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Frog On A Mountain

[G] Feel like a frog on a [C] mountain
[G] Looking at the [D] world
[G] It is there below [C] me
And [G] I 'm small [D] above the [G] world G D G

[G] Feel like a frog on a [C] mountain
[G] Looking at the [D] world
[G] It is there behind [C] me
And [G] I am lost [D] above the [G] world G D G

Refrain:

[D] Hello
Are you [C] down there [G]
[D] Hello
Am I [C] up here [G]
[C] Hello hello [G]

[G] Feel like a frog on a [C] mountain
[G] Looking at the [D] world
[G] I do not understand [C] it
And [G] I'm [D] small above the [G] world G D G

[G] Feel like a frog on a [C] mountain
[G] Looking at the [D] world
[G] It is all around [C] me
[G] And I'm looking at [D] the [G] world G D G

REFRAIN

A [G] frog on a [C] mountain
Just a [G] frog on a [C] mountain
Feel like a [G] frog on a [C] mountain
[G] Looking at [D] the [G] world G D G

I was reading a magazine article about frogs in the Sierra Nevada Mountains that were separated from fellow frogs down below. It made me think, that's sort of how I feel in these times, like a frog on a mountain. Hello? Are you out there?

Instruments: Cordoba Nylon String Guitar, Porch Bass

Nurse's Song (Is This The Day?)

[G] As, I leave my house
I think, is this the day
I can [C] do this [G] again [C] [G]

[G] As, I get closer to my job
I think, is this the day
I'll infect [C] my family and [G] friends [C] [G]

[G] As I walk into work
I think, is this the day
I'll [C] watch someone else [G] die alone [C] [G]

[G] As I put on my mask
I think, is this the day
I'll have [C] to have to walk [G] away [C] [G]

[G] As I see people who need me
I think, is this is the day
I some [C] how have to [G] stay [C] [G]

[G] As I leave my job
I think, is this the day
I'll infect [C] my family and [G] friends [C] [G]

[G] As I go to sleep
I think, is this the day
I'll have to [C] die [G] alone [2x] [C] [G]
[G] Is this the day?

I watched a video a nurse made on her phone documenting her day. It started in the morning, going into work in a hospital, her thoughts at various points while working then going back home. It ended with her sitting in the car in the driveway worrying about going into her house.

Instruments: Cordoba Nylon String Guitar, Cindra Nylon String Guitar

The Blues You Don't Understand

[Am] Gotta turn the [D] TV [Am] off
Gotta [Am] turn off the [Em] news
[Am] Gotta turn off the [D] "we can [Am] do it"
Gotta [Am] turn off the [Em] blues

[Am] Walk outside [D] and sit [Am] down
Listen [Am] to the birds sing [Em] a tune
[Am] Gotta turn [D] the TV [Am] off
Gotta [Am] turn off the [Em] news

Refrain:

[Dm] It's not gonna get [Am] better soon
[Em] It's not gonna be [Am] "beautiful"
[Dm] It's something you don't [Am] understand
[Em] It is the [Am] blues
[Em] The blues you don't [Am] understand

[Am] Gotta turn [D] the TV [Am] on
Gotta [Am] turn on the [Em] news
[Am] Gotta listen to [D] "we can [Am] do it"
Gotta [Am] turn on the [Em] blues

[Am] Gotta take care of [D] those I [Am] love
Those [Am] you'll [Em] never know
[Am] They aren't [D] on your [Am] TV
They [Am] aren't part of your [Em] show

REFRAIN

[Am] I know it [D] will get [Am] better
But [Am] not because of [Em] you
[Am] My people they [D] are [Am] dying
And that [Am] will never be [Em] beautiful
It is the [Am] blues
[Em] The blues you don't [Am] understand

Our "leaders" do not understand what "we" the people are going through. They have never lived the blues, the blues we are living.

Instruments: Cordoba Nylon String Guitar, Porch Bass

Bird House

[D] I built a house for [G] birds
[A] Two birds moved [D] into it
[D] I hope they are [G] happy
[A] I hope they find love [D] in it

G D / G A

[D] I built a house for [G] birds
They built a bed [D] in it
[D] I hope they are [G] warm
Hope they are safe [D] in it

G D / G A [HOLD]

[D] I built a house for [G] birds
[A] And they had a baby [D] in it
[D] I hope it flies [G] great
[A] Hope it enjoys ever [D] minute

Refrain:

[G]Enjoy every [D] minute
[G]Enjoy your [A]life [HOLD]

[D] I built a house for [G] birds
[A] And three birds [D] left it
[D] Hope they are [G] happy
[A] I hope they come back [D]to it

REFRAIN

[D] I built a house for [G] birds

In the Fall of 2019, I built seven birdhouse's and put them up around our yard. Throughout the spring and summer, six out of the seven had nests in them with babies calling out. They were a great joy and provided hope for the future in these uncertain times.

Instruments: Cordoba Nylon String Guitar, Cindra Nylon String Guitar

Gone

[A] This is to my [D] brother's gone
[E] It's for them I [A] sing this song
[A] This is for my [D] sister's gone
[E] It's for them I [A] sing this song

REFRAIN:

[D] Gone, [D] Gone
But [A] here in my [E] heart
[D] Gone, [D] gone
But [A] here in my [E] heart
In each beat of my [A] heart

[A] This is for my [D] father's gone
[E] It's for them I [A] sing this song
[A] This is for my [D] mother's gone
[E] It's for them I [A] sing this song

REFRAIN

[A] This is for my [D] friend's gone
[E] It's for them I [A] sing this song
[A] Some day I will [D] be gone
[E] It's for then I [A] sing this song

[D] Gone, [D] They're gone
But [A] here in your [E] heart
[D] Gone, [D] I'm gone
But [A] here in your [E] heart
In each beat of our [A] hearts

When written, I had lost two really good friends and I worried about others we may (and did) lose. Dedicated to Everyone lost! Over half a million PEOPLE in the United States as of now.

Instruments: Cordoba Nylon String Guitar, Porch Bass

Distorted

[Dm] When I last saw you
[Am] It was through a window.
[C] A window made of [E7] glass.

[Dm] Don't know if it was dirty
[Am] I didn't see the window.
[C] I just saw the [E7] past / [2nd time] I just saw you pass

Refrain:

[Fbar] Distorted as it was / [G7] distorted as it is
[Fbar] It's the last time I saw you / [C] they say it's what it is [G7]

Instrumental

[Dm] I sat in the parking lot
[Am] At the hospital on a lawn chair
[C] With a sign for [E7] you.

[Dm] Hoping you will see it
[Am] Through the glass
[C] If it's the last thing [E7] you do

REFRAIN

FIRST TWO VERSES FASTER

I saw pictures of a man sitting in a parking lot of a hospital with a sign for his wife because he could not go inside. A friend of mine told me how he watched his mother die from the other side of a window because he could not go in to be with her.

Instruments: Cordoba Nylon String Guitar, Cindra Nylon String Guitar

Good Trouble (For John Robert Lewis)

[Em] Been in good [D] trouble
Been in [C] bad trouble [Em] too [2x]
If I [Em] had to [D] pick
I'd pick [C] good trouble over the [Em] two
[C] Been in good [D] trouble [Em]

[Em] Been a voice [D] that speaks out
Been [C] silent as [Em] well [2x]
If [Em] I had to [D] pick
I'd pick a [C] voice over the [Em] two
[C] Been a voice that [D] speaks out [Em]
Em

Refrain:
Good trouble [D]
Good trouble [Em]
Good [D] trouble [Em]

[Em] Been a voice [D] speaking out
[C] ignored [Em] trouble I knew [2x]
I [Em] better [D] pick
A [C] voice over the [Em] two
[C] Be a voice [D] speaking out [Em]

[Em] Be a voice [D] speaking out
[C] don't ignore trouble you [Em] see [2x]
You [Em] have to [D] pick
Be a [C] voice for what you [Em] see
[C] Be a voice [D] speaking out [3x] [Em]
Em

REFRAIN

First verse two lines

Inspired by & dedicated to John Lewis who past away in July, 2020. It is based on his saying: "My philosophy is very simple, when you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, say something! Do something! Get in trouble! Good trouble! Necessary trouble!". Wish I could say I did this all the time.

Instruments: Cordoba Nylon String Guitar, Porch Bass

The Simple Things

Spoken:

[D] I look forward
[G] To the simple things
[A7] Holding a person
[D] And what that means
[D] Seeing a baby
[G] Take it's first breath
[A7] Going to a funeral
[D] The simple things

Instrumental first half verse

[D] I look forward
[G] To the simple things
[A7] Jamming with friends
[D] Hearing them sing
[D] Living life
[G] With those I love
[A7] Hugging hi and bye
[D] The simple things

Refrain:

[G] The simple [A7] things
Are on [D] pause
[G] The simple [A7] things
Are not [D] lost

FIRST VERSE repeating second part

[G] The simple [A7] things
Are on [D] pause
[G] Hope the simple [A7] things
Are not [D] lost

There are so many things I took for granted before this pandemic happened. I will never take them for granted again. All of the simple day to day things and the dates you look forward to like holidays and festivals. It's not the events as much as the people. I miss them all so much.

Instruments: Cindra Nylon String Guitar, Porch Bass

My Hunny and Me

Intro: C / F G 2X [HOLD]/ C

[C] Want to sit in a cabin / [F] Just my hunny and [G] me
Want to sit in a cabin / Surrounded by trees
No one to bother us / No one to see
Just my hunny and [C] me

REFRAIN:

[F] The world is all [G] gone
[F] It is just [G] us
My hunny and [C] me

[C] Want to walk in the woods / [F] Just my hunny and [G] me
I want to walk in the woods / Listening to trees
No one to bother us / No other place to be
My hunny and [C] me

BRIDGE:

[Am] It is just [Dm7] us
[Am] together [Am addE] as one [G]
My hunny and [C]me

[C] I want to sit by a fire / [F] My hunny and [G] me
Sitting by a fire / Reflecting in the trees
No one can bother us / Just you and me
My hunny and [C] me

REFRAIN

[C] I want to sleep next to her / [F] Just my hunny and [G] me
I want to sleep next to her / Surrounded by trees
No one to bother us / No place to be
Just my hunny and [C] me

REFRAIN

We are separated from the world, but not. The bad news just keeps coming. It would be nice to be completely separated for awhile. Just us and nature.

Instruments: Cindra Nylon String Guitar, Kmise Ukulele

Hold On

[Em] With all that's going on in this [C] country
With [Em] all that's going on in this [D7] world
All I [Em] have is my [C] guitar,
My [G] songs
And [B7] you [hold]
To get me [Em] through

[Em] When I'm losing faith in [C] people
[Em] Losing faith in the [D7] world
I [Em] hold onto my [C] guitar,
My [G] songs
And [B7] you [hold]
To get me [Em] through

REFRAIN:

Hold [C] on / Hold [G] on
To the [C] songs / And [D7] you-----
To get me [Em] through

[Em] With what's going on right [C] now
With [Em] the world as [D7] it is
I [Em] hold tight to my [C] guitar
The [G] songs
And [B7] you [hold]
Please get me [Em] through

REFRAIN END:

Hold [C] on / Hold [G] on
To the [C] songs / And [D7] you----- {2X}
To get us [Em] through
Please get us [Em] through

I am SO thankful for what I have. We, my family and friends have been safe (knock on wood). Let's just get through this!

Instruments: Cindra Nylon String Guitar

On The Other Side

The [C] dark- [F] -ness and [G] clouds
[C] Create a (Fight the) [F] darkness (light) [G] within
[C] We look [F] for the [G] sun
[C] To some [F] how [G] begin again
[C] Hope (look) for [F] a rainbow to [G] show
[C] bring [F] color to our [G] lives
[C] Remove the [F] darkness we [G] feel (around)
[C] Take us to the [F] other [G] side [hold]

Refrain:

And [F] on the other [G] side
[F] Our family is [G] there
[F] We get to hold [G] them again
[F] Without any [G] fear {hold}

Instrumental: C CaddG / F / G [4x]

Bridge:

[Am] I see memories of [F] yesterday
[G] I see every happy [C] face
[Am] I see family and friends [F] together so close
[G] I remember life that way [Am] {2x}
Instrumental: C CaddG / F / G [4x]

FIRST VERSE

2nd Refrain:

And [F] on the other [G] side
[F] All our friends are [G] near
[F] We get to see them [G] again
[F] Just like they were always [G] were

3rd Refrain:

And [F] on the other [G] side
[F] We get to say [G] goodbye
[F] To the ones we [G] lost
[F] The ones not by [G] our side

I just want to get back to "normal" so I can see my friends, family and say goodbye to those we've lost. Get to the "other side" of this.

Instruments: Cordoba Nylon String Guitar, Cindra Nylon String Guitar

I'll Be Home For Christmas

INSTRUMENTAL INTRO

[G] I'll be [A7] home for [D7] Christmas,
[G] You can [E7] plan on [Am] me
[C] Please have [D7] snow, and [G] mistle-[Em] toe,
and [A7] presents under the [D7] tree

[G] Christmas [A7] Eve will find [D7] me,
[G] Where the [E7] love light [Am] gleams
[C] I'll be [Cm] home for [G] Christ-[E7] mas,
If [A7] only [D7] in my [G] dreams

INSTRUMENTAL

[G] I'll be [A7] home for [D7] Christmas
[G] At least [E7] in my [Am] thoughts
[C] Please [D7] believe that's [G] where I want to [Em] be
Even [A7] though I [D7] cannot

[G] Christmas [A7] Eve will find [D7] me,
[G] Where the [E7] love [Am] has always been
[C] I'll be [Cm] home for [G] Christ-[E7] mas,
If [A7] only [D7] in my [G] dreams

Repeat last two lines

This was the first Christmas I had not been with my parents since I was born. Based on this, I added the second verse.

Instruments: Cindra Nylon String Guitar, Xylophone



Six feet apart
Asymptomatic, Case Fatality Rate,
Clinical Trial, Contact less, Coronavirus,
Efficacy, Community Spread, Contact
Tracing, Epidemic, Epidemiology,
Essential Workers, Flattening the Curve,
Herd Immunity, Incubation Period,
Lockdown, Pandemic, PPE, Respirator,
Respiratory Droplets, Self-Quarantine,
Social Distancing, Super-Spreader,
Vaccine, Ventilator, Working from Home
Us



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