

Mia Kelly - To Be Clear Album Lyrics

Bonefish Boys

Tell ya 'bout the time I served
Started 1954
The TVs started spilling colour
A couple months before

Juvenile, I wasn't fourteen
When they sent me out to sea
To join the ranks of salty dogs
With my tail between my knees

Oh, the ships we sailed
Were made of wood still
And the men on them were made of steel
Oh the hardest men still get hungry
Bonefish boys behind the wheel

Our boots were ever-soaking
Our tongues were never dry
We're praying to the bottle
And the green flash in the sky

Oh, the weather got the better of my face
Cut me so deep
And in the trenches of my skin
The bitter begs to feed

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Were made of wood still
And the men on them were made of steel
Oh, the hardest men still get hungry
Oh us bonefish boys behind the wheel

After thirteen years of sea legs
Well, the bad luck followed suit
The sallow, sullen shadow
Of the boy they did recruit
And back on royal ground
Counterculture fed cocaine
I spent 30 years, then twenty more
With Lucy on my brain

The ships we sailed
Were made of wood still
And the men on them were made of steel
Oh, the hardest men still get hungry
Oh, us bonefish boys behind the wheel

South Went the Bird

Came to me in the water
Wearing your easiest smile
Thought I was someone else's daughter
That got us talking a while

Came to me in my home
Southern bird, north-bound
Ruby leaves, we made for the road
You caught me with my guard left down

Well we watched the fire burn across the bay
Heard the sirens howl, knew that they would come our way

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Sun and moon, rolling through the days
Sweetest apple, gold to the core
Winter grew and we fed the flames
Like greedy fools, coming back for more

Every night, I watched you
Watching me from the back of the room
What else was I meant to do?

Well we watched the fire burn across the bay
Heard the sirens howl knew that they would come our way

The day came and south went the bird
I knew the story, we wrote the lines
That don't mean the punchline doesn't hurt
We are the flaws in the design

Si j'étais franche

Si j'étais franche
Si j'étais franche
J'te dirais que j't'aime, mais pas assez

Si j'étais franche
Quand tu demandes
J'te dirais que j't'aime à coup d'été

Le cœur étanche
J'me demandes si j'me suis trop barricadée
J'mets à l'avance
L'échéance au calendrier

Et si
Je ne dis que la vérité
Que lorsqu'on dit adieu
J'suis soulagée

Manque de patience
Je n'ai pas l'habitude d'aimer à petit feu
Et cette carence
Me porte à penser
Qu'il en faut deux (pour danser, pour danser, pour danser)

Et si
Je ne dis que la vérité
Que lorsqu'on se dit adieu
J'suis soulagée

Comme mon chapelet
Je t'embrasse, mais sans-y croire

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Watercolour Girl

Comes over me
Like a prairie fire
In the grasslands
Where my mother
Let me grow

Comes over me
Like a stampede
The weight of a thousand
Buffalo

Shakes the valley to the stone
Shakes the marrow in my bones

I'm afraid that if I cry
That I may never stop
I'm watching tangerine skies
With your name caught
In my throat, in my lungs, in the air I breathe
I'm afraid that if I cry
That I might never stop

It runs me down
It thins me down
You could use me for your watercolour world

I paint the blue
Like you taught me to
I turn into a watercolour girl

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That I may never stop
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With your name caught
In my throat, in my lungs, in the air I breathe
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Sally May

Those were the days,
Sally May, we were free
Take me away, Sally May
Out to sea

Oh, and then the rain came down
crashed into the sea
Then the wind came down

Down by the bay
Sally May, we stood tall
Swept me away, Sally May
Sails and all

Oh and then the rain came down
Crashed into the sea
Then the wind came down
Rescue me

Meaning Well

Mama said
To be clear is to be kind
With her gospel on my mind
I made the call

It wasn't easy
To break yours is to break mine
To foster the decline
To trust the fall

Choked it out
When I said I had to go
Singing sparrow to the crow
I cut my teeth

Made of glass
And I wear it all upon my sleeve
Just as sharp as she is meaning well
Meaning well
Meaning well

And I'll be honest even if it hurts like hell
And it hurts like hell
Oh can't you tell
that I'm trying to do what's right
And do it well

So tell me, Ma
Does it ever go away?
The weight that remains
Behind my tongue

Days are quiet
When you're in my shoes
The consolation blues
They never come
And they'll never come

They'll never come
Like the sparrow that I was, I sung
Wish I could fly
Oceans
But once was hard enough, and then some

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To be clear is to be kind
With her gospel on my mind
I made the call

Rideau tombe

Maman
Maman
t'as toujours dis
Mon gars,
c'est mieux de se taire

Papa
Dos droit
Il t'as appris
Le coeur sur glace
Militaire

Et si jamais
Le monstre sort
Et si jamais
La bête noire
Et si jamais
Tu perds le contrôle
Maman, Papa,
T'ont donné ce rôle

Mon chéri
T'as toujours dit
Amour
T'es mieux d'te taire
Et chaque nuit
Je te supplie
Ramène-moi
La rivière

Et si jamais
Le monstre sort
Et si jamais
La bête noire
Et si jamais
Tu perds le contrôle
Mon chéri
Ce n'est pas de ta faute

Et ma p'tite voix
M'as toujours dit
Cette fois
Sera la dernière
Et goutte par goutte
Tu m'as rempli
Finalement
Déborde le verre

Je cours
(dans la nuit)
Je cours
(loin d'ici)
Je cours
(Je m'enfuite)
Cours
(Pour ma vie)

Et si jamais
Le monstre sort
Et si jamais
La bête noire
Et si jamais
Tu perds le contrôle
Je serai loin de toi
Quand le rideau tombe

Lone Dog

Tom lurks in the garden
Tom waits in line
Tom thinks he's a charmer
When he reeks of moonshine

Lone dog in the yard
Not a leash in sight
When he pads into town
It's to bark and to bite

Well-oiled
Hard-boiled
Tom typically gets his way
Too hungry
No money
The beast with the belly is gonna pay

Said he lost his manners
Back in '66
He doesn't ask before touching
When he's itching for a fix

He's a real Casanova
With a Weinstein kinda grin
They say his tongue's made of silver
And he wears his patience thin

Well-oiled
Hard-boiled
Tom typically gets his way
Too hungry
no more money
The beast with the belly is gonna pay

With his lids heavy
And a full belly
He wants more

Showing no mercy
Gets his paws dirty
he wants more

Well-oiled
Hard-boiled
Tom typically gets his way
Too hungry
No more money
The beast with the belly is gonna pay

Oleander

Mary worked at the liquor store
Stacking her bottles since before I was born
Her old skin sad on her yellow bones
Oh selling moonshine, 'till the men go home

In Mary's town, there ain't much to do
Slow as molasses, the days seep through
The bitter church, the general store
A couple sun-dried sinners with a heavy pour

Ooooo

The people knew Tom Baker's name
A violent creature, he made his fame
On the backs of the women that he pinned down
Like a hungry dog, Tom made his rounds

And every time Tom came in
The thirsty hound made Mary's skin crawl
She knew what he'd done
To the girls in town, another one and done

Ooooo

The bottle's barely empty
The sentence paid in full

One thick night in the summertime
Choking on thoughts in her sweaty mind
She hatched a plan, by the oleander
Avenge is sweet for the old bystander

A dozen drops, no one would know
Then silently, old Tom would grow
Stiff, cold
And buried in the yard where the old dogs go

The bottle's barely empty
Sentence paid in full
Innocent is Mary
So the gavel rules

Remedy River

She runs all day
She runs all night
She comes down a roarin' with all of her might

She never stays
As long as I'd like
Flirting, she dances the morning light

Oh remedy river
Take me away with you
Remedy river
I'm coming home, I'm coming soon

When I was a girl
She'd call me down
Sweep me off my feet
Oh she'd swing me around

After many a winter
Oh nothing has changed
I still go down to dance
When she calls my name

Oh remedy river
Take me away with you
Remedy river
I'm coming home, I'm coming soon

Oh rock me oh river
Rock me so sweet
Bring me to the banks
Where the morning doves meet
Oh sing to me river
Sing me to sleep
Sing me to my slumber
So deep

Oh remedy river
Take me away with you
Remedy river
I'm coming home, I'm coming soon