupid please take your aim at me

Cherish the thought  
Of always having you here by my side  
Cherish the joy  
You keep bringing it into my life  
Cherish your strength  
You got the power to make me feel good  
Perish the thought  
Of ever leaving I never would  
I was never satisfied with casual encounters  
I can't hide the need for two hearts that bleed  
with burning love  
That's the way it's got to be  
Romeo and Juliet, they never felt this way I bet  
So don't underestimate my point of view  
Cherish the thought  
Of always having you here by my side  
Cherish the joy  
You keep bringing it into my life  
Cherish your strength  
You got the power to make me feel good  
Perish the thought  
Of ever leaving I never would  
Who ? You ! Can't get away, I won't let you  
Who ? You ! I could never forget to  
Cherish is the world I use to remind me of  
... your love  
Romeo and Juliet, they never felt this way I bet

So don't underestimate my point of view

Give me strength  
Give me joy my boy  
I will always  
Cherish you

#### 6: Miss Celie's Blues

Sister, you've been on my mind  
Sister, we're two of a kind

So sister, I'm keepin' my eyes on you  
I betcha think I don't know nothin'  
But singin' the blues  
Oh sister, have I got news for you  
I'm somethin'  
I hope you think that you're somethin' too  
Scufflin', I been up that lomesone road  
And I seen a lot of suns goin' down  
Oh, but trust me  
Now low life's gonna run me around  
So let me tell you somethin' sister  
Remember your name  
No twister, gonna steal your stuff away  
My sister  
Sho' ain't got a whole lot of time  
So shake you shimmy,  
Sister  
'Cause honey I sure is feelin' time

#### 7: The Ballad Of The Sad Young Men

Sing a song of sad young man  
Glasses full of rye  
All the news is bad again so  
Kiss your dreams goodbye

All the sad young men sitting in the bars  
Knowing neon nights missing all the stars  
All the sad young men drifting through the town  
Drinking up the night trying not to drown  
All the sad young men singing in the cold  
Trying to forget that they're growing old  
All the sad young men choking on their worth  
Trying to be brave, running from the truth  
Autumm turns the leaves gold  
Slowly dies the heart  
Sad young men are growing old  
And that's the cruelest part  
All the sad young men seek a certain smile  
Someone they can hold for a little while  
Tired little girl does the best she can  
Trying to be gay for her sad young man  
While the grimy moon watches from above  
All the sad young men play of making love  
Misbegotten moon shine for sad young men  
Let your gentle light guide them home tonight  
All the sad young men

#### 8: If I Loved You

If I loved you  
Time and again  
I would try to say,  
All I'd want you to know  
If I loved you,  
Words wouldn't come in an  
Easy way  
Round in circles I'd go  
Longing to tell you  
But afraid and shy  
I'd let my golden chances  
Pass me by  
Soon you'd leave me  
Off you would go  
In the mist of day

Never never  
To know  
How I loved you  
If I loved  
You

### 9: And So It Goes

In every heart there is a room  
A sanctuary safe and strong  
To heal the wounds from lovers past  
Until a new one comes along

I spoke to you in cautious tones  
You answered me with no pretense  
And still feel I said too much  
My silence is my self defense

And every time I've held a rose  
It seems I only felt the thorns  
And so it goes, and so it goes  
And so will you soon I suppose

But if my silence made you leave  
Then that would be my worst mistake  
So I will share this room with you  
And you can have this heart to break

And this is why my eyes are closed  
It's just as well for all I've seen  
And so it goes, and so it goes  
And you're the only one who knows

So I would choose to be with you  
That's if the choice were mine to make  
But you can make decisions too  
And you can have this heart to break

And so it goes, and so it goes  
And you're the only one who knows

### 10: I Get Along Without You Very Well

I get along without you very well  
Of course I do  
Except when soft rains fall  
And drip from leaves then I recall  
The thrill of being sheltered in your arms  
Of course I do  
But I get along without you very well

I've forgotten you just like I should  
Of course I have  
Except to hear your name  
Or someone's laugh that is the same  
But I've forgotten you like I should

What a guy, what a fool am I  
To think my breaking heart could kid the moon  
What's in store, should I phone once more  
No it's best that I stick to my tune

I get along without you very well  
Of course I do  
Except perhaps in spring

But I should never think of spring  
For that would surely break my heart in two

#### 11: Somewhere In My Broken Heart

You made up your mind it was time it was over  
After we had come so far  
But I think there's enough pieces of forgiveness  
Somewhere in my broken heart

I would not have chosen the road you have taken  
It has left us miles apart  
But I think can still find the will to keep going  
Somewhere in my broken heart

So fly, go ahead and fly  
Until you find out who you are  
I will keep my love unspoken  
Somewhere in my broken heart

I hope that in time you will find  
what you long for  
Love that's written in the stars  
And when you finally do I think you will see it's  
Somewhere in my broken heart  
Oh, I will keep my love unspoken  
Somewhere in my broken heart  
I hope that in time you will find  
what you long for  
Love that's written in the stars  
And when you finally do I think you will see it's  
Somewhere in my broken,  
somewhere in my broken  
Somewhere in my broken heart

#### 12: If You See Him, Say Hello

If you see him, say hello, he might be in Tangier  
He left here last early spring, is livin' there, I hear  
Say for me that I'm all right though  
things get kind of slow  
He might think that I've forgotten him,  
Don't tell him it isn't so.

We had a falling-out, like lovers often will  
And to think of how he left that night,  
it still brings me a chill  
And though our separation,  
it pierced me to the heart  
He still lives inside of me, we've never been apart

If you get close to him, kiss him once for me  
I always have respected him  
for doing what he did and gettin' free  
Oh, whatever makes him happy,  
I won't stand in the way  
Though the bitter taste still lingers on  
from the night I tried to make him stay

I see a lot of people as I make the rounds  
And I hear his name here and there  
as I go from town to town  
And I've never gotten used to it,  
I've just learned to turn it off  
Either I'm too sensitive or else I'm gettin' soft.

Sundown, yellow moon, I replay the past  
I know every scene by heart,  
they all went by so fast  
If he's passin' back this way,  
I'm not that hard to find  
Tell him he can look me up if he's got the time.

### 13: If Tomorrow Never Comes

Sometimes late at night  
I lie awake and watch him sleeping  
He's lost in peaceful dreams  
So I turn out the lights and lay there in the dark  
And the thought crosses my mind  
If I never wake up in the morning  
Would he ever doubt the way I feel  
About him in my heart

If tomorrow never comes  
Will he know how much I loved him  
Did I try in every way to show him every day  
That he's my only one  
And if my time on earth were through  
And he must face the world without me  
Is the love I gave him in the past  
Gonna be enough to last  
If tomorrow never comes

'Cause I've lost loved ones in my life  
Who never knew how much I loved them  
Now I live with the regret  
That my true feelings for them  
never were revealed  
So I made a promise to myself  
To say each day how much he means to me  
And avoid the circumstance  
Where there's no second chance to tell him  
how I feel

So tell that someone that you love  
Just what you're thinking of  
If tomorrow never comes

### 14: The Heart Of The Matter

I got the call today, I didn't wanna hear  
But I knew that it would come  
An old true friend of ours was talkin' on the phone  
He said you found someone  
And I thought of all the bad luck, and the  
struggles we went through  
And how I lost me and you lost you  
What are these voices outside love's open door  
Make us throw off our contentment and beg for something more ?  
I'm learning to live without you now  
But I miss you sometimes  
The more I know, the less I understand  
All the things I thought I knew,  
I'm learning again  
I've been tryin' to get down  
to the heart of the matter  
But my will gets weak and my thoughts  
seem to scatter

But I think it's about forgiveness  
Forgiveness

Even if, even if you don't love me anymore  
These times are so uncertain  
There's a yearning undefined...  
people filled with rage  
We all need a little tenderness  
How can love survive in such a graceless age ?

The trust and self-assurance  
that lead to happiness  
They're the very things we kill, I guess  
Pride and competition  
cannot fill these empty arms  
And the work I put between us  
doesn't keep me warm

I'm learning to live without you now  
But I miss you, baby  
The more I know, the less I understand  
All the things I thought I'd figured out

I have to learn again  
I've been trying to get down  
to the heart of the matter  
But everything changes  
and my friends seem to scatter  
But I think it's about forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me anymore

There are people in your life  
who've come and gone  
They let you down and hurt your pride  
Better put it all behind you; life goes on  
You keep carryin' that anger,  
it'll eat you up inside

I've been trying to get down  
to the heart of the matter  
But my will gets weak  
and my thoughts seem to scatter  
But I think it's about forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me

I've been trying to get down  
to the heart of the matter  
Because the flesh will get weak  
and the ashes will scatter  
So I'm thinkin' about forgiveness  
Forgiveness  
Even if, even if you don't love me

#### 15: Old Friend

Everytime I've lost another lover  
I call up my old friend  
And say let's get together  
I'm under the weather  
Another love has suddenly come to an end  
And he listens as I tell him my sad story  
And wonders at my taste in men  
And we wonder why I do it



And the pain of getting through it  
And he laughs and says: "You'll do it again!"  
And we sit in a bar and talk till two  
'Bout life and love as old friends do  
And tell each other what we've been through  
How love is rare, life is strange  
Nothing lasts, people change  
And I ask him if his life is ever lonely  
And if he ever feels despair  
And he says he's learned to love it  
'Cause that's really a part of it  
And it helps him feel the good times when they're there

And we wonder if I'll live with any lover  
Or spend my life alone  
And the bartender is dozing  
And it's getting time for closing  
So we figure that I'll make it on my own

But we'll meet the year we're sixty-two  
And travel the world as old friends do  
And tell each other what we've been through  
How love is rare, life is strange  
Nothing lasts, people change

#### 16: Say It Isn't So

You can't stop people from talking  
And they're talking my dear  
And the things they're saying  
Fill my heart with fear  
Now I could never believe them  
When they say you're untrue  
I know that they're mistaken  
Still I want to hear it from you

Say it isn't so  
Say it isn't so  
Everyone is saying you don't love me,  
say it isn't so  
Everywhere I go, everyone I know,  
Whispers that you're growing tired of me,  
say it isn't so

People say that you found somebody new  
And it won't be long before you leave me  
Say it isn't true  
Say that everything is still okay  
That's all I want to know  
And what they're saying, say it isn't so

#### 17: Let's Face The Music & Dance

There may be trouble ahead  
But while there's moonlight & music  
& love & romance  
Let's face the music & dance

Before the fiddlers have fled  
Before they ask us to pay the bill  
& while we still have a chance  
Let's face the music & dance  
Soon, we'll be without the moon  
Humming a different tune  
& then there may be teardrops to shed

But while there's moonlight & music  
& love & romance, let's face  
The music & dance, dance  
Let's face the music & dance

#### 18: Somewhere

Someday, somewhere  
We'll find a new way of living  
We'll find a way of forgiving  
Somewhere  
There's is a place for us  
Somewhere a place for us  
Peace and quiet and open air  
Wait for us  
Somewhere  
There's a time for us  
Someday a time for us  
Time together with time to spare  
Time to learn  
Time to care  
Someday, somewhere  
We'll find a new way of living  
We'll find there's a way of forgiving  
Somewhere  
There's a place for us  
A time and a place for us  
Hold my hand and we're half way there  
Hold my hand  
And I'll take you there  
Somehow  
Someday, somewhere

#### 19: Paper Of Pins

I'll give to you this paper of pins  
If that's the way our love begins  
If you will marry me, me, me  
If you will marry me.

I'll not accept your paper of pins  
If that's the way our love begins  
And I'll not marry you, you, you  
No, I'll not marry you.

I'll give to you this dress of red  
All stitched around with golden thread  
If you will marry me, me, me  
If you will marry me.

I'll not accept your dress of red  
All stitched around with golden thread  
And I'll not marry you, you, you  
No, I'll not marry you.

I'll give to you this golden chest  
So you may have money at your request  
If you will marry me, me, me  
If you will marry me.

I'll not accept your golden chest  
So I may have money at my request  
And I won't marry you, you, you  
No, I won't marry you.

Well, I'll give to you my hand and my heart  
So we may marry and never part  
If you will marry me, me, me  
If you will marry me.

I will accept you hand and your heart  
That we may marry and never part  
And I will marry you, you, you  
And you will marry me, me, me  
Yes, I will marry you

#### 20: When You Wish Upon A Star

When you wish upon a star  
Makes no difference who you are  
Anything your heart desires  
Will come to you

If your heart is in your dream  
No request is too extreme  
When you wish upon a star  
Like dreamers do

Fate is kind  
She brings to those who love  
The sweet fulfillment of  
Their secret longing

Like a bolt out of the blue  
Fate steps in and pulls you through  
When you wish upon a star your dreams come true

#### 21: Close The Door Lightly When You Go

Turn around, don't whisper out my name  
For like a breeze, it'd stir a dying flame  
I'll miss someone, if it eases you to know  
So close the door lightly when you go  
Who was the one that stole my mind ?  
Who was the one that robbed my time ?  
Who was the one who made me feel unkind ?  
So fare thee well, sweet love of mine

Take your tears to someone else's eyes  
They're made of glass  
And are cut like wounded lies  
Memories are drifting like the snow  
But close the door lightly when you go

Don't look back to where you once had been  
Look straight ahead  
When you're walking through the rain  
And find a light  
If the path gets dark and cold  
But close the door lightly when you go.