

GINGER WADE – STRONGER THAN YOUR DEMONS

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01 - Stronger Than U

You never broke my bones
But sometimes I wished you would
So I'd have something to prove
And I could leave you for good

Always knowing where to hurt
Make me question what I see
The target of a well-aimed word
Undermine my grip on reality

I know I'm stronger now – I'm stronger than you
You tried to make me doubt everything that I knew
You tried to steal my power – that's something you would do
I know I'm stronger now – I'm stronger - I'm stronger than you

So many strong women I know
End up in this mess

With men who can only feel equal
By making a woman feel like less

Less assured and less happy
Racked by insecurity
Searching for an explanation
To help you deny your desperation

I know I'm stronger now – I'm stronger than you
You tried to make me doubt everything that I knew
You tried to steal my power – and my dignity, too
I know I'm stronger now – I'm stronger - I'm stronger than you

Isolated from your friends
Completely at your wits' ends
He says it's love but it's control
And you've surrendered it in full

I know I'm stronger now – I'm stronger than you
No one can make me doubt all the things that I knew no no no
No one can steal my power – no one, not even you
I know I'm stronger now – I'm stronger - I'm stronger than you

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02 – Ashes (Only a Cat)

What would I do with your ashes?
Put them in a tiny cup up on a shelf?
Don't think you had a favorite place and even if you did
You never once told me where it is

I can't scatter you to the wind
Or drop your urn into the waves
Get you stuffed like a hunting trophy, hang you on the wall
Don't even have a garden where I'd dig you your own grave

I could paint the heavens purple
Line the streets with solid gold
Send a thousand cheerleaders out in a parade
Have a giant statue made for pilgrims to pray at –
Nothing I can do now will ever bring you back
Nothing I can do now will ever bring you back

Drinking my coffee alone here in my bed
Wondering how it went so wrong so fast
Did the best I could to try and make it good
But nothing I can do now will ever change the past

Coming home to an empty apartment

Can't believe that you're no longer here
Put your things into the bin but your ghost still lingers everywhere
Longing to hold you and stroke your silky hair

I could paint the heavens purple
Line the streets with solid gold
Send ten thousand soldiers out on a brigade
Build a giant temple and start a new religion –
Nothing I can do now will ever bring you back
Nothing I can do now will ever bring you back
And please don't tell me it was only a cat

03 - Feed Your Demons

I won't feed your demons - I got enough here of my own
Fought so hard to shake 'em off, I've been shaken to the bone
I won't feed your demons - that fight is up to you
Live in doubt or cast them out, what you gonna do?
I won't feed your – not gonna bleed for
Won't feed your demons

There's something that torments you, it's eating you inside
A beast that will not let you go, the past you can't deny
You try to run away and flee or drown it in more sin
Pills or booze, it ain't no use, the demon stays within

I won't feed your demons - I got enough here of my own
Fought so hard to shake 'em off, been shaken to the bone
I won't feed your demons - that fight is up to you
Live in doubt or cast them out, say what you gonna choose?
I won't feed your – not gonna bleed for
Won't feed your demons

I wish that I could save you pain, protect you from your fears
Stay by your side and be your guide 'til the darkness disappears
But I have fought my battles, walked through fire and I got burned
A tourist in hell, repeating myself – the same mistakes until I learned

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I won't feed your demons - that fight is up to you
Live in doubt or cast 'em out, what you gonna choose?
I won't feed your – not gonna bleed for
Won't feed your demons

Every soul must make their peace with the demons of the past
Search for the truth or live with the noose, most folks take the easier path

I won't feed your demons - I got enough here of my own
Fought so hard to shake them off, been shaken to the bone
No I won't feed your demons - that fight is up to you

Live in doubt or cast them out, what you gonna choose?
No I won't feed your – not gonna bleed for
Ain't got no need for – not gonna heed your
Won't feed your demons

04 Crappy Girlfriend

I hate to cook, can't stand to clean
I'll never do your ironing
Take all the blankets my side of the bed
Drink too much, leave you the tab

I stay out late playing with rock bands
Getting drunk with musicians
Sleep in late while you make breakfast
Eat the best part, leave you the rest

I don't know why you put up with me
But I'm awfully glad that you do
'Cuz a crappy girlfriend like me
Don't deserve someone great like you

I laugh too loud, make raunchy jokes
Leave my guitars on the sofa
Flirt all night, tell you all about it
I'm hell on wheels, don't you doubt it

I break it all and you can fix it
Do stupid things, I always risk it
Invite a bunch of unknown guests
Leave you to clean up all the mess

I don't know why you put up with me
But I'm awfully glad that you do
'Cuz a crappy girlfriend like me
Don't deserve someone great like you

(La La La La La La La)

I don't know why you put up with me
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05 - Teeth & Claws

Got a devil deep inside me
I try to keep it tamed
The demons from my past

Disappointments and pain

All I've had and thrown away
The friends that I have hurt
My eyesight clouded by the smoke
Of the bridges I have burnt

You think I look so nice -- You think I look so sweet
But I've got a shadow side -- You don't wanna meet
If you rub me the wrong way -- I can be a fiend – sharpen my claws
You don't wanna feel my teeth - oooh ooh
You don't wanna feel my teeth - oooh ooh
You don't wanna feel my teeth

I try to leave it all behind
Create a life anew
But inside of me will always be
Scars of all I've been through

All I've had and thrown away
The lovers I have hurt
My eyesight clouded by the smoke
Of the bridges I have burnt

You think I look so nice -- You think I look so sweet
But I've got a shadow side -- You don't wanna meet
If you rub me the wrong way -- I can be a fiend – sharpen my claws
You don't wanna feel my teeth - oooh ooh
You don't wanna feel my teeth - oooh ooh

Walked through the fire and came out on the other side
Thought I was weak but now I know I am strong
Don't need you or any of your kind
'Cuz nothing'll ever make me go back again

You don't wanna feel my teeth - oooh ooh
You don't wanna feel my teeth
You don't wanna feel my teeth

06 - Accident of Geography

I was born on the wrong side of the continental divide
Isolated, alone, outside the Eurozone
In a nation of brutes and deniers of the truth
Under siege, unheard, I built battlements of barbed words

An accident of geography
Some are born in bondage, others born free

You threw down your anchor on my barren shore
Crossed no-man's land with a box of chocolates in your hand
Braved the Rottweilers and scaled the ramparts high
De-fused the landmines armed only with kindness

An accident of geography
An accident brought you here to me

Détente of the soul: I feel vulnerable and scared
The sun on my face, the warmth in the air
Small steps forward across the abyss
Open my lips to feel your kiss

Now they're selling pieces of the wall in every shopping mall
The secret police disbanded, sent away empty-handed
But sometimes I wake at night paralyzed with fright
My papers are not in order, tomorrow I will be deported

An accident of geography
Who is an ally, who is an enemy
An accident, an accident
An accident of geography

07 - The Plague

We work - and we eat
We sleep - but don't dream
Sit at the table alone side by side
Forgetting the words that will keep us alive
Forgetting to say what we're feeling inside

We sit in the dark, let the TV talk for us
Singing the tragedy like a Greek chorus – *the plague*
The soundtrack of laughter comes out of a can
Drifting through days with nothing else planned – *the plague*

A short love – and a long death
Each day gone – a little bit less
Too late to say the words that could save
The habit of love at the end of the day

The things that we said that we no longer say

We sit in the dark, let the TV think for us
Singing the football scores like a Greek chorus – *the plague*
The ten o'clock news, it comes out of a can
Drifting through days with no other plans – *the plague*

We sold our souls for a flatscreen world
Is there life between all the adverts?
Looking through life in the gray side of the mirror – the plague

Every artist wrote their own song about the Covid-19 pandemic. This one was written long before anyone had ever imagined the word "quarantine" could apply to themselves. I never wanted to be a prophet. The song was actually inspired while re-reading the book by Albert Camus.

08 - Never Not Gonna

Never gonna end world hunger
Never gonna get to work on time
Never gonna learn to like Monday
I'll never believe another word you say

Never gonna get rid of cockroaches
Or win over the capitalists
Never gonna write a rhyming song
And you'll never admit you were wrong

No it's not gonna happen
No it's never gonna happen
Not gonna change my mind
Not gonna give you the time and let you do that to me again

The earth may get hit by an asteroid
The polar bears might make it through
The Middle East might find world peace
But I'm never ever coming back to you

No it's not gonna happen
No it's never gonna happen
Not gonna take your call
Not gonna make myself small and let you do that to me again

Why can't I walk away?
Some crazy part of me still wants to stay

No it's not gonna happen
No it's never gonna happen
Not gonna change my mind
Not gonna give you the time and let you do that to me again

09 - Vegetarian Blues

I got a cheese sandwich baby
Ain't got no meat between my bread
I got a cheese sandwich baby
It's only cheese and lettuce instead
Since my lover man left me
It's been so lonely in my bed

I got a cheese sandwich baby
It's only bread, it ain't no meat
I got a cheese sandwich baby
You know it ain't no good to eat
Gonna go out and find me a lover
Gonna sweep me off my feet

Gonna go to that supermarket
Take a number, get in line
Step on up to that deli counter
Get a piece of somethin' fine
My meat man's got salami
He's got ham, he's even got roast beef
Gonna fill up my shopping basket
with things that's good to eat

No more cheese sandwich baby
Now it's all meat all the time
No more cheese sandwich baby
Now the eating's mighty fine
My meat man he brings home the bacon
He shows me a good time

10 - Coroner's Office

When the coroner's office calls you, it can only mean bad news
When the coroner's office calls you it feels like you got to choose

Am I a victim or a saint, a villain or a thief?
Am I a terrible person 'cuz I also feel relief?
So many times I wished that you were dead

But now that you're gone, I cannot say I'm glad (I'm not glad)

When the coroner's office calls you, it can only mean one thing
When the coroner's office calls you, you think 'bout what might've been

Oh how you loved to make drama, you loved to make a scene
With your director's cut, you framed us all in
I played my role well until I finally had enough
And I made my escape, dramatic exit stage left (yeah I left)

And you don't know all the things you meant to me
Now you'll never know all the things you meant to me
The pain and the sorrow, the shame and the fear
Happiness and the joy, all those wasted years
Now you're gone - now you're gone

I had already lost and mourned you long before I received that call
You had returned to your mistress, your loyal friend alcohol

Yeah you told me you loved me and you always will
You told all of our friends how you loved me still
But you loved the drink more than you could love anyone
And the drink never loved you, did she ever love you in return? (no return)

And you don't know all the things you meant to me
Even I didn't know all the things you meant to me
Betrayal and anger, laughter and tears
Happiness and joy, we had a few good years
Now you're gone - now you're gone

And all of your plans
All your demands
All you wild schemes
And all your crazy dreams
Are gone