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I don't want to be your best friend in the world
But I don't want to be treated like I am the scum of the earth
We share our vested interests, we'd lay our lives on the line defending
And if we're lucky then for years to come, we'll be there for our precious ones

I'm not good at pretending if we don't get along
And it's hard not to be offended, that you don't take the time to hear this song
So please listen to me, and I will listen too
Take the time to think how I'm feeling and I'll do the same for you

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And if we're lucky then for years to come, we'll all be there for our precious ones
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The Gaps Between

When I was a boy; when I was a child, only small
I caught a fever, more than once I recall
Shivering sweats, carried downstairs from my bed,
Babbling nonsense; no control, things I said

Under raging heat, I didn't know what I would speak,
Amazed by bed to door, by roof to floor, the gaps between.
As I came around, still don't know how I made the sound
Saying from earth to sky, that I could fly
What did I mean? Soaring through the gaps between

Then I was a youth, growing up tall, filling my boots,
Taking up space, spreading limbs, shrinking roots
Its strength fell away; fool's gold thoughts to fill my days,
Character acting, just a new game to play



Still in my dreams, in quiet corners, whispered themes,
From here to there and everywhere, were the gaps between
But I didn't look, went by the letter, by the book
Forgot from atom, star to galaxy; the majesty of all the gaps between.

Now I'm a man, not the feverish child, but the dad
Couldn't remember, strength of feeling I had
Until feeling the strain, suburbia's grip, its dark embrace
Staggering bleakly, through conformity's race

I was struck down; a moment blinding and profound
From castle wall, to mountain tall, was the gap between
And this was it! a way to nullify the shit,
Not fame, not wealth, not prizes on the shelf,
But to feel, to taste, to see the gaps between

On we go with confidence

Tary, I'm sorry that we've found ourselves just here
if I catalysed the souring, of what you once held dear
You tell me that I didn't, when my demons won't subdue
You banish them and light my life, carrying me through.

On we go, with confidence, in the direction of our dreams!
Live the life we wanted to, the mantra for our team.

And you are everything to me, you got me where I am,
Visionary and beautiful, believing in our plan,
This escapade feels dangerous, but absolutely right,
Just ourselves together, never losing sight

And who knows where our home will be, or how the runes will lie
But I'll be yours forevermore; always by your side,
I hope we'll be forgiven, that those left behind will see,
Sat on the shore in the morning sun, is where we want to be
Sat on the shore under morning sun, is where our hearts are free.

One day I'll get home

How am I stuck down this rabbit hole?
Guarded cul-de-sac of doom, under cloud and full of gloom,
Well it won't crush my soul, no not now I know,
That one day I'll get home

And you can jab that finger in my chest
Troglodyte, *habilis* face; you're not part of the human race!
You'll stay here in hell, and I'll bid you farewell
And one day I'll get home

One day I'll get home
One day, I don't think I'll be alone
Thirty-six or sixty, are you coming with me, Tary?
One day I'll get home

I am going to pack up all our things,
Not that we will need much stuff, the ruddy soil and air's enough
But I'll get us packed, we're not coming back
One day I'll get home

And I'll make that journey one last time
Don't care if it takes all day, finally the trip's one way
The A303, it just keeps calling me,
Calling me back home

And, if fate bestows on me
A cruel hand that means that I don't get to live by the silver seas
Hell, what can I do? The dreaming's sure been good
And people that I know, will pack up my old bones,
And see to it that one day I'll get home.

One day I'll get home
One day, I don't think I'll be alone
Thirty-six or sixty, are you coming with me, Tary?
One day I'll get home

And I'll make that journey one last time
Don't care if it takes all day, finally the trip's one way
The A303, it just keeps calling me,

In Blood and Pain

Close the deal, in blood and pain
Indelible, this covenant we make.
Mourmers wail, earth will shake.

We will do what must be done
Overcome the fury, the price to pay
To save the ones we might betray

This covenant, in blood and pain
The scars will heal

How we fought with silent speed
Determined, to force and forge a change
There was no bluff, there was no feign

Close the deal, in blood and pain
Indelible this covenant we mark,
We lift our eyes, beyond the dark.

Settle for Sixty [Bonus Track]

Don't want to be the missing piece
The fading memory, pain released

Don't want to be the photograph
That makes you sad when you walk past

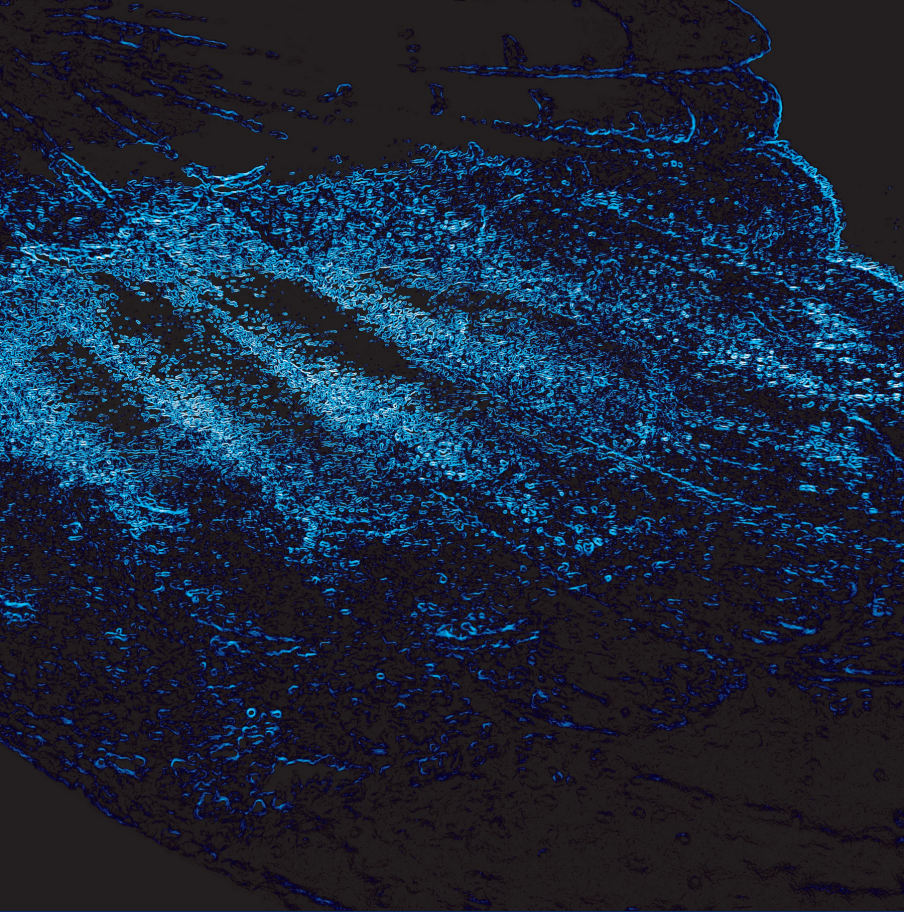
Don't want to be the empty chair
The aisle partner who's not there

I'm not greedy, I'd settle for sixty.

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All songs written, played and recorded by Tom Rothery using Cubase Artist and a selection of acoustic and electric guitars, a bouzouki, an electric piano and percussion instruments.



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noun.

1. a reckless adventure or wild prank, especially one contrary to usual or proper behaviour
2. *Archaic.* an escape from confinement or restraint.

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