

# THE LONG FADE

*The Steve Thompson Band*

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ONE OF A KIND  
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PARIS BY AIR INSTRUMENTAL



## RED DUST OVERTURE

Steve Thompson: guitar, Richard Naisbett: keyboards, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass.

## LIKE MY FATHER'S FATHER

Dave Ditchburn: vocals, Steve Thompson: guitar, Richard Naisbett: keyboards, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass, Jim Hornsby: lap steel, Steve Dolder: booster box and cajinto, Jen Normandale, Elizabeth Liddle & Jayne Mackenzie: backing vocals. The Father's Father Industrial Choir: John Gallagher, Mick Glancy, Steve Daggett, Jen Normandale, Elizabeth Liddle, Jayne Mackenzie, John Verity, Michael Lavery & Steve Thompson.

## THE LAST TEARDROP

Jen Normandale: vocals, Steve Thompson: guitars and keyboards, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass.

## PLEASE DON'T SYMPATHISE

Ross Kerr: vocals, Steve Thompson: guitar, Richard Naisbett: keyboards, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass, Jen Normandale: backing vocals.

## STILL STANDING STILL

Jen Normandale: vocals, Steve Thompson: guitars, John Dawson: bass.

## GUY WALKS INTO A BAR

Dave Ditchburn: vocals, Jen Normandale: vocals, Steve Thompson: acoustic guitar and keyboards, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass, Martin Francis Trollope: twang guitar, Jim Hornsby: electric guitar.

## THE BIG SKY

Steve Thompson: guitar and trippy synth, Richard Naisbett: keyboards, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass.

## HURRY HOME

Ross Kerr: vocals, Steve Thompson: guitar and keyboards, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass, Richard Naisbett, synthesizer.

## LOOKING FOR LOVE IN A STRANGER

John Verity: vocals and lead guitar, Steve Thompson: guitars, Richard Naisbett: keyboards, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass, Jen Normandale, Jayne Mackenzie and Elizabeth Liddle: backing vocals, Martin Francis Trollope: twang guitar,

## PARIS BY AIR

Jen Normandale: vocals, Steve Thompson: electric and acoustic guitars, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass, Richard Naisbett: keyboards, Steve Lamb: guitars.

## TURN THE NUMBER 'ROUND

Dave Ditchburn: vocals, Steve Thompson: keyboards, Neil Harland: double bass, Jim Hornsby: dobro, acoustic guitar and backing vocals, Steve Dolder: booster box and cajinto.

## ONE OF A KIND

Jen Normandale: vocals, Steve Thompson: guitars and keyboards, Ian Halford: drums, John Dawson: bass, Michael Lavery: backing vocals.

## BAR THE DOUBTING

Kerriane Covell: vocals, Steve Thompson: guitars and keyboards, Paul Smith: drums, John Dawson: bass.

## BEHIND THE WHEEL

John Gallagher: vocals and bass, Steve Thompson: guitars, Steve Lamb: guitars (the tricky bits), Ian Halford: drums, Jen Normandale, Jayne Mackenzie and Elizabeth Liddle: backing vocals.

## PARIS BY AIR INSTRUMENTAL

John Gallagher: bass, Steve Lamb: guitars, Tony Bray: drums, Steve Thompson: electric and acoustic guitars. Mixed by Steve Hoggart.

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Produced by: Steve Thompson

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Jen Normandale vocals, Dave Ditchburn vocals,  
John Dawson bass, Ian Halford drums  
and Richard Naisbett keyboards.

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Songs & Stories from The Steve Thompson Band



## Lyrics from The Long Fade Album.

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### Like My Father's Father

*Steve Thompson/Tom Kelly*

White hot billets of steel  
make you feel like kings  
Now's the time to believe  
You can do anything  
A river made of steel  
Runs deep inside your heart  
Like my father's father and his father before him

#### CHORUS

Like my father's father and his father before him  
Like my father's father and his father before him  
Down the generations where do I begin  
Like my father's father and his father before him

My father worked the land  
Day and night, he tilled the earth  
Try to understand  
What he knew from birth  
Like every other man  
We end up in a hearse  
Like my father's father and his father before him

#### REPEAT CHORUS

working in the shipyards  
working night and day  
when our work was over  
we watched them sail away  
we were going nowhere  
our fate was sealed at birth

## **The Last Teardrop**

*Steve Thompson*

Maybe it's late  
but it's later than you know  
You've taken my trusting heart  
as far as it will go  
And I have wasted precious time  
waiting for the good times  
Now I'm here to tell you  
I will wait no more

### CHORUS

Love Me or leave me  
You can say Goodbye  
But I've cried the last teardrop  
I'm ever gonna cry  
Go where you will  
I will set you free  
but I've cried the last tear drop  
your ever gonna see

I will find a mountain  
and climb right to the top  
And cry out I love you  
But the hurtin' has to stop

### REPEAT CHORUS

## **Please Don't Sympathise**

*Steve Thompson*

Everybody tells me  
I should try to forget her  
They tell me why  
but don't tell me how  
I know they mean well  
but it does not help me  
I'll work it out  
by myself somehow  
Got to be on my own  
it's just something that I must face alone

### CHORUS

Please don't sympathise  
it really doesn't help

Don't give me your advice  
just keep it to yourself  
I appreciate  
you taking time to call  
But please don't sympathise  
it doesn't help at all

Friends come to see me  
but I just can't face them  
Feel such a fool  
when they see me cry  
Since you walked out  
I've been so downhearted  
It's hard to take  
but I know I must try

REPEAT CHORUS

## **Still Standing Still**

*Steve Thompson*

Out there in the distance  
just where it's always been  
On the edge of my vision  
The unattainable dream

I feel it in my backbone  
Like a thread of steel  
Reaching out for emotions  
I could never feel

CHORUS

Time goes by  
And I'm Still Standing Still  
Time goes by  
guess it always will

I've been wondering lately  
How far is left to go  
Long as I'm scared and unmoving  
Guess I'll never know

All the people before me  
say there's nothing to fear  
But the bad times behind me  
Keep me standing here  
REPEAT CHORUS

## Guy Walks Into A Bar

*Steve Thompson*

There were longer summers  
How long they used to last  
Now the seasons roll along  
Seem to go so fast  
So many miles behind him  
So many up ahead  
There's no use to worry  
About the life he's led

Guy walks into a bar  
Sits down all alone  
Tries to drown his sorrows  
But they aint having none  
Sorrows they can swim  
Sorrows they can fly  
Sorrows can't be shaken  
No matter how you try

There's some contemplation  
Going through his mind  
Gotta find a place to be  
leave the road Behind  
Time to leave some baggage  
In the lost and found  
But who'll be there to claim it  
When he's not around

Guy walks into a bar  
Sits down all alone  
Tries to drown his sorrows  
But they aint having none  
Sorrows they can swim  
Sorrows they can fly  
Be your friend through life  
'Til The Day You Die

Guy walks into a bar  
Sits down all alone  
Tries to drown his sorrows  
But they aint having none  
Sorrows they can swim

Sorrows they can fly  
Sorrows they will stick with you  
Until the day you die  
He lays his glass aside  
Leaves and pays his bill  
The sorrows have not left him  
Guess they never will

## **Hurry Home**

*Steve Thompson*

Lying awake  
thinking of you  
it helps to see the lonely night time through  
You've been away  
seems like a year  
but one day is too long  
without you here  
I know it has to be that you're away,  
but I have called you up with just one thing to say

### CHORUS

Hurry home, hurry home  
Now I know, just what lonely really means  
Hurry home, hurry home  
Now I know just how much you mean to me  
Hurry home

The night is so still  
I turn out the light  
But there won't be a loving kiss goodnight  
And my imagination starts to play  
What if you decide to stay another day

### REPEAT CHORUS

I know you got things to do  
And I don't want to trouble you  
But I just can't stand the loneliness

### REPEAT CHORUS

## **Looking For Love In A Stranger**

*Steve Thompson*

You don't owe me a thing I know it's true  
But lately I've seen a change come over you  
I've tried to get it straight but we just can't communicate

### CHORUS

I'm looking for love in a stranger  
cos a stranger's what you've become  
I'm looking for love in a stranger  
knowing I'll find none  
I'm looking for love in a stranger

I keep wondering what I've done wrong  
But maybe I've just been around with you too long  
I guess we must be through  
cos baby when I look at you

### REP CHORUS

Maybe we can talk it over  
but I don't know what to say  
Cos when I try to talk to you,  
you roll your eyes and walk away

### REPEAT CHORUS

## **Paris By Air**

*Steve Thompson*

I walk down the street  
with time on my hands  
The signs on the wall  
show far off lands  
But I don't know a soul  
in this neighbourhood  
can afford the fare  
They're stuck here for good  
The only way I'll ever see the world  
is if I can become a rich man's girl  
Use my body to twist his mind  
steal his money and leave him behind

## CHORUS

Paris by air such a beautiful sight  
Nothing can compare with Paris by night  
Paris by air the signpost said  
I'd love to be there but I don't have the bread

Well who could be happy  
with what they've got  
When the signs in the street show them  
what they have not  
Paris by air try it and see  
but the common people can never be free  
And growing up can be such a pain  
cos you'll never have things as easy again  
You realise what it's all about  
you're in prison and you can't break out

REPEAT CHORUS

## **Turn The Number 'Round**

*Steve Thompson*

We were young  
became so close  
Starting out  
with such high hopes  
What the future held we could not say  
I had plans  
to spread my wings  
All you wanted were the simple things.  
At the crossroads, we each took a different way

Turn the number 'round  
How long has it been?  
More than fifty years  
Since we were seventeen  
I Think of you every first of May  
The time we share the same birthday  
Before we went our separate ways  
Turn the number 'round

Worlds apart  
All down the years  
I had sunshine  
you had tears  
It was always me who got the breaks

You would always hurt yourself  
Hard to love  
So hard to help  
I had to watch  
You making your own mistakes

REPEAT CHORUS

So many times, I've seen you take a fall  
And I come running  
I love you after all

REPEAT CHORUS

## **One Of A Kind**

*Steve Thompson/Tommy Morrison*

Never the kind for hanging around  
Always the one out painting the town  
Never needed no one  
I was always passing through  
Now there's you

I've spent a lifetime or so it seems  
Moving in circles dealing in dreams  
Never looked for answers  
Never really wanted to  
'til I found you

CHORUS

Cos you're one of a kind  
Almost too good to be true  
Oh I was blind til you came out of the blue  
Oh Oh Oh Oh Oh - you're one of a kind

Friends try to tell me  
Don't fall too soon  
Maybe tomorrow  
You'll change your tune  
But there'll be no more changes  
All my lonely days are through  
Cos I've found you

REPEAT CHORUS

## **Bar The Doubting**

*Steve Thompson*

Asked you once  
Told you twice  
Anything just to break the ice  
Silence reigns  
And when it rains it pours  
We're burning bridges  
and closing doors  
Oh for goodness sake  
Something's got to break

### CHORUS

It's all over bar the doubting  
Is this really where we're at  
It's all over bar the shouting  
And there's been a lot of that  
I accuse you  
You accuse me  
You cut me loose  
I set you free  
It's all over bar the heartbreak

He we are  
Darkness falls  
Only sadness  
Lies within these walls  
Emptiness  
Fills the room  
Seems to know  
that we'll be leaving soon  
Heading out of town  
As it all comes crashing down

### REPEAT CHORUS

## **Behind The Wheel**

He drives into the night  
A hundred miles an hour  
You better get out of his way  
he's in no mood for red lights

She laughed when he said he loved her  
She turned his heart to stone  
He felt a fool so he ran out  
into the night alone

#### CHORUS

Behind the wheel he's a man again  
He drives like a demon he's in command  
Behind the wheel he's in control  
of a situation he can't understand  
Behind the wheel

The rain comes down  
and the headlights cut right through  
He turns the radio on  
and he steps on the gas  
He felt so sure she'd want him  
he walked in there like a man  
But she made him feel he was nothing  
So he turned around and ran

#### REPEAT CHORUS

Accelerator to the floorboards  
destination unknown  
He drives on into the darkness  
and makes the highway his own

#### REPEAT CHORUS