



# Songs from the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

Lindsay Tomasic



# Fifth Floor

(Lindsay Tomasic)

They were her final days of living  
on the fifth floor  
She thought she'd take an elevator  
to see what six might have in store  
There were things she didn't have on five;  
things that make her feel alive

And on her final days of living on the fifth floor,  
while packing up her worldly treasures,  
she wound up feeling so much more  
Suddenly she realized,  
she had learned so much on five

There's something in the air:  
Can feel it everywhere  
Ain't nothing to be scared of after all  
You feel your pulse within;  
the air you're breathing in  
And here we go again....  
Sing la la la, la la la la la

Sometimes you feel uncertain  
and in your heart you're hurting  
Then open up the curtain  
Sometimes we're frightened of change  
Your world can seem kind of strange  
It's all rearranging

On her final night of living on the fifth floor,  
she took one good last look around her  
and felt the urge to go explore  
Another decade in the mix  
Can't wait to see what's up on six

There's something in the air:  
You feel it everywhere  
Ain't nothing to be scared of after all  
Just feel your pulse within;  
the air you're breathing in  
And here we go again  
Sing la la la, la la la la la

# Long After

(Lindsay Tomasic)

Long after the big one, will the earth stand still  
and give us a chance again? I hope it will  
Long after the deluge, in the waters wake  
Can't we start giving after all we take?

Long after the fire will the flowers bloom  
will there still be a forest where the trees have  
room?

Long after the impact of the oceans rise  
I really wonder what we'll feel inside

Down by the river, we will sing to the sky  
Lifting our voices, we will wait for reply  
Oh Mother Nature, please don't tell us goodbye  
Can we have one more try?

Long after the thunder and a raging storm,  
do you think we'll recover and can we transform?  
Long after the wind dies, will we feel some peace  
Can we count on each other to find release?

Down by the river, we will sing to the sky  
Lifting our voices, we will wait for reply  
Oh Mother Nature, please don't tell us goodbye  
Can we have one more try?

Will you take us by the hand?

Long after the famine, will we have a plan  
to feed the poor and fill their empty hands?  
Long after the battle, can we stay alive  
While the clock is ticking, can we survive?

Down by the river, we will sing to the sky  
Lifting our voices, we will wait for reply  
Oh Mother Nature, please don't tell us goodbye  
Can we have one more try?  
Please give us one more try

Will you take us by the hand?





# Ready

(Lindsay Tomasic)

Get ready, ready to ride  
You're going to the other side  
Get ready, ready to go  
You're on the open road

Don't need a suitcase  
Don't need a chair  
Everything you ever needed  
is gonna be there

Don't have to worry  
No fear, no pain  
Yeah, it's gonna be alright  
Going home again

Get ready, ready to ride  
You're going to the other side  
Get ready, ready to go  
You're on the open road

Leave your earthly things behind you  
They're only made of clay  
Cherish all the love inside you  
Flesh and bones – watch them fade away

Don't need water  
No hunger, no need  
Got no trouble, no worry, no doubt  
because you're free

Get ready, ready to ride  
You're going to the other side  
Get ready, ready to go  
You're on the open road



# That Song

(Lindsay Tomasic)

What is it about that song that makes me cry?  
Every time the melody goes by  
it tugs on my heartstrings  
and I can't help but hear things we said  
I can't turn it off  
It keeps on circling in my head

What is it about that song that makes me so blue?  
I close my eyes and clearly, I miss you  
It's just an old song and it was such a long time ago  
I can't make it stop  
No, it just follows me wherever I go

And when the rhythm starts, it takes me away  
to places I forgot, and there I will stay  
until those haunting lines just fade into space  
I'm gonna see your face

What is about that song that takes me there?  
A place like nowhere else I could compare  
Melodies woven with harmonies casting their spell  
taking me somewhere familiar, I know it so well

And when the rhythm starts, it takes me away  
to places I forgot, and there I will stay  
until those haunting lines just fade into space  
I'm gonna see your face

The words, the tune he's singing  
can carry me till I'm  
tripping about it all,  
and I'm feeling some rhythm and blues  
And as the clock unwinds, you can bet  
I'm thinking of you





# A Dreamer's Lament

(Lindsay Tomasic)

Well they're putting kids in cages  
It's a crime and it's a curse  
And we cry it's so outrageous,  
but we may not have seen the worst

Got some demagogue demanding  
we must put our country first  
Got no love or understanding  
We may not have seen the worst

Everyday such aggravation  
watching progress in reverse  
Feel the heartbreak in our nation  
We may not have seen the worst

Ain't no end to the deception  
We all clamor we all thirst,  
while the truth just knows rejection  
We may not have seen the worst

Love will conquer still I say  
I never thought I'd see this day,  
but here we are together  
and we'll rise  
Above all this atrocity  
our collective empathy  
will help us to align and energize

Well we sing, "This land is our land,"  
but it seems we're now head first  
deeply sinking into quicksand  
We may not have seen the worst

We are children made from stardust  
In compassion we immerse  
Try to keep us from the darkness  
We may not have seen the worst  
We may not have seen the worst

Got to take a stand  
This land is our land  
Let's all join hands  
and lead us to a plan  
This land is our land

# Life is Change

(Lindsay Tomasic)

I'm watching the sun as it's rising  
on a clear autumn day  
Gentle breezes are blowing  
Watch the leaves fly away  
Summer has left us now  
and soon the rains will fall

Pretty colors, birds in flight  
Change the clocks to save daylight  
See the world through a whole new lens  
and start the cycle all again

Life is change  
Change is life  
So hard to understand  
Life is change  
Change is life  
We feel it slipping through our hands

I'm looking at the world as I know it  
and the land that I love  
Now it's swirling with anger and hatred  
I'm no longer proud of  
But I hold some hope inside  
we can change the course again

Change the focus, cast the light,  
hoping it's gonna be alright  
Watch the world through a whole new lens  
and start the cycle all again

Life is change  
Change is life  
So hard to understand

Life is change  
Change is life  
We feel it slipping through our hands

We feel the pulse of sunlight  
in our blood and bones  
Until we reach our twilight  
the rest is unknown

I'm helping my mama down the stairs  
I still remember the day  
when she was so very nimble  
Now it's so far away  
So many roads she's traveled,  
and the decades melt away

Switch the focus, find the light,  
hoping it's gonna be alright  
See your world through a whole new lens,  
and start the cycle all again

Life is change  
Change is life  
Will we ever understand  
Life is change  
Change is life  
We feel it slipping through our hands





# Abraham, Martin & John

(Dick Holler)

Has anybody here seen my old friend Abraham?  
Can you tell me where he's gone?  
He freed a lot of people  
but it seems the good they die young  
I just looked around and he's gone

Has anybody here seen my old friend John?  
Can you tell me where he's gone?  
He gave hope to millions  
but it seems the good they die young  
I just looked around and he's gone

Has anybody here seen my old friend Martin?  
Can you tell me where he's gone?  
He believed in freedom  
but it seems the good they die young  
I just looked around and he's gone

Didn't you love the things that they stood for?  
Didn't they try to find some good for you and me?  
And we'll be free  
someday soon; you know, it's gonna be one day...

Anybody here seen my old friend Bobby?  
Can you tell me where he's gone?  
I thought I saw him walking up over the hill  
with Abraham and Martin and John



# Everything

(Lindsay Tomasic)

Lately things have been mighty tough  
Hard to be moving forward when it's so rough  
Just when the saddest of days  
seem they should be long gone,  
well they come back to stay

And turn your sunny skies into rain,  
and I can tell you're feeling such pain  
So I want to give you my shoulder to cry on  
I want to be there for you

To help you figure out what comes next  
and let you know that I want what's best  
I'll hold your confidence to my chest  
because you mean everything

Lately things have turned inside out,  
making your path uncertain; you're filled with  
doubt  
Try to make sense of it all:  
how someone you love so dearly  
can make you feel small

And now you feel like all hope is gone  
because all the right has turned into wrong  
I want to be the one that you can lean on  
I want to be where you turn

To help you figure out what comes next  
and let you know that I want what's best  
I'll hold your confidence to my chest  
Because you mean everything

I can't understand  
how somebody can  
turn on you, or be untrue  
And I want you to know  
you're so wonderful  
and I'll stay here by your side

I want to give you my shoulder to cry on  
I want to be there for you

To help you figure out what comes next  
and let you know that I want what's best  
I'll hold your confidence to my chest  
because you mean everything





# Woman of Heart and Mind

(Joni Mitchell)

I am a woman of heart and mind  
with time on her hands;  
no child to raise  
You come to me like a little boy  
and I give you my scorn and my praise

You think I'm like your mother,  
or another lover, or your sister,  
or the queen of your dreams;  
or just another silly girl  
when love makes a fool of me

After the rush when you come back down  
you're always disappointed  
nothing seems to keep you high  
Drive your bargains  
Push your papers  
Win your medals  
Fuck your strangers  
Don't it leave you on the empty side?

I'm looking for affection and respect  
a little passion,  
and you want stimulation, nothing more  
That's what I think  
But you know I'll try to be there for you  
when your spirits start to sink

All this talk about holiness now  
It must be the start of the latest style  
Is it all books and words  
or do you really feel it?  
Do you really laugh,

do you really care,  
do you really smile  
when you smile?

You criticize and you flatter  
You imitate the best  
and the rest you memorize  
You know the times you impress me most  
are the times when you don't try?  
When you don't even try

# Enjoy the Ride

(Lindsay Tomasic)

Every time I turn around it's Christmas:  
people buying gifts and hanging lights  
Magic in the air and music everywhere,  
but somehow it don't feel right

Because time is zooming by just like a rocket  
I'm catching my reflection in the mirror  
Telling of my age, we quickly turn the page  
as we celebrate another year

You and I, side by side,  
we're taking it all in stride  
With years flying by just like hours in a day  
Nothing we can do about it anyway, so  
Enjoy the ride  
Enjoy the ride

Every time I wake there's always something  
reminding me that life could pass me by  
Pictures on the screen or in a magazine  
come to life before my eyes

Cars that will no longer need a driver,  
and phones that recognize your pretty face,  
keeping me apprised of all the new surprises  
It's just another day for the race

You and I, we're hand in hand  
We're living in a promised land  
with years flying by just like hours in a day  
Nothing we can do about it anyway, so  
Enjoy the ride  
Enjoy the ride

We still gaze at the same stars  
still amazed at who we are

You and I, side by side,  
we're taking it all in stride  
With years flying by just like hours in a day  
Nothing we can do about it anyway, so  
Enjoy the ride  
Enjoy the ride



# Credits

## **Fifth Floor (Lindsay Tomasic)**

Vocals / Guitars – Lindsay  
Bass – Larry Tuttle  
Electric Guitar – Ian Vatet  
Keyboards – Dave Gross  
Drums & Percussion – Steve Aho

## **Long After (Lindsay Tomasic)**

Vocals / Guitars – Lindsay  
Bass / Vocals – Michael Mennell  
Electric Guitars – Matt Waldrum  
Keyboards – Dave Gross  
Pedal Steel – Dave Pearlman  
Drums & Percussion – Steve Aho

## **Ready (Lindsay Tomasic & Lisa Rapport)**

Vocals / Guitars – Lindsay  
Bass / Vocals – Michael Mennell  
Baritone Electric Guitar – Ian Vatet  
Keyboards – Steve Aho  
Drums & Percussion – Steve Aho

## **That Song (Lindsay Tomasic)**

Vocals / Guitars – Lindsay  
Bass – Larry Tuttle  
Electric Guitar / Pedal Steel – Matt Waldrum  
Keyboards – Teresa James  
Drums & Percussion – Joseph Pusateri

## **A Dreamer's Lament (Lindsay Tomasic)**

Vocals / Guitars – Lindsay  
Bass – Larry Tuttle  
Electric Guitar – Larry Treadwell  
Keyboards – Teresa James / Dave Gross  
Drums & Percussion – Joseph Pusateri

## **Life is Change (Lindsay Tomasic)**

Vocals / Guitars – Lindsay  
Bass – Larry Tuttle  
Electric Guitars / Pedal Steel – Matt Waldrum  
Drums & Percussion – Joseph Pusateri

## **Abraham, Martin and John (Dick Holler)**

Vocals / Guitars – Lindsay  
Bass – Larry Tuttle  
Electric Guitars / Pedal Steel – Matt Waldrum  
Keyboards – Bob Emmet  
Drums & Percussion – Joseph Pusateri

## **Everything (Lindsay Tomasic)**

Vocals / Guitars – Lindsay  
Bass- Michael Mennell  
Electric Guitars / Pedal Steel – Matt Waldrum  
Drums – Tony Braunagel

## **Woman of Heart and Mind (Joni Mitchell)**

Vocals / Guitars – Lindsay  
Bass – Larry Tuttle  
Pedal Steel – Matt Waldrum  
Drums – Joseph Pusateri

## **Enjoy the Ride (Lindsay Tomasic)**

Bass – Michael Mennell  
Electric Guitars / Pedal Steel – Matt Waldrum  
Drums – Steve Aho  
Percussion – Pepe Espinosa  
Keyboards – Steve Aho  
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Songs From The 6th Floor reveals a vibrant collection of music that is thoughtful, buoyant and eminently authentic -- a joyous commemoration of the inspiration that fills a creative life, and a self-reflective testimony that the expression of an artist is enhanced by a promise of the future.

*I would like to thank the musicians who played on this album for their artful contributions, and my family and friends for their love and support.*

***This album is dedicated to the memory of Myrna Bishop.***

