

Waves

(lyrics & music Jens-Michael Alfers, July 2019)

Wave after wave rolls up the shore,
you have to leave and can't stay any more.
Get on board to leave this place
I'm standing here and see your vanishing face

wave after wave the tide comes in,
can't express the state I'm in.
You sail away my hopes were in vain
but one day we will meet again.

**Time to go but wish you could stay,
time to leave at the dawn of day.
Time to stay for a brand-new day,
time to move - we 'll find a way.**

So I am standing here out on the shore,
only seagulls as encore.
You disappear from my sight,
daylight dissolves into the night.

Once upon a time

(lyrics & music Jens-Michael Alferts April 2019)

Once upon a time I had a dream,
to float through space and time,
among the wonders of the world,
and dreamed of finding mine.

Once upon a time I had the wish,
to float around the earth
dreamed of finding a special space,
my own place in the universe.

Once upon a time I would have liked
to see my future life,
would have avoided what went wrong,
would have done everything right.

Once upon a time when I was a child,
I wanted to be so strong,
not afraid of anything,
my whole life long.

The time will come when I'll look back,
see all my friends again,
the time will come when I'll recollect,
remember all the good times back then.

**A long way from the bottom,
a long way up to the stars,
a long way from the bottom
marked by many scars.**

**Along way from the bottom,
a long way to go,
a long way from the bottom,
a long and winding road.**

Last chance

(lyrics and music: Jens Michael Alferts September 2019)

It's raining and I am soaked to the skin
but I do not care, I've dared to go out again.
Dark clouds dim my view,
and so you think I don't see you.

last chance to turn around
last chance to speak out loud.
Last chance to change my way,
last chance for me to stay.

Where are you going, you ask me,
straight out, I say, I am not afraid as you can see.
Don't turn around, I hear you say,
but I will escape from you some day.

Here today and there tomorrow,
when you arrive, I'm already gone.
You can't catch me today and not tomorrow,
when you come everything is done.

The sun is laughing, my heart is warm,
I'm not excited anymore, but very calm.
pulse is good, I feel I am on a high,
I don't mind, and give you one last try.

Sometimes

(lyrics & music Jens-Michael Alfers May 2019)

Woke up this morning, (and yes -) I'm still alive.
To hell with being careful all my life.

And when the sun is not about
I'll turn on the radio and sing out loud.

**Sometimes (it is) dark and sometimes bright,
sometimes the darkness turns to light,
Sometimes shadow, sometimes sun,
but sometimes you have to have some fun.**

Shake it loose, come on - take off your shoes.
Move to the beat, come on - (and) feel the heat.

Come on, come on and turn up the music loud,
come on and let us twist and shout.

**Sometimes (it is) dark and sometimes bright
sometimes darkness disappears in light,
Sometimes shadow, sometimes sun,
but sometimes you have to have some fun.**

**Sometimes heaven and sometimes hell,
Sometimes life is cracking a shell,
sometimes worries and sometimes pain,
but sometimes you feel free again.**

Driftin' away

(lyrics & music Jens-Michael Alferts March 13th, 2019)

Tried to make it easy,
never thought too far ahead,
life caught me up instead,
and made for a different ride.

Try to take it easy,
still carry on that weight,
my steps (are) still firm and straight,
on the gentle path of life.

**Driftin' away, always drifting away,
come what may, I'm drifting away.
Shiftin' bright days to tainted gray,
come what may, shifting day by day.**

Time is the best healer,
no injuries but marks remain
(so I'm) scarred but almost sane,
still keen for each new day.

Time is the best dealer,
(offers) golden memories for free,
hides bad experiences from me
new surprises on the way.

Life goes by with no return,
and so, I had to learn,
a new play every day
(Facing) new trials on the way.

Sailor

(lyrics and music: Jens Michael Alferts October 2019)

She says:

„Hey sailor, do you really have to go?
let's stay tonight - it's our show.
Come on sailor, forget your ship,
together we'll share another sip.

Stay sailor, all night long,
you and me together we are strong.
Hey Sailor, we want the same thing tonight:
more than a dinner with candle light.

In every port he has a bride, but tonight she alone is by his side.

She conquered his heart and she is so smart . (she is so smart)

**In every port there is a bride, but tonight she is his morning tide
tonight love is all they feel. (Love is all they feel)**

She says:

„Hey sailor, return to me
and bring a band of gold to me.
Hey sailor, stay ashore,
live with me, don't set sail any more.

He says:

My first love is the sea
but you will always sail with me.
I will never leave my life at sea,
but home will be where you anchor me.

Hey sailor , hey hey sailor

Dark side of Paradise

(lyrics & music Jens-Michael Alferts, December 2019)

Down where the river meets the sea,
on the dark side of paradise,
stormy weather comes up to me,
on the dark side of paradise.

So I batten down the hatches fast,
on the dark side of paradise.
Fightin' til the storm has passed,
on the dark side of paradise.

(It's) a heavy trip but I'm on my way,
through the dark side of paradise.
I don't know what makes me stay
on the dark side of paradise.

I'm rolling on and on and on,
on the the dark side of paradise
God only knows why I have gone
on the dark side of paradise.

**On the dark side of paradise,
it is so dark that I lost my way
on the dark side of paradise,
here and forever I have to stay.**

Getting older but never wise,
Mmmmmm
You know I had to pay the price,
Mmmmmm
no hope after I threw the dice
Mmmmmm
there is no way to paradise
Mmmmmm

White Cloud

(lyrics & music Jens-Michael Alferts july 10th, 1984)

Have you seen the white cloud
lonesome in the sky?
have you seen the white doves
silent passing by?
Have you seen the eagles
flying by so high?
And do you wonder why
angels still can fly?