



**The Deslondes**  
*Ways & Means*

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"Tomorrow Morning," "Bound by Love," and "Sweet Release"

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## **GOOD TO GO**

I never had much luck with these old cars  
Or living anywhere but backyards and bars  
I guess that's why I'm still good to go

I never saved no money on the road  
Cause that's what it takes to get where you go  
And that's what it's gonna take to buy back my soul

So I stay up all night shuffling cards  
I roll the dice but not too far

It's 456 then it's 123 let's go

I guess I'm all in and I always have been  
Ain't no quick way out, don't even pretend  
Now if you're a good loser  
They might let you play again

I said I'm all in and I always have been  
No quick way out, don't even pretend  
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### **FIVE YEAR PLAN**

Why do I live this fast?  
I should watch the seasons pass  
Maybe then I'd learn the things to ask  
Then again, it's my turn to take out the trash

Soon I better pay these bills  
Tune my guitar and quit chasing thrills  
Somehow I let it all get out of hand  
And now you wanna hear my 5 year plan...  
I will be a better man

Well I'm all grown up, but I feel like a kid...  
I want an Abba-Zaba and a Mr. Pibb  
I want a tax return and a souvenir  
I want some time to burn and an ice cold beer  
I got a storage unit that's full of dreams  
Keys on the desk, bike by the shed, text in my jeans...  
It's from my mom, it's a link to a Rumi poem  
While down the street at people's park, people try to make a home  
And I could be a better man

I read the news, it's nothin' new, both sides casting shade...  
"It's a coup", "it's just a ruse", it's the rich get to say  
And I wonder what to do on the day to day...  
For something true, not red or blue, to come our way  
In the meantime, it's a lean time, flying close to the ground...  
Turn-stiled in the turbines, most eyes casted down  
I'm one of the lucky ones who gets to make it out  
To see the moon shine through the alpines, but I know, without a doubt...  
I can be a better man

### **WAYS & MEANS**

You bought into the hype  
You were the guileless type  
You had hopes and dreams

You're right you're never wrong  
That's how they string you along  
They got ways and means

Ways and means  
You never say what you mean  
You never tell them where you been  
All your life

Have you gone too far?  
Forgotten who you are?  
You had hopes and dreams

You lived your life too fast  
Now the good time's past  
That's the ways and means

Ways and means...

The cars are crawling home  
It's another day gone  
Where's your hopes and dreams?

You wrote your name in the sky  
Did you fall or did you fly?  
That's your ways and means

Ways and means...

### **SOUTH DAKOTA WILD ONE**

She was a South Dakota wild one  
Grew up on the hippie farm  
Just outside of a small town  
Where life can grab you by the arm  
I never knew about her daddy  
But her momma had two strong arms  
And a nice guitar pickin' man  
Who tried to keep her warm

Johnny was a punk rock boy  
That had a soft spot in his heart  
He knew who he liked  
And he knew who he did not  
One day he went up there  
And I never saw him come back home  
I hope she caught him  
And stopped two tires going down the road

East River on the prairie

Out where the cottonwoods bloom  
Is a bad land for a broken man  
Who never planned on finding you  
She was the real thing mama  
Crazy love in her heart  
Welcome in anyone  
Ever need a place to fall apart

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Who tried to play along

### **CONSIDER ME**

When I'm out here standing  
For everything I believe in  
Mama, consider me

When I'm out here running  
Through the rain and it's freezing  
Mama, consider me

Consider me  
When you're thinking of yourself  
Maybe there's someone who's thinking of you

Consider me  
When you're sharing all the wealth  
Maybe I'm someone who could use a little too

What can I do?

When your walls are crumbling  
And your time is fleeting  
Mama, consider me

When your own words betray you  
From a tongue you don't speak in  
Mama, consider me

Consider me  
When you can't find a friend  
Come to find out they were right here with you

Consider me  
When you're thinking it's the end  
Come to find out we were just starting out too

What can I do?

### **HOWL AT THE MOON**

You've gone so far away  
From where love began  
Trying all night and day  
Get to the promised land  
It's been so long a ride  
Hoping our love survives  
Think I'll take a walk outside  
And howl at the moon

I look in a stranger's eyes  
Don't know what's going on  
Sometimes I'm imagining  
You've done somebody wrong  
These days I feel so strange  
I've got to make a change  
Go out on the open range  
And howl at the moon

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From where love began  
Driving all night and day  
Get to the promised land  
It's been so long a ride

Hoping our love survives  
Think I'll take a walk outside  
And howl at the moon

### **HOME AGAIN**

Chain link fence circles around  
A little lot on the south side of town  
Skyline is all telephone wires  
The old tire swing's still a white wall tire  
Front of the house said 136  
The torn screen door ain't ever been fixed

Home again  
Since I don't know when  
Where it's always been  
The family and them  
I am  
Home again

Kitchen floor is linoleum  
There's dirty tan carpet in all the bedrooms  
Spackle on the ceiling looked like stars  
The trim paint's peeling from the windows with bars  
Bathroom lights look like Hollywood  
They always did and I bet they still would

Home again  
Since I don't know when  
Where it's always been  
With the family and them  
I am  
Home again

### **WILD EDEN**

You are the Wild Eden, salt wilderness  
Lawless, flawless, a perfect mess  
Boundless, townless, I must confess



All I can do is dream of the west

Heard you can turn a dreamer into a man of means  
With your golden shores and generous streams  
I heard even the poor can dive for a pearl  
How could I resist your western world?

So I made hundreds of sails and hardly scraped the pith  
From the Verazano to the Admiral Smith  
My destiny to manifest  
I'll load up these wagons and light out west

Your skies are wild and stunning, I'm lost for sure  
But I'm young and gunning, think I found a cure  
I'll lay down this blanket and a prayer for you  
There's just no telling what time can do...

Came as a million-footed, pale-skinned ravager  
On a mission from God, just a passenger  
I cracked my whips and the church bells sang  
Well-equipped to stake a claim

But sometimes dreams come true like a funhouse mirror  
'Til you ain't you but your greatest fear  
I stole you away from Mexico  
Told you to pray, to save your soul  
Shot your buffalo and sold their skin  
Scraped your skies and fenced you in  
There's nothing I would not do to win

And now your body's on fire, smoke fills the air  
Our home is a pyre, we ain't goin' nowhere  
The rent gets higher, the work is gone  
Tell me darlin' where it went wrong...

You were the Wild Eden, salt wilderness  
Lawless, flawless, a perfect mess  
Boundless, townless, where gold unfurled  
Is this the end of the Western World?

## **STANDING STILL**

Ever watch the planes?  
More than the birds?  
When you're standing still  
On a little piece of earth  
Ever slow time?  
Trick of your mind  
There's no rewind down here  
Stop and eject  
I hope your parachute's been checked  
I wonder where you're gonna land this year

I can see the trees  
Top of your house  
Old quilt patterns  
That the farmers laid out  
A million rolling hills  
A billion dollar bills  
And all the cars headed to landfills

Think I'll just float on over Europe  
And the Baltic Sea  
Where all the pretty girls  
Will smile and wave after me  
Tiptoe cross the mountains  
Watch the polar bears growl  
Try to stop laughing and  
Flap my arms faster now  
Turn towards the jungle and  
A one-camel town

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Cause I wonder where you're gonna land this year

I woke up from this dream  
Flying through the air  
Off the porch  
Into a chair  
I held real still  
To see if everything's safe  
Then a big fat dog licked the tears  
Right off my face

### **DUNES**

Another heart sets sail  
Another love's gone down  
It was too big to fail  
It was too small a town

That's where I found you  
Right where I left you  
You were holding hands  
On the avenue

Sitting on the dunes  
Bluer than the sea  
Drifting on the shore  
I loved you more and more

Out standing in a field  
Greener than the blades of grass  
Weather moving in  
Filling up the hourglass

That's where I left you  
Right where I found you  
You were holding hands  
On the avenue

Sitting on the dunes  
Bluer than the sea

I've seen it all before  
You loved him more and more

### **TOMORROW MORNING**

A fire is burning, it ain't burning out  
Can't you see you still light me up  
Don't fence me in, I won't let you down  
I know some days are just too much

Trying to change, trying to change  
I know you're trying to change my mind  
Or you say it's good, you say it's good  
Or you're saying it's goodbye

Tomorrow morning, tomorrow morning  
Tomorrow morning couldn't come too soon

Like a common thief, you steal me away  
Don't you know you're guilty as charged  
There is no blueprint, roadmap to mark  
Ain't it just like us to go too far...

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### **BOUND BY LOVE**

I'll do my little part  
To create a work of art  
I'll get up in the morning every day  
I'll chisel little bits of you away

I'll trace you in my mind

It's gonna take a bit of time  
And someday we're gonna finally see  
It's the life that'll set you free

It's the toil that serves you right  
It's the weight that keeps you light  
We're just strangers lost in flight  
We're bound by love

So go and tell your truth  
You're gonna be the living proof  
The picture of me you once knew  
It's looking more and more like you

And wouldn't it be nice  
If we took our own advice  
Then someday we're gonna see  
It's the life that'll set you free

Won't you look into my eyes  
Then we'll leaven, then we'll rise  
Out to Heaven we're gonna fly  
We're bound by love

### **SWEET RELEASE**

Sweet release  
Sweet release  
The whole world's set on fire  
I'm left with one desire

Sweet, sweet release  
Sweet release  
These days all torn and blue  
There's one thing left to do

See what time can bring  
Change is everything  
I know not how or when  
But you'll be in my arms again

Sweet, sweet relief  
Sweet relief  
This whole world's set on fire  
I'm left with one desire

## **HERO**

How do you feel normal?  
How do how do you do?  
How do you act normal?  
With everything going on around you

One foot in front of the other  
One day to leave behind  
One dream turns into another  
Then you wake up and everything's fine

Cause you're a hero  
You saved the day  
Yes you're a hero  
In your own way

How do you get going?  
How do you stay gone?  
How can you save the whole world?  
And do right with so much wrong

One chord in front of another  
One verse to leave behind  
One note turns into another  
And suddenly everything's fine

And you're the hero  
You saved the day  
Yes you're a hero  
In your own way

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