

# KRIS DELMHORST LONG DAY IN THE MILKY WAY



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These songs do mysterious things to time, hooking us at light speed while drifting timeless, elemental. They do something magical to space, too, homing in while expanding out. *Long Day in the Milky Way* is an exquisitely written and performed collection with a wildness at its core: a thrumming pulse, a lit flame, a magnetic field. Here, Kris Delmhorst's inimitable voice is joined in soulful, shimmering harmony by turns echo-chamber of inner voices, congress of coyotes singing otherworldly at dawn, Greek chorus of fellow witnesses to fate's unfolding. Delmhorst knows how things move from whisper to fever to raging sea and back again; no one takes up the work of searching and finding, having and losing, with more lushness of feeling or keenness of insight. Rising from the deep center of grown-up sorrow, gliding to the glittering edges of grown-up joy, these songs invite us to slip out of the armor we didn't realize we were wearing. Aperture, appetite, the kinds of hunger that feed the soul. This is what we come to songs for, this is why they enter our moments and memories, making it so we can't imagine our lives without them. These are those kind of songs, unbridled in their generosity and irrepressible in their musicality as they walk clear-eyed and open-hearted into the dappled woods of what we reckon with alone but make our way through together. - *Lisa Olstein*



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## WIND'S GONNA FIND A WAY

Long day in the Milky Way, hammering my heart against a heavy door  
All doubt round about, any use to wonder what the pounding's for  
Don't worry 'cause ooh, wind's gonna find a way  
I don't need no radio, gonna listen to the branches sigh  
I know all there is to know about the history of decline

All night chasing fireflies, try to get one more before the dawn  
Lord knows it's a tiny glow to ever light the way for someone further on  
Don't worry 'cause ooh, wind's gonna find a way  
Don't want to see no video, I remember every shade of your eye  
No one ever really knows about the mystery of desire

Keep on pushing and you find a way through  
Keep on pushing and you find a way

No shame in the long game, look around and see that time is all we got  
Slow hands in the shadowlands, patient fingers working at the patient knots  
Don't worry 'cause ooh, wind's gonna find a way  
Can't you feel the undertow, wants to pull you to the deeper sea  
I found out long ago about the power it has over me

Keep on pushing and you find a way through  
Keep on pushing and you find a way through  
Keep on pushing and you find a way through  
Keep on pushing and you find a way

## GOLDEN CROWN

I'm gonna let all the light in my eyes shine on you  
I'm gonna let all the light in my heart shine on through  
I'm gonna let my, I'm gonna let my  
I'm gonna let all the light in my eyes shine on you

Nobody can take away the song that I made for you  
Nobody can take away the love that I gave to you  
No one can take it, no one can take it  
Nobody can take away the love that I gave to you

Someday I'm gonna see you finally wearing your golden crown  
Someday I'm gonna see you showing your glory all around  
I'm gonna see it, I'm gonna see it  
Someday I'm gonna see you finally wearing your golden crown

## HANGING GARDEN

Meet me under the northern - meet me under the northern  
Meet me under the northern star  
Keep me right on your corner - keep me right on your corner  
Let me always know where you are  
I really don't care where we land  
I really don't care where we stay to make our stand  
In our hanging garden, hanging garden  
Falling from the ground  
Going up and growing down

Come see, sky's getting brighter - come see, world's getting wider  
Brighter and wider, the farther we climb  
Sweep me higher and higher - sweep me higher and higher  
Help me to twine up and circle the sky like a vine  
I really don't know how we fly  
I really don't know how we're standing on the sky  
In our hanging garden, hanging garden  
Falling from the ground  
Going up and growing down

I know - stranger stranger in a strange land  
Just keep holding onto my hand  
Look around its a world of wonders  
Earth is above us heaven is under  
See all the life that here that's moving  
See all the buzzing and blooming  
Right as the rain and upside down  
Way up here we could be anything

## SECRET GIRL

Secret girl, I see you  
I was a secret too  
Walking down the shady side, 6th avenue  
Secret girl, are you lonely  
I was lonely too  
Spice tea and a cigarette, keep the wall behind you

But somewhere way down the lifeline (who's gonna know you?)  
Someday you're gonna stand in the light of the day (who's gonna know?)

Lightning blue on the windows  
Thunder low inside your mind  
City full of strangers makes a secret feel alive  
Oh my girl, you're a memory  
Curled up inside the moon  
Your pocket full of mascara gonna hide you

But somewhere over the skyline (who's gonna know you?)  
Way beyond all of the lights and the city steel (who's gonna know?)  
Past the end of the streets and the power lines (who's gonna know you?)  
Somewhere everything gonna be revealed (who's gonna know?)

Secret girl, would you see me  
Let me in your screen door  
Seems like nobody's a secret anymore



## HORSES IN THE SKY

It started as a whisper (We all know, we all know)  
Started as a passing word (We all know the way)  
A little static in the signal (We all know, we all know)  
Shadow of a passing bird (We all know, we all know the way)

Then it grew into a rumble (We all know, we all know)  
Grew into a steady drone (We all know the way)  
A little tapping on the ceiling (We all know, we all know)  
Never leaving you alone (We all know, we all know the way)

Horses in the sky roll on by  
Don't you close your eyes, watch em fly

And now it is a fever (We all know, we all know)  
Now it is a raging sea (We all know the way)  
Never leaves your body (We all know, we all know)  
Never gives a moment's peace (We all know, we all know the way)

Lightning on the sea, flashing green  
Don't forget to see what can be  
Horses in the sky roll on by  
Don't you close your eyes,  
Watch em fly, watch em fly  
Watch em fly, watch em fly

## SKYSCRAPER

Skyscraper, rainmaker, nametaker, why you wanna be so tall?

Half of what is here is underneath the ground  
Why believe only what you see?

Skyscraper, rainmaker, rootshaker, why you wanna be so tall?

Oooh you could be an open door  
Ooh what are you waiting for

Skyscraper, rainmaker, coalraker, why?

You take the places where the light came through  
You take the places where the light came through

Skyscraper, rainmaker, heartbreaker, why you wanna be so tall?

## THE HORSES

(Rickie Lee Jones)


You will fly, way up high where the cold wind blows  
Or in the sun, laughing and having fun with all the people that she knows  
And if the situation keeps us separated, that don't mean the world's gonna fall apart  
And you will free the beautiful bird that's caught inside your heart  
Can't you hear her?  
She cries so loud  
Casts her wild note  
Over water and cloud

That's the way it's gonna be, little darling  
You'll be riding on the horses yeah  
Up in the sky, little darling  
And if you fall I'll pick you up

You will grow, and until you go, I'll be right there by your side  
And even then, whisper to the wind, she'll carry up your ride  
'Cause I hear all the people of the world in a little bird's lonely cry  
See them trying every way they know how just to make their spirit fly  
Can't you see him?  
He's down on the ground  
He's got a broken wing  
He's looking all around

That's the way it's gonna be, little darling  
We'll be riding on the horses yeah  
Way up in the sky, little darling  
And if you fall I'll pick you up

Look over your shoulder, i'm right behind you  
'Cause you know i was young once too  
And when i was young, when i was young  
When your mama was young i heard she was a real wild one





## FLOWER OF FORGIVENESS

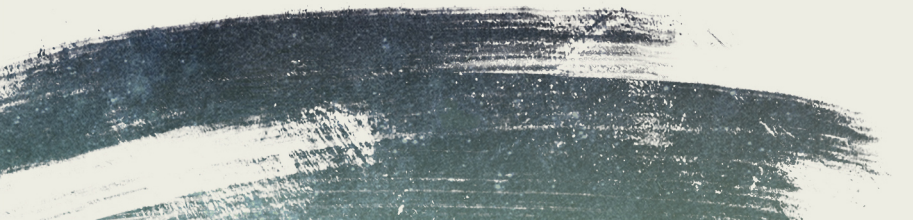
Standing on the corner just begging more time  
I won't miss it you can have some of mine  
Flower of forgiveness ain't hard to grow  
You can find it blooming by the side of the road  
By the side

How we gonna carry all the things that we know  
A pound of feathers or a pound of stones  
That shit gets heavier further you go  
Can you leave it lying by the side of the road  
By the side

When your deal stops working gotta find a new way  
What's it gonna cost you what's it gonna pay  
But you put away your troubles when it's time to play  
You can count your nickels by the light of the day  
By the light

Can you tell me there's time enough, can you tell me there's space enough,  
Can you tell me there's light enough, can you tell me there's grace enough,  
Can you tell me there's time enough, can you tell me there's space enough,  
Can you tell me there's love enough, grace enough, to see us through?

A few more exits and we'll be home  
Eyes on the line boys, steady as she goes  
We sang every song anybody's ever known  
Gave em to the ghosts by the side of the road



## NOTHING 'BOUT NOTHING

(Kris Delmhorst/Dave Godowsky)

Tell me where did you get the idea that this story's about only you  
The indestructible body of time just continues to roll right on through  
Turning and turning the wheel going faster  
You're asking a question we've already answered  
The master of all always ends up the master of none

Put your head down lower than your heart  
Throw a little light out in the dark  
Because you don't know nothing 'bout nothing  
You don't know nothing 'bout nothing  
You don't know nothing 'bout nothing

Insult to injury, missing the mystery, omnisciently without a clue  
Guess you're kicking infinity to the periphery too  
Using up all nonrenewable mercies  
Charging like Custer, cursing like Xerxes  
You can beat up the seas but the truth always gets the last lash

Put your head down lower than your heart  
Throw a little light out in the dark  
Because you don't know nothing 'bout nothing  
You don't know nothing 'bout nothing  
You don't know nothing 'bout nothing  
But I'll tell you one thing  
Nothing knows something  
Something 'bout you  
Something 'bout you

No you don't know nothing 'bout nothing  
You don't know nothing 'bout nothing  
You don't know nothing 'bout nothing  
You don't know nothing

## CROW FLIES

On a clear day, I can see you from here  
Almost reach out and touch you, you seem so near  
Some things are further than they appear

Is it a matter of inches or a matter of miles  
Is it a matter of minutes or hours or days since you smiled  
It's not a matter of fact it's a matter of pride

But as the crow flies  
It's such a straight line  
I'd be there in no time  
As the crow flies

The going ain't easy, the footing is bad  
Ain't no points on the compass, ain't no lines on the map  
And sometimes you wind up in the place you began

Nothing's familiar, nothing's to scale  
You're losing the blazes as the light starts to fail  
It's a dead reckoning on a cold trail

But as the crow flies  
It's such a straight line  
I'd be there in no time  
As the crow flies

If I could spread my wings  
If I could rise above  
I'd ride the clear blue sky all the way to your love  
As the crow flies



**BLESS YOUR LITTLE HEART**  
(Kris Delmhorst/Hazel Foucault)

It's not time yet  
For anything like that  
There's no hurry  
Nothing needs to be done  
It's still early  
There's a lot to understand  
Bless your little heart, its easy

Don't you worry  
Just keep singing that old song  
It don't matter  
No one's waiting on you now  
It's not serious  
Nothing flying on bony wings  
I know how you work, i know how you try  
But it is easier than it seems like

Hear them hoot owls  
In the hills outside your room  
Hear them sparrows  
When the morning comes again  
Bees are sleeping  
Underneath the flowers now  
Bless your little heart, I know how you try  
But it is easier than it might seem like

**CALL OFF THE DOGS**

Walk down through the melting snow  
See the river overflow  
There's only so much she can hold  
There's only so much

Why you wear that armor for  
Kept it from some ancient war  
Maybe you don't need it anymore  
Maybe you don't need it  
Call off the dogs

You ain't got no secret curse  
Ain't no better ain't no worse  
Just another leaf hanging on the tree  
Just a little leaf hanging

Leave the story you can't shake  
Leave your pile of old mistakes  
You'll find a new one you can make  
You'll find a new one  
Call off the dogs

Only have the time you steal  
Heart thumping like a broken wheel  
And we all know how you feel  
Yeah we all know  
Call off the dogs

See all the melting snow  
See the river overflow  
Learn how to let it go  
Only so much you can hold  
Just keep the wind behind you  
Just let the sound remind you  
Love knows just where to find you  
Love knows just where to find you