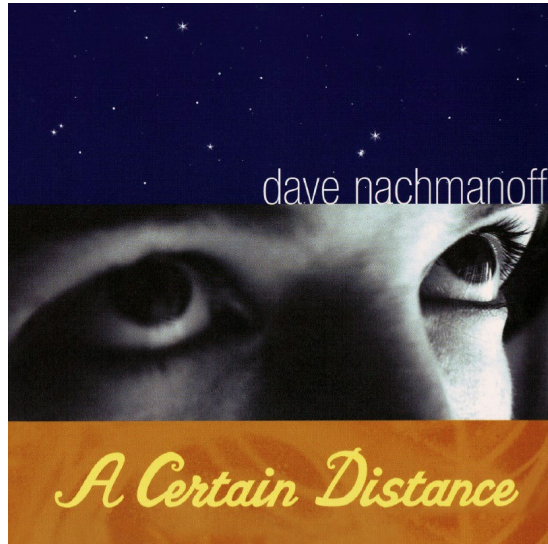


## DAVE NACHMANOFF

### "A CERTAIN DISTANCE" CD LYRICS



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## A CERTAIN DISTANCE

Words & Music by Dave Nachmanoff

And he finds himself behind the wheel of an unfamiliar automobile  
On a road that he has never seen, going to a town he's never been to - again  
And he wonders if he's lost the thread of the dreams that ran inside his head  
Like a shadow, or a silhouette, rushing off to see some friends he's never met – before

CHORUS:

And the satellite is beaming down its signal, to your tiny town  
But nothing's getting through  
He's much too far from you – and you know it  
There's a certain distance

So she stays at home and she tends the fire  
And she works until her eyes are tired  
Feeds the dog, pets the cat  
Every now and then she wonders where he's at – right now

(CHORUS)

Maybe it's all inside your head  
But time and space are not the same  
No matter what Uncle Albert said...

Instrumental

Now a cloud for him means rain for you, with a ray of sunlight shining through  
Every now and then and it's not enough  
And you wonder, is this really all that love – can be

Extra-chorus section:

And there was a time you understood him, or at least you thought you could  
But now you have your doubts, some words you can't make out  
From the poet

(CHORUS)

## EARLY TRAIN

Words & Music by Dave Nachmanoff

CHORUS:

You caught an early train to heaven  
I hope there wasn't any pain  
If there is life hereafter  
I'll see you once again, I'll see you once again

You had an easy kind of laughter  
Were never stingy with a smile  
Some people always see the dark side  
But that never was your style  
Repeat Chorus

Bridge:

And though you had no sons or daughters  
You touched the many you had known  
Your spirit shining in them  
You planted seeds and how they've grown

You said you didn't want us crying  
Or feeling sad when you were gone  
Now we sing in celebration  
Your love and laughter carry on

Repeat Chorus

## REAL GOOD THING

Words & Music by Dave Nachmanoff

Fresh cup of coffee in the morning, that's a good thing  
Sitting in the kitchen in the early morning light  
Loving in the afternoon sun, that's a good thing  
Or the rhythm of your breathing as we fall asleep at night

CHORUS:

It's a good thing you're with me  
You're the one who wears my ring  
We've come a long way together  
And that's a real good thing, yeah that's a real good thing

The touch of your hand on my shoulder, that's a good thing  
When the world feels so heavy and you lighten up my soul  
The way we can talk with our eyes, that's a good thing  
It's like a language that we use or like a lover's secret code

Repeat Chorus

I know it's hard, sharing your life with a dreamer  
But I've been lucky, and a lot of my dreams have come true  
Even when I have doubted myself, you've been a believer  
But my most important dream was to be part of your dreams too

Repeat Chorus

repeat last line three times

## ALL TOO HUMAN

Words & Music by Dave Nachmanoff

Sophia I'm just tryin' to seek the truth  
Maybe it's too much to even reach for you  
Please excuse these clumsy phrases that I use  
Sophia I'm just tryin' to seek the truth

CHORUS:

I'm human, all too human  
Tryin' to make some sense out of it all  
Yes I'm human all too human  
Just a prisoner who sometimes uses reason  
Sometimes uses heart  
To see beyond these shadows, as they flicker on the wall

Sophia come and guide my thirsty heart  
It seems I've spent a lifetime, just rehearsing for the part  
Don't you slip away before my journey starts  
Sophia come and guide my thirsty heart

Repeat Chorus

Why can't I ever seem to find the light?  
For all my good intentions, I can't seem to get it right  
Will I recognize Sophia if she comes to me at night?  
Why can't I ever seem to find the light?

Repeat Chorus

## GLORIOUS

Words & Music by Dave Nachmanoff

Have you seen a newborn baby?  
The wonder in her eyes  
Every sight and sound's astounding  
Every moment's a surprise  
Mother's smiling at her laughter  
Father's babbling like a child  
Now they're cast into a new world  
By the glory of her smile

Chorus:

We were glorious once,  
And we're glorious still  
If we take the time to look  
We can see that glory well

See that old man on the corner  
Rags wrapped around his feet  
A shopping cart to hold his life in  
Begging on the street  
Now turn the clock back sixty years  
Who's that laughing little boy  
Playing with his little sister  
His momma's pride and joy

CHORUS

And when we reach out to each other  
Or let a smile come shining through  
For a moment feel the glory  
No matter what else we've been through

CHORUS (repeat)

## GHOST IN THE ATTIC

Words & Music by Dave Nachmanoff

A gentle creaking on the stairs and I turn around  
She's coming down now, I know she's coming down  
A slight disturbance in the air and a tiny sound  
She's coming down now, I know she's coming down

CHORUS:

I'm not afraid, it's (of) the ghost in my attic  
And I'm not afraid, but I get wistful sometimes  
She's all I've got, this ghost in my attic  
I hear the echo of her voice each time the clock chimes

50 years we shared this house in love and life,  
No she's not gone, not really gone now  
Maybe she couldn't stand to leave me here alone  
Maybe it's me who just can't stand to let her go

(CHORUS)

And the kids say it's just memories  
The doctor says it's grief  
But I've seen her in the mirror in the hall  
And it doesn't matter much that nobody else believes  
She's there enough for me

The lamp flickers every night beside my bed  
I hear my name, she says "I love you"  
I pull the quilt she made up tight, lay down my head  
She says goodnight, and I know she's with me

(CHORUS)

## THE LOYALIST

Words & Music by Dave Nachmanoff and Al Stewart

I see my name, all over town  
From the shop signs to the graveyard  
I've wandered here, two hundred years  
Through every generation  
Sometimes I wonder do they ever think of me?  
A distant figure from the past  
Moss covered headstone, just a piece of history  
Is my name fading out at last - I am the loyalist

Our crops were in, a well earned rest  
We heard the hoofbeats in the twilight  
And we were told, horses and gold  
Were needed for the insurrection  
And though I knew what it might cost us I replied,  
"Whose bread it eat, his song I sing"  
They beat me bloody, called me "filthy Tory spy"  
But I would not betray my King I am the loyalist

Bridge:

They said Revolution is the anvil, where freedom must be forged  
They said that I should fight for freedom, but I owe liberty and life to King  
George

So once again, we had to flee  
Taking just what we could carry  
To try once more, on these rocky shores  
To build our farms in this new country  
Like dancing beggars here, we did the best we could  
Claiming the land by Shelburne Bay  
I'll run no further, no I'm staying here for good  
Though my descendants move away I am the loyalist

I see my name, all over town  
From the shop signs to the graveyard  
I've wandered here, two hundred years  
Through every generation



## LET'S EAT

Words & Music by Dave Nachmanoff

You got your hamentaschen, a little sarsaparilla  
I won't keep you long, won't read the whole Magilla  
How Hamen tried, to have his evil way  
But Mordecai and Esther saved the day

CHORUS:

If we don't learn from history, it's only gonna repeat  
They tried to kill us, but we won, so let's eat  
They tried to kill us, but we won, so let's eat

Now we're eating matzo, we're drinking kosher wine  
We're celebrating freedom; everybody's feeling fine  
But we should remember, how close it could have been  
If the Red Sea hadn't swallowed Pharaoh's men

Repeat Chorus

There's nothing like a latke, with a little sour cream  
Oh and chocolate money, is every schoolchild's dream  
But the desecration of a temple, is what it's really all about  
And how the Lord just wouldn't let that light burn out

Repeat Chorus

## FLYING A SIGN

Words & Music by Dave Nachmanoff

Some stand there with their children, some stand there with their dogs  
Some don't have a place to sleep and most can't find a job  
We all of us drive past 'em, don't stop and take the time  
To think of how we might be flying a sign

CHORUS:

Flying a sign, flying a sign  
It's a white flag of surrender it's a sign of the times  
Flying a sign, flying a sign  
"I will work for food or money" so I'm flying a sign

One grew up in the ghetto, one grew up on a farm  
One went to Vietnam where he lost most of an arm  
One gave his life to the company, 40 years down on the line  
All hoped for more, but now they're flying a sign

CHORUS

Some would call it begging, and some say it's a crime  
An ablebody could find work if they were really trying  
In a country with no safety net to catch the sick or dyin'  
There's a thousand reasons for someone to fly a sign

CHORUS

For some of them it's just their job, for some of them it's not  
They stand with freezing fingers and with fever burning hot  
In a country rich as this one Don't you think it's almost time  
That nobody should have to fly a sign

CHORUS