

## **ELIJAH**

### **Let's take it easy - Chorus**

**Chorus:** Let's take it easy. We could live for ever.  
Partying on while we're in our prime.  
Leaving the future for tomorrow,  
we'll just live one day at a time.

Lets keep it simple, no complications.  
Try to avoid mistakes of the past.  
There's still a ray of light that is shining  
bright enough for us to last.  
We're well aware of what we stand to lose if we don't get it right.  
There'll be no winners, just some more sinners,  
empty and void, lost in the night.

Let's take it easy. We could live for ever.  
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Leaving the future for tomorrow,  
we'll just live one day at a time.

So many shattered lives all around us.  
So much unhappiness in the air.  
We've got to try to keep it together.  
We've a life and we dont' care.  
We'll take each moment as it comes  
enjoying the moment while we may  
We see the writing if we keep on fighting.  
Separate ways. More lonely days.

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### **Argument 1 - Ahab and Elijah**

Elijah: I must warn you, You are stepping out of line.  
Your behaviour falls a long way short of "fine".  
Take God at his word. His message you have heard.  
You've been warned now, I hope you've read the sign.

Ahab: You know nothing. I denounce you as a fraud.

Elijah: This is a warning. I suggest that you should take it.  
Ahab: I'm disputing any message from your Lord.  
Elijah: You can't go on like this; just try but you won't make it.  
Ahab: Stop this silly game.  
Elijah: I'm being straight here.  
Ahab: I can't take all the blame  
Elijah: You just can't wait here.  
Ahab: You must go now, with all your words I'm bored.  
Elijah: Your life needs changing, just watch out or God will shake it.

Elijah: Hear the forecast of a famine on its way.  
Ahab: Just what gives you the right to come in here to try me?  
Elijah: Years of plenty will give way to life's decay.  
Ahab: These threats are empty I'm afraid they float right by me.  
Elijah: Enter this new phase  
Ahab: Your threats are wasted.  
Elijah: Goodbye to rainy days.  
Ahab: A wine untasted.  
Elijah: For your action, there's a high price to pay.  
Elijah: This is a promise, don't ignore it. Don't ignore it.  
Ahab: Is this a promise? I'll ignore it. I'll ignore it.  
Elijah: This is a promise, don't ignore it. Don't ignore it.  
Ahab: Is this a promise? I'll ignore it. I'll ignore it.

### **Zarephath - Elijah, Widow and Chorus**

Chorus: This is the message Elijah.  
Now you have warned of the imminent scene.  
Leave here and make for the Jordan.  
Turn to the east and set out for the Kerith ravine.

Ravens will feed you Elijah.  
You'll drink from the brook till the river runs dry.  
Then as the famine grows stronger.  
Go west to the coast to a town where your needs I'll supply.

Welcome to sleepy Zarephath.  
Welcome to Sidon by the sea.  
Enjoy the simple seaside ways.  
The peace and calm tranquility.

Chorus: Welcome to sleepy Zarephath.  
Youth: Welcome to this grotty place,  
I'd like to meet the guy who said  
this land would flow with milk and honey?

Chorus: Welcome to Sidon by the sea.

Youth: We're thirsty and we're starving,  
disaffected people, long forgotten,  
and we don't have any money!

Chorus: Enjoy the simple seaside ways.

Youth: A loaf of bread round here  
if you could get your hands on it  
would represent the output of the nation.

Chorus: The peace and calm tranquility.

Youth: A jar of oil would buy a pot of gold,  
would cost a fortune,  
how is that for mass inflation.

Elijah: May I have some water  
and a tiny piece of bread.

I'm a man whose hunted  
there's a price upon my head.

Widow: I would do gladly what he says.

I understand the way he feels.

We haven't eaten in days,  
I have enough for one last meal

This oil and this flour is the  
remnant I put by.

One last meal together  
then my son and I must die.

Elijah: Though you may use what you possess,

Yet still God's purpose will prevail.

While I am here there'll be no less.

His rich supplies will never fail.

### **Trajedy - Elijah and Widow**

Man of God! What have you done to me?

What wrong have I done you? What purpose can there be?

My son is dead! Upon his bed he lies?

Is this what I deserve? Is this the bitter prize?

Is my sin so bad that I need such reminding?

The penalty is blinding. My life's ambitions binding.

Why destroy my son when me you are accusing?

Is this somehow amusing, a way of sinners bruising?

Let me see, his life we can restore.  
To demonstrate the false conclusions that you draw.  
Give me your son to carry to the light,  
to open up his eyes, to lead him from the night.

Lord in heaven look down in mercy come in healing,  
and through your word revealing, the purpose you are dealing.  
Make him whole again, a bright new life outpouring,  
his health and strength restoring, to set his spirit soaring.

Now I know you are the man you say.  
The words you say are true. Your truth is clear as day.  
And now I know the one on who you call,  
won't let his people down, the sovereign Lord of all is he.

### **Problem - Ahab, Elijah and Obadiah**

Ahab: We've got a problem, don't know the answer  
things are getting bad.  
It's that Elijah, he is the trouble.  
He makes me so mad.  
No food or water for the horses,  
we can't let them all die.  
We must seek out new water sources,  
searching low and high.

We've got a problem here. We don't know what to do.  
Nobody knows what we've been going through.  
Its life or death to us to find a way  
Someone will have a price to pay.

Elijah: We've got a problem. Need your assistance.  
Tell Ahab the news  
He is the reason for all this trouble.  
He's the one to lose.

Obadiah: How can I tell him what you ask me.  
I thought that you were my friend.  
If I comply with what you task me.  
My life's at an end.

Obadiah: I've got a problem. If they just knew  
I serve the living Lord.  
My days are numbered if its discovered  
I proclaim his word.  
Not only that but I have hidden

one hundred more in the caves.  
If they discover where I stand  
I face a certain grave.

### **She won't find me - Obadiah**

Obadiah: Lost in a moment the chance that we shared.  
Suddenly I realise that she never cared.  
And what once seemed rock solid  
in the light of day has disappeared.

She can look but she wont find me.  
She won't see me anymore.  
She can search but I won't be there.  
I won't answer when she calls.  
She won't want me,  
She won't need me.  
Now I see where I went wrong.  
She won't want me, she wont miss me,  
she wont notice when I'm gone.

I'm done with excuses. I don't wanna know.  
Cant take the anguish, I gotta let go.  
And nothing you can say can make me  
change the way I'm feeling now.

Plenty of people tell me its right to run and hide.  
They can see through me. They see the real me inside.  
I can't stay on here.

### **Argument 3 - Ahab and Elijah**

Ahab: Once again you are unwelcome in this place.  
Elijah: I can tell you You're the reason for disaster.  
Ahab: I'm surprised you dare round here to show your face.  
Elijah: You just can't paper over these cracks in the plaster.  
Ahab: Nothing you can say  
Elijah: You must decide.  
Ahab: will change my mind today.  
Elijah: No easy ride.  
Ahab: Kindly leave us. You're a complete disgrace.  
Elijah: We need a contest which will show who is the master.

Elijah: Let's decide this. Find out whose God is the best.  
Ahab: How dare you challenge me; this can't be tolerated

Elijah: On Mount Carmel let us put this to the test.  
Ahab: Your God in my view is extremely over-rated.  
Elijah: Call on the divine;  
Ahab: Two sacrifices  
Elijah: Your God first then mine.  
Ahab: No need for dices  
Elijah: Who can light the fire is better than the rest.  
Elijah: If God is Lord then only follow him and serve him.  
Ahab: We'll soon discover what a fool you are to serve him.  
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### **O light the fire - Chorus**

Chorus: O light the fire, O light the fire,  
O let the fire consuming burn.  
O light the fire. O light the fire,  
O let the fire consuming burn.

O light the fire. O blaze in splendour.  
Our strong defender blaze in splendour.  
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O light the fire, O light the fire,  
O let the fire consuming burn.  
O light the fire. O light the fire,  
O let the fire consuming burn.

Light up the big bonfire.  
Set it ablaze our praises earning.  
Light up the big bonfire.  
Set it ablaze with passion burning.

So let us see power,  
so let us see glory,  
Stand like a firm tower,  
so finish this story.

Light up the big bonfire.  
Set it ablaze our praises earning.  
Light up the big bonfire.  
Set it ablaze with passion burning.

Light up the big bonfire.

So underwrite our conviction  
Light up the big bonfire.  
Shine now to prove, it's no fiction.

Light up the big bonfire.  
Write on the page of life's journal.  
Light up the big bonfire.  
So let us see the fire eternal,  
fire eternal, fire eternal - burn.

### **A gentle fire - Elijah**

Elijah: Why all this drama?  
Why all these mass hysterics?  
There's a better way on which to turn.  
Just a calm assurance  
built upon a firm foundation;  
a simple faith can make the fire burn.

Lighten the moment  
with a clear and inextinguishable flame.  
Shine with a brightness  
that will demonstrate the power of your name.

Come in your glory  
Shine with almighty splendour.  
Penetrate the reaches of the night.  
Engulf the shadows.  
Overcome the powers of darkness.  
Bring about the new and living light.

Bright shining beacon  
that just needs a spark and ends in a blaze.  
Shine in the darkness  
to reveal the hidden depths of your praise.

With dazzling radiance  
with strong illumination  
there's a simple message to discern.  
Just a calm assurance  
built upon a firm foundation;  
a simple faith can make the fire burn.

### **I'll get even - Jezebel**

Jezebel: Why should I tolerate this man?  
What purpose does he serve?  
Why should I take his threats and lies?  
He's really got some nerve.  
This man objects to all I stand for.  
Who ever asked his view?  
This man disrupts the schemes I'd planned for.  
There's little left I can do.

Oh how could you do this to me?  
What did I do wrong?  
How could you do this to me?  
If you think that we're fools,  
then you don't know who rules!  
You'll see. I'll get even with you.  
I'll get even.

You think that you can fool around,  
its really time you learned.  
You'll realise that if you play with  
fire you might get burned.  
For you despise the things I treasure.  
Always you criticise.  
And you deny my simple pleasure?  
Nothing is right in your eyes.

Every time you come along you treat me as a clown.  
You've made me the biggest laughing stock in all the town.

### **I must go down to the sea - Chorus**

Chorus: I must go down to the sea again  
to the lonely sea and sky.  
I saw no ships, no sailing craft,  
no star to sail them by.  
No movement, no sea breezes,  
just a stillness in the air.  
Whatever I'm supposed to see,  
it clearly isn't there.

I must go down to the sea again  
to gaze at gentle waves.  
To feel the still of morning  
like the silence of men's graves.  
To see the panorama



in a scene of solid blue.  
Whatever I'm supposed to see,  
there's nothing here to view.

I must go down to the sea again  
to walk along the shore.  
But wait, I think I see something  
that wasn't there before.  
Far out on the horizon  
and far off from the land.  
A dark cloud is appearing;  
it's no bigger than my hand.

### **There's a cloud on the horizon - Elijah**

There's a cloud on the horizon  
in a sky of shiny blue.  
But the stormy clouds are gathering  
and the sun has gone from view.  
And the nation is in trouble  
and a judgement day is due.  
For the cloud on the horizon is you.

There's a cloud on the horizon.  
It's the size of my hand.  
But in no time it will increase  
and will cover all this land.  
And the land that dwelt in sunshine  
face a darkness which is due.  
For the cloud on the horizon is you.

There's a cloud on the horizon  
that will blot out the light.  
From the brightness of the day  
comes the emptiness of night.  
And the world is lost in shadows  
from the wholeness it once knew.  
For the cloud on the horizon is you.

### **Leave it to me - Jezebel**

Jezebel: Dearest Ahad, I hear tell  
that you're worried and upset.  
Naboth's vineyard? He won't sell?  
And your aching for the one thing you can't get.

If you want it, I can get it,  
every heart's desire that your feeling.  
Please believe me, you won't regret it,  
your ambition need have no ceiling.  
I can sort it. There's no problem.  
Just relax and have nice day.  
Naboth's vineyard's good as yours,  
once this problem's out of the way.

Leave it to me, I can deliver.  
Leave it to me, there'll be no fee.  
I'll sort it out, there'll be no bother.  
Just wait and see. And leave it to me.

I'll arrange it. You can trust me.  
He can mess with me if he dares.  
I've a feeling, about the future,  
it's a shame he'll fall down the stairs.  
We shall miss him. We shall mourn him.  
But we all know life must go on.  
And his vineyard. We can take it.  
It's no use to him when he's gone.

Leave it to me, I can deliver.  
Leave it to me, there'll be no fee.  
I'll sort it out, there'll be no bother.  
Just wait and see. And leave it to me.  
Leave it to me.

### **Argument - Elijah and Ahab**

Elijah: That's the last straw,  
No forgiveness can be yours.  
Ahab: I'm growing tired of your constant indignation  
Elijah: You're past saving,  
you have reached the final clause.  
Ahab: Why don't you go and persecute some other nation?  
Elijah: You must lose this throne  
Ahab: You and who's army?  
Elijah: and everything you own.  
Ahab: No power to harm me.  
Elijah: Now's the moment  
to settle all the scores.  
Ahab: I think I'll manage with no

prospect of salvation.

Ahab: Well Elijah

We are truly enemies.

Elijah: Yes I have found you. You are destined for the grave.

Ahab: Know this, prophet,

I shall do just what I please!

Elijah: You face disaster, you're condemned to be a slave.

Ahab: I am here to stay.

Elijah: Sold to corruption.

Ahab: Don't get in my way.

Elijah: Wait the eruption.

Ahab: Take my warning, you're gonna feel the squeeze.

My kingdom's growing there is no-one who can stop me.

Elijah: Your kingdom's over you are facing certain ruin.

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### **The Plot - Ahab and Jezebel**

What a nerve, how dare he say that

I'm incensed with his constant threat

Who can rid me of this torment

I shall gladly be in his debt.

Jezebel: Leave it to me.

Ahab: Who can release me.

Jezebel: Leave it to me.

Ahab: Who'll set me free?

Jezebel: Leave it to me.

Ahab: Who can see through this?

Who holds the key?

Jezebel: Just leave it to me.

Jezebel: Now Elijah hear my warning,

there's no place in which you can hide.

You should know that by the morning,

I'll arrange for your suicide.

You can run, but not escape

You can seek this God whom you call

But you'll quickly realise

there's no help when your backs against the wall.

Leave it to me, I can deliver.

Leave it to me, there'll be no fee.

I'll sort it out, there'll be no bother.  
Just wait and see. And leave it to me.

### **Small wonder I'm losing my mind - Elijah**

Elijah: Small wonder I'm losing my mind  
just look at the way I'm treated.  
I look round and what do I find;  
from victory I'm defeated.

There was time I understood it,  
I had it figured out in my head.  
I got it wrong I see my mistakes now,  
I face a lonely future instead.  
Now it's too late for second chances?  
There's no time to try again?  
What started out with such a promise  
faces a most uncertain end.

Why did I fail to get it together?  
This thing had started out so well.  
We had a good thing going for us,  
so exciting I could tell.  
Am I too rigid in my thinking.  
Is there a chance for a different way.  
Can I go back to the beginning.  
Find another way to play.

### **The Storm - Chorus, Elijah**

Chorus: Why are you here? What do you fear?  
What causes you to run and hide?  
Why drag along? You must be strong.  
It never was an easy ride.

Elijah: The Israelites reject your promise.  
They have destroyed the work you started.  
My life's at risk and I'm alone,  
is it surprising I'm down-hearted?

Chorus: Go out and stand upon this land  
Go out and look up to the sky  
As you perceive God's mighty hand  
and see your Saviour passing by.

Here comes a storm, mighty,  
shattering all the rocks around us.  
Fierce like strong army  
moving in power to confound us.

Thundering and lightening,  
powerful and frightening.  
Leaving a world trembling  
Dark forces assembling.

Storm forces are gathering.  
Terrible in their destruction.  
Oppressive and threatening,  
obeying a firm instruction.

Devouring fire blazing,  
fanning the flames far and wide,  
reaching to all corners,  
refining all guilt and pride.

Feeling the great earthquake  
swelling the sound, cymbals clashing  
shaking the foundations,  
pillars destroyed, structures crashing,  
structures crashing, structures crashing down.

### **Shelter of the storm - Elijah**

Here am I, passing by  
in a world of timeless motion.  
Lost but found, almost drowned  
In life's deep and flowing ocean.  
All around as the thunder clouds appear, I'm aware  
In the shelter of the storm I find you there.  
In the shelter of the storm I find you there.

When I feel I'm alone and all the guilt wells inside,  
then despite the tears of pain I feel you near.  
You are real and your gentle still small voice is the guide  
that reassures, and convinces you are here.

Here I stand close at hand  
as the world I knew is tumbling  
All I'd planned, shifting sand,  
in a place where hopes are crumbling

And through all of the changing scenes of life,  
still you care  
In the shelter of the storm I find you there.  
In the shelter of the storm I find you there.

When I feel I'm alone and all the guilt wells inside,  
then despite the tears of pain I feel you near.  
You are real and your gentle still small voice is the guide  
that reassures, and convinces you are here.

On this page, final stage  
of a lane without a turning.  
Take the blame. Watch the flame  
As the world I knew is burning.  
Through the haze there's a still small voice to answer my prayer.  
In the shelter of the storm I find you there.  
In the shelter of the storm I find you there.

### **Lifted up on high - Elijah and Chorus**

Chorus: Don't believe them when they say  
that I don't care for you.  
It's only their lies.  
Just ignore them if they say  
I won't be there for you;  
a word to the wise.  
It's only worldly talk you hear,  
not a word of it is true.  
They're only trying to put me down.  
This is what I want you to do.

Hold your head up high  
and walk on by.  
Don't let the things they say upset you.  
Don't let all their lies get to you.  
Give me a chance to explain.  
Hold your head up high,  
be lifted high  
above a world that's hesitating  
see the promised land awaiting  
welcoming the new world's dawning day.

May the power you received now fall upon us all  
a full double portion.  
Let us use it to reveal the gospel power these days

without the distortion.  
The cloak you wore will symbolise  
all the blessings we receive.  
We look to God's for new surprises  
to everyone who believes.

Lifted up on high  
into the sky,  
a blazing chariot appearing,  
blazing horses, pathway clearing,  
going the heavenly way.  
Lifted up on high,  
away you fly,  
beyond the clouds to endless days,  
lost in wonder, love and praise,  
welcoming the new world's dawning day.