**HARVEY**

**Lyric Book**

**All Songs written by Alan Maskell except “From Afar” – original lyrics by Shirley Maskell**

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**Harvey - Songs in Brief**

1. **Angel in the Night –** The idea came to me driving across Alligator Alley from Fort Lauderdale to Naples late one night . This must be the world’s most boring road . A song, written subconsciously for my Mum , who had recently passed away.
2. **Harvey –** Inspired by the 1950’s film of the same name starring James Stewart. Sometimes I can see the benefits of the imaginary friend to talk to , who helps you make sense of this crazy mixed up world.
3. **Stonetown –** The Capital of Zanzibar and an amazing place to visit despite it’s chequered history . Inspired by a holiday visit a number of years ago, this is a 3 minute potted history !
4. **The Artist –** My life has been influenced very much by a number of artists including my Dad, Sister Shirley, Daughter Josie and friend, and long standing bass player Gus. I am envious of their ability and perspective on life and dedication to their art . To anybody that has that skill , in whatever medium, stick with your art and try not to be sucked in by “the man “
5. **Silent Hero -** Bumper Stickers are an element of American culture that I often find difficulty with. This song reflects the different way most British Veterans behave from many US veterans , where it comes over as a “card for life”. I have a lot of respect for the dignity of these silent heros from the many military conflicts we’ve been involved in.
6. **From Afar –** Shortly before she passed away suddenly at far too early an age , my sister sent me a set of song lyrics to have a look at . She had written poetry and childrens books , but not songs before. It took me 3 years to be able to face doing anything with them , but they became the basis of this song.I hope she likes it wherever she may be now.
7. **Hunting ( How did we get this Far ?)-** With the current US Presidency the media reliability and “Fake News “ has become a talking point and a news item in itself. This song covers 3 news stories from Summer 2017 where the media played a significant part and inflenced perceptions . This song is dedcated to the unwatchable channel which is Fox News,.
8. **Rose Tattoo –** A song about my childhood and growing up in Bath . I was close to my Sister and this song is dedicated to Shirley and the Rose Tattoo which her son Jon did for her not long before she died . In my mind it will always be a beautiful lasting image .
9. **Overload –** A song originally on The Lake album , but it’s a popular live song and I decided to record it again in a style and tempo much closer to that which I play it now. In short a song about a bad day with a mobile phone where you just want to drown it in a bucket of water !
10. **Wind Across the Water –** A song written for my daughters with a message of everything I want for them in life. Sometimes Florida seemed a very long way from “home”

Alan Maskell – April 2018

**Angel in the Night**

Tiredness moves in like a blanket to your soul

Numbing every sense, as the darkness takes control

Every mile leading nowhere, at least that's how it seems

Like the static on the radio, holds attention

The anger and emotion playing tricks upon your mind

It’s a kind of sensual tension, whose essence you won't find

Replaying conversations, all the things you would have said

But with moments of regret to break the boredom

Won't you be my Angel in the Night

Can you guide me safely home tonight

Will you be the Saviour from my dreams

Guide me home,

Lead me home

With you I can never be alone

There is no form or pattern, endless darkness, beams of light

A star to keep me safe, I feel you watching me tonight

Is it a foolish dream that holds a ransom to your heart

It’s the haunting hope that is a new beginning

Won't you be my Angel in the Night

Can you guide me safely home tonight

Will you be the Saviour from my dreams

Guide me home,

Lead me home

With you I can never be alone

When I call out will you be there

When I need you will you still care

Drifting onwards pulled through the night

Driven by an all-inspiring love

Won't you be my Angel in the Night

Can you guide me safely home tonight

Will you be the Saviour from my dreams

Guide me home,

Lead me home

With you I can never be alone

Won't you be

Won't you be

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My Angel

**Harvey (Whatever Gets You Through The Day)**

Hey there Harvey I need you here today

I know that you're not real

But I want you anyway

Hold on Harvey won’t you look inside my mind

Can you tell me what you see

Please tell me what you find

Well maybe Alice wasn't crazy

Maybe she'd not taken drugs

She was just looking for a friend that day

When the strangest creatures showed her love

And on the days that I feel lonely

And question can I find my way

Who will be there to help and guide me

To be my voice through this big haze

Hey there Harvey I need you here today

I know that you're not real

But I want you anyway

Hold on Harvey won’t you look inside my mind

Can you tell me what you see

Please tell me what you find

Maybe you could be my Talisman

The one who brings me better luck

Breaks down the walls on my reality

And help my senses search for love

Sometimes others stand in judgement

Condemn things they don't understand

The line from madness to compassion

Lost to the tide across the sand

Hey there Harvey I need you here today

I know that you're not real

But I want you anyway

Hold on Harvey won’t you look inside my mind

Can you tell me what you see

Please tell me what you find

**Stonetown**

Hustling in the market place

Drinking beer in Freddie's place

Boat out to the coral reef

See what beauty lies beneath

Every doorway so unique

Throws it's shadow on the street

Chronicles a clouded past

It's secrets locked inside

Going down to Stonetown

See the colours now, come smell the spice

Everywhere in Stonetown

There's History and Life

Once this was a slaving town

The manacles are different now

Then became the land of spice

but now it feeds the tourist life

The tall ships came to port no more

Their human trade became unsure

Merchants found another score

And headed for the seas

Heading back to Stonetown

See the colours now, come smell the spice

Everywhere in Stonetown

There's History and Life

Some places you never forget

Etch their way Inside your mind

Leave things as you find them

Only footprints behind

Heading Back to Stonetown

See the colours now, come smell the spice

Everywhere in Stonetown

There's History and Life

There is history and there is life.

**The Artist**

You see colours and rainbows where others see grey

Adding texture and feeling to the darkest of days

When your vision is struggling you find shading and lines

Every stroke of the brush, capturing time

With words, image or form, It’s a feast for the mind

And a pallette so rich certain pleasure you'll find

Then as colours dry out, the true image appears

But the work standing trial,is the one thing you fear

Oh find your place in the world and be who you need to be

Oh make the most of your skill hold on to those senses as long as can be

You're an artist

You may never be wealthy, finding richness in life

A sublime dedication you will more than survive

As the doubters speak up who can say this is wrong

The art will remain long after the artist has gone

Oh find your place in the world and be who you need to be

Oh make the most of your skill Hold on to those senses as long as can be

You're an artist

You place colours and rainbows where others see grey

Adding texture and feeling to the darkest of days

When vision is struggling you find phrase and rhymes

Every stroke of the pen capturing time

Oh find your place in the world and be who you need to be

Oh make the most of your skill Hold on to those senses As long as can be

You're an artist

**Silent Hero (Bumper Stickers)**

Some they are the fallen

Others make the trip back home

Though they carry many images

Trying not to let it show

Taking this with good grace

and the honour to be seen

But it can bring a lifetime

Of bad dreams

He was a Silent Hero

Like so many gone before

Played his part for King and Country

in some damned unwanted War

He didn't look for praise

Or to shout it to the World

But just to hold his pride

To be back with his girl

He was a Silent Hero

Like so many gone before

Played his part for King and Country

in some damned unwanted War

With every passing year

Yet Another pointless brawl

We create so many Martyr's

Whatever is the cause

He was a Silent Hero

Like so many gone before

Play their part for King and Country

in some damned unwanted War

in some crazy mixed up war

in some damned unwanted war

**From Afar**

I see you everyday, but you never look my way

I'm not sure you even know I'm here

But I can't stop picturing you, in every little thing I do

You're the very thing I hold most dear

Whether or not they ever come true

In my dreams I'll forever be Loving you

Whether or not we ever find time

You will always be in my mind

I'd dream perhaps some day,Your smile will light my way

And we could live together happily

But I know this could never be, as we see things so differently

Two Hearts could never touch so tenderly

Whether or not they ever come true

In my dreams I'll forever be Loving you

Whether or not we ever find time

You will always be in my mind

Sometimes , when you pass me by a single look will make me smile

A moments happiness so swiftly gone

But if you are happy, I will accept what I must do

and hope the pain of separation won't last long

Whether or not they ever come true

In my dreams I'll forever be Loving you

Whether or not we ever find time

You will always be in my mind

You will always be on my mind

**Hunting (How did we get this Far ?)**

I was reading, about a boy

Who'd lost his fight to live, was his parents pride and joy

But it was crazy, got out of hand

The Angel from across the sea who gave them hope, then let them down

But the stories that you read are the ones they want to sell

Every one has their own angle, with a twist left in the tail

There's no time left to think, and no time left to see

When opinions become facts it's a hollow victory

How did we get this far ?

I was reading, about a man

Lost his family in a fire, but he couldn't understand

who's to blame and what's the cause

With all unanswered questions, and so many more locked doors

But the stories that you read are the ones they want to sell

Every one has their own angle, with a twist left in the tail

There's no time left to think, and no time left to see

When opinions become facts it's a hollow victory

How did we get this far ?

I was reading, about a man

Who thought he ruled the Free World but he didn't understand

You need respect, you need to give,

For we are all born humble with an equal right to live

But the stories that you read are the ones they want to sell

Every one has their own angle, with a twist left in the tail

There's no time left to think, and no time left to see

When opinions become facts it's a hollow victory

How did we get this far?

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**Rose Tattoo (The Green)**

Long ago when we were young ........

On George's hill we used to race

Our battered prams on gravel tracks

Along the green we'd build our dens

Imagined battles, won and lost

Long ago when we were young ........

A time of innocence we felt

A simpler world than we see now

When one days wars were soon forgot

And dusk seemed slow to take it's bow

I'll Place a Star up in the Sky

On this Sleepless Night with You

I'll slowly lift my Glass and I

Drink a Silent toast to you

And the Rose Tattoo

Long ago when we were young ........

We'd never guess worlds drift apart

Now different stories we can tell

Bonds of blood and friendship

Holding on as some strong spell

Long ago when we were young ........

The world we grew into long gone

That Innocence exchanged for greed

Things once so grand now seems so small

But lessons learnt you now Believe

I'll Place a Star up in the Sky

On this Sleepless Night with You

I'll slowly lift my Glass and I

Drink a Silent toast to you

And the Rose Tattoo

Experiences shared can bond and teach and heal

Every tumble graze and bruise can shape the way you feel

I'll Place a Star up in the Sky

On this Sleepless Night with You

I'll slowly lift my Glass and I

Drink a Silent toast to you

And the Rose Tattoo

Long ago when we were young..........

**Overload**

Everyday another mountain left to climb

A vapour trail across the sky

Every little picture tells a sorry tale

And every politician lies

Another country falls, another flood

The money men grow rich once again

I get tired sometimes

Choices that I never made

Tomorrow it comes round again

It’s all too much, Information overload

It’s all too much for me

I dream, I fly, another mile up the road

It’s all too much for me

Everyday, the story doesn’t really change

An urge to say the things that you don’t need

You sometimes wish that you had sold your soul

But the devil is far too close to see

Stop and think about it

Perhaps it’s time to doubt

A little revolution and your free

It’s all too much, Information overload

It’s all too much for me

I dream, I fly, another mile up the road

It’s all too much for me

Communication, is this the age that we grew into

There’s no escape nowhere to hide

Is this just a storm, before the freaks surround you

Beneath an ever rising tide

Smoke and Mirrors was all they said it was

But every single sceptic has their day

He’s wired for sound, but it was just that simple

The narrow line from work to play

Stop and think about it

Perhaps it’s time to doubt

A little revolution and your free

It’s all too much, Information overload

It’s all too much for me

I dream, I fly, another mile up the road

It’s all too much for me

**Wind Across The Water**

May you feel calm at the end of the day

Finding peace in your heart whatever's thrown your way

Be careful what you wish for your nightmares may come true

If greed will overtake you , there's a better way to choose

Let the Wind across the water blow you home

The sound of Wind across the water may be the best you'll ever know

May you find time for those you love

Before it is too late to say the things you're dreaming of

Can you forgive the madness of the few

As this world spins round in turmoil never let it get to you

Let the Wind across the water blow you home

The sound of Wind across the water may be the best you'll ever know

May you find a soulmate for your heart

Who'll comfort and protect you whenever things are hard

And you will shine like a beacon silent, bright

With a peace and purity to light your darkest night

Let the Wind across the water blow you home

The sound of Wind across the water may be the best you'll ever know