

# Lyrics for **LIVING IN THE LAND DOWN UNDER**



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## 01 COMMUNICATION

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Every day across the nation  
The radio gives us information  
The voices change but the message stays the same

The talkback shows they go on forever  
The DJ smiles and he sounds so clever  
There's never been a problem he can't solve

And all the lonely people sitting by their phones  
Invite a perfect stranger to their homes

But there's just too many words  
But not enough communication  
There's just too many words  
But not enough communication

The talking heads on our televisions  
Subject each other to their derision  
With analyses of their policies again

Satellites give us instant pictures  
We marvel at our scientific riches  
But our families can't talk amongst themselves

And all the lonely people staring at their screens  
Imagine have some strangers in their reach

But there's just too many words  
But not enough communication  
There's just too many words  
But not enough communication

When the president he makes his speeches  
The party men they hang around like leeches  
With their flags unfurled they reassure the world

And bureaucrats send us forms and letters  
We fill them in but the world's no better  
Their expertise keeps us on our knees again

And all the lonely people waiting in the queue  
They know there's nothing more that they can do

But there's just too many words  
But not enough communication  
There's just too many words  
But not enough communication  
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There's just too many words  
But not enough communication

## 02 LIVING IN THE LAND DOWN UNDER

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We've lost the age of innocence  
We've lost the age of wonder  
No longer can we hide ourselves  
Living in the land down under

The world's events knock on our door  
And shake us from our slumber  
We cannot claim immunity  
Living in the land down under

And Hollywood has come to life  
You can't even walk the streets  
With your wife anymore  
And shots ring out and people scream  
Oh Lord he tells me this is just a dream

Well I remember back when I was young  
And life was bright and breezy  
I only cared for number one  
But now you know it's not so easy

We could have learnt from our mistakes  
And built a new society  
But now just look at the mess we're in  
What happened to the 'lucky country'?

And the TV news it shouts at me  
But I turn the volume down to eat my tea  
And the message violence is on the rise  
Well take a look around you  
It's no surprise

Have we thrown our faith right out the door?  
It just doesn't seem to make any sense anymore  
I can't believe in something that I can't see  
The tragedy is that it's destroying me  
It's destroying me

We've got to find ourselves again  
We cannot live as numbers  
We need to have a destiny  
Living in the land down under  
Living in the land down under  
Living in the land down under

### 03 THINK FOR MYSELF

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The world's full of people getting led by the nose  
You know I really think it's a sin  
Watching all the ads and the TV shows  
Lord how they can take you in  
They tell you you gotta be handsome  
They tell you you gotta have fun  
They tell you you gotta be beautiful  
Then they take your money and run

#### REFRAIN

But I don't care what they think of me  
I don't care what they say on commercial TV  
'Cause I can be anything I wanna be  
Because I can think for myself  
Think for myself

The world's full of people who think they're pretty tough  
'Cause they do what everyone says  
'Cause they never have the courage to stand up for themselves  
The only word they can say is YES  
They tell you you gotta be super cool  
You gotta wear the right type of jeans  
They tell you you gotta tow their line  
If you wanna be part of the scene

#### REFRAIN

Well I remember when I was a young boy  
Everybody used to call me names  
Because I wasn't scared to have my own opinions  
They're older now and live in houses  
That all are just the same  
And all they care about is income tax  
And this year's cut and next year's job promotion  
REFRAIN

The world's full of people who believe anything  
As long as it sounds like fun  
There's some who put their faith in astrology  
While others worship the sun  
And everybody's searching for something  
To build their lives upon  
And yet they all just stand and laugh  
When I talk about God's Son

#### LAST REFRAIN

But I don't care what they think of me  
I don't care what they say on commercial TV  
'Cause I can be anything I wanna be  
'Cause I can think for myself  
Think for myself, think for myself  
Think for myself

## 04 PRODIGAL SON

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The prodigal son said, "Look old man  
I want my half of your farmer's land  
I can't wait until my time is due".  
The old man says, "What are we coming' to?"  
But he loved his son and said, "OK  
If that's what you want you can have it your way"

The prodigal son went far away  
He blew his money night and day  
There was nothing that he couldn't find  
There was nothing that he wouldn't try  
But times got hard, it was no joke  
And soon he found that he was broke

The prodigal son didn't feel so big  
He got a job looking after pigs  
It seems their food was better than his own  
The poor boy cried and wished that he was home  
If I could go back I would do anything  
Oh father I've wronged you I know I have sinned

The father he was overjoyed  
To see again his lonely boy  
He told his servants kill the fatted calf  
My son was lost but now he is found  
But his other son was not so sure  
All of these years what have I been working for

The prodigal son was home at last  
And begged forgiveness for his past  
He'd never known this kind of grace before  
It's just the thing he'd been searching for  
And only God knew how he survived  
'Cause once he was dead but now he's alive  
And only God knew how he survived  
'Cause once he was dead but now he's alive

## 05 WHY AM I AFRAID?

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Well I sit here on my own tonight  
Trying to sort out wrong from right  
I dealt my cards and played a losing hand  
And I just don't fit society  
They say they've had enough of me  
The struggles over 'take me as I am'

Now it's time for a change  
But I'm feeling so strange  
I've never heard it like this before  
I'm beginning to feel  
That your love can be real  
What am I waiting for?  
What am I waiting for?

Well I've sailed a rough and stormy sea  
And my feelings just won't let me be  
The person that I know I am inside  
And I want to tear off my disguise  
And see the world through new born eyes  
I never knew till now that I could cry

And deep in my heart  
I want to make a new start  
There's so many mistakes that I've made  
In so many ways I've been wasting my days  
Why am I afraid?  
Why am I afraid?

Well I never really learnt to pray  
But you know what I'm trying to say  
You know my thoughts before I know myself  
And I've reached that point in time  
When I want to trust that borderline  
That separates the dreaming from what's real

And you've taught me to live  
And how to forgive  
You've given me something that's true  
You suffered my shame  
And you've taken the blame  
Let me follow You.  
Let me follow You.

And deep in my heart  
I want to make a new start  
There's so many mistakes that I've made  
In so many ways I've been wasting my days  
Why am I afraid?  
Why am I afraid?  
Why am I afraid?

## 06 TALK TO EACH OTHER

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We seal ourselves  
In little boxes  
In our suburban dream  
The fence is high  
The gates are locked  
The house is always clean  
Behind the fashion curtains play  
The children with their mother  
But a smile conceals the hurt inside  
Like a book behind its cover

### REFRAIN

We've gotta talk to each other  
Mother and father and sister and brother  
We've gotta talk to each other  
You've gotta tell me how you feel  
Tell me how you feel  
Tell me how you feel  
Before you go insane

You've gotta give a hand  
For the company man  
He's building for the future  
But he can't relate  
So he works back late  
He talks to his computer  
Behind his credit card accounts  
With fancy limousines  
He wishes he could tell someone  
About his broken dreams

### REFRAIN

Pressure building up  
Feelings run so high  
What happened to that love we had  
We thought would never die  
What happened to that love we had  
We thought would never die  
REFRAIN

You killed the art of conversation  
With video and TV  
And we take a pill for every ill  
When all we need is sympathy  
And we're never short on expert books  
That say to live to your potential  
And our heads are full of useless facts  
But we miss the one essential  
REFRAIN

## 07 YOU CAN'T BUY LOVE

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I've had enough of meaningless gestures  
That try to make it feel good inside  
Of pleasure that lasts for a moment  
As they take you along for the ride  
With too many careless whispers  
And too many words said in haste  
And when there's not enough communication  
Who can count the emotional ways

### REFRAIN

Because you can't buy love  
And you can't try love  
You can't fake love No no no no  
If you want love  
You got to give it away  
I said, if you want love  
You got to give it away

And if a movie says feature length romance  
And the audience ends up in tears  
Where nobody ever grows older  
And nothing is what it appears  
With the images hard to live up to  
Though deep down you know it's a fake  
And we act out the role of the heroes  
But too late we see endless mistakes  
REFRAIN

And it's not the kind of love you hear about on the radio  
Where boy meets girl and falls in love by the end of the show  
No no no no no

In a world full of misunderstanding  
People crying out "And what is life for?"  
Well we've been given the perfect example  
Why do so many choose to ignore  
Love is a total commitment  
Of sharing yourself to the end  
And there's no greater love in this world  
Than to lay down your life for a friend

### LAST REFRAIN

Because you can't buy love  
And you can't try love  
You can't take love  
Oh no can't you hear me  
I said, you can't buy love  
And you can't try love  
You can't fake love No no no no  
If you want love  
You got to give it away  
I said, if you want love  
You got to give it away



## 08 WORDS

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Well you started out with your head held high  
And your hopes and dreams were strong  
And the day dawned full of promises  
But how could things go so wrong  
And you dealt your cards and laid your hand  
But the aces overload  
And you burnt down your father's house  
But I'd nowhere else to go

And my heart goes out and I'm trying to reach you  
And my soul's on fire with the hurt in your eyes  
You've been wounded once  
But you know you can trust me

Sometimes the words get in the way of what I'm trying to say  
Sometimes the words get in the way of what I'm trying to say

You were a target for the image men  
Who controlled your every move  
But they never kept their promises  
They had nothing left to prove  
And your relationships they came and went  
Like a burglar in the night  
And what seemed so real the night before  
Seemed to vanish in the light

And my heart goes out and I'm trying to reach you  
And my soul's on fire with the hurt in your eyes  
You've been wounded once  
But you know you can trust me

Sometimes the words get in the way of what I'm trying to say  
Sometimes the words get in the way of what I'm trying to say

Well you were seeking shelter from the storm  
Searching for a place to hide  
But the hand of friendship turned on you  
And a voice inside you cried  
Well is there anybody out there  
Who can love me as I am?  
If I stand before the door and knock  
Would you take me by the hand?

And my heart goes out and I'm trying to reach you  
And my soul's on fire with the hurt in your eyes  
You've been wounded once  
But you know you can trust me

Sometimes the words get in the way of what I'm trying to say  
Sometimes the words get in the way  
Sometimes the words get in the way  
Sometimes the words get in the way of what I'm trying to say

## 09 THERE'S GOTTA BE MORE THAN THIS

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Some people like to rock and roll  
Just twisting the night away  
Some people even lose their soul  
Just living for today  
For me I just keep rolling on  
And hoping that things might change  
But every time I look around  
I find I'm singing this refrain

### REFRAIN

There's gotta be more than this  
There's gotta be more than this  
I need a reason to exist  
There's gotta be more than this

Some people fill their heads with facts  
So they don't have to think  
Using knowledge like a scalpel blade  
Well they cut faster than the eye can blink  
For me I just keep praying Lord  
And hoping things won't go wrong  
'Cause every time I look around  
I find I'm singing out this song

### REFRAIN

Some people say that God's a crush  
And faith is just a show  
'Cause you ain't born with nothing  
And you take nothing when you go  
You take nothing when you go

Some people work for all their lives  
Building empires in the sand  
From out of nowhere comes the Wall Street crash  
And it slips right through their hands  
But I have to ask these questions  
In the light of what I've heard  
'Cause every time life gets me down  
I find I'm screaming out these words

### LAST REFRAIN

There's gotta be more than this  
There's gotta be more than this  
I need a reason to exist  
There's gotta be more than this  
There's gotta be more than this  
There's gotta be more than this  
I need a reason to exist  
There's gotta be more than this

## **10 THE DAY WILL COME**

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Sunrise, sunset  
So many things we don't know yet  
But a day will come  
If we keep our eyes upon the Son

Time flies so fast  
The future has become the past  
The day will come  
If we keep our eyes upon the Son

Sometimes I feel so weary  
Like my race is almost run  
But I know I'm on the winning side  
'Cause my eyes are on the Son

### **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

Sometimes I feel so weary  
Like my race is almost run  
But I know I'm on the winning side  
'Cause my eyes are on the Son

No more sorrow no more night  
No more talk of black or white  
The day will come  
If we keep our eyes upon the Son

Peace will come into this land  
The lion will lie with the lamb  
The day will come  
If we keep our eyes upon the Son  
If we keep our eyes upon the Son  
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