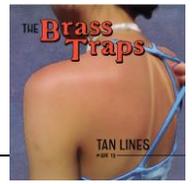


The Brass Traps – Tan Lines lyrics

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1. No Matter What

From the moment you walked through the door,
ready or not, no matter what
It was everything I'd waited for, and I've never
forgot, no matter what
And suddenly the world had changed, the universe
had rearranged
I couldn't help but be besot, no matter what,
no matter what.

You fill my senses every time you're near, there's
one with the lot, no matter what
But when I look away you disappear, and there's
diddly squat, no matter what
You're a needle in a stack of hay, more vitality than
DNA
More complex than a set of Mandelbrot,
no matter what, no matter what.

And now the updates flash across the screen,
you're stopping the rot, no matter what
A keyboard where your body should have been,
but I'm hatching a plot, no matter what
I know your mission comes with its demands,
an emissary to exotic lands
You make impressions that are hitting the spot,
no matter what, no matter what.

No matter what happens, I'll carry with me
Whatever you turn out to be

So if you wander anywhere at all on this little blue
dot, no matter what
I'll come running any time you call, there like a
shot, no matter what
Time & distance drop away & then you'll be safely
in my arms again
And I promise you with all that I've got,
no matter what, no matter what
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2. Can't Figure You Out

There're so many we've found now of planets
around distant stars
And we're watching it live while robotically driving
on Mars
In high definition, each mission in incredible detail
But I can't figure you out, coz emotions don't
digitize so well.

We can now diagnose from a scan as it shows our
insides
And get medical care and the miracle repair it
provides
We can sequence and reveal its double helix for
every cell
But I can't figure you out, coz emotions don't
digitize so well.

All that R and D and complexity
It's so extensive, comprehensive, the technology

We can update our status and catch all of the
latest from far away
So much info it's numbing, that ignorance is
becoming passé
But the scene's pixellated, I'm captivated, and
under your spell
But I can't figure you out, coz emotions don't
digitize so well,
But I can't figure you out, coz emotions don't
digitize so well.

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3. Rise Above

Well you're feeling insignificant, and you seem so
small
And some people seem to think you don't belong
at all
Just imagine that you're weightless, put your mind
at ease
And get set to catch the currents of the springtime
breeze

And you'll rise above, and you will rise above
When you're buffeted around by the push and
shove
Well it's just another challenge you can rise above.
Yeah!

Well you dove into the water, tried to swim but
instead
Now you realise you've gotten in over your head
Well just kick towards the surface, try to stay
afloat
Coz I'm coming out to get you in my rescue boat

And we will rise above, and we will rise above
When we're buffeted around by the push and
shove
Well it's just another challenge you can rise above.

So - lose that excess baggage, silence all invective
Soar across the dangers as you take a stand
corrective
The snapping at your ankles will be rendered
ineffective
With some elevation and a new perspective

When you can't see your way forward, it's just fog
and mist
And that shiny bright tomorrow doesn't yet exist
Never mind you've an agenda full of endless trials
Let's go climb the nearest mountain, you can see
for miles!

And we can rise above, and you can rise above
When you're buffeted around by the push and
shove
Well it's just another challenge, it's just another
challenge
We can rise above, and you can rise above
When we're buffeted around by the push and
shove
Well it's just another challenge you can rise above.

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4. Upside Down

I had no premonition before this began, things were
humming along, they were going to plan
They were going to plan, 'twas all tidy and neat, with
the ground staying put down under my feet
And then from under my feet there was a shift and a
shake, as the solid foundations were starting to break
Starting to break with convention whenever you're
'round, coz you're turning my world upside down.

You turn it upside down, and it's upside down, and
you're turning my world upside down
You turn it upside down, and it's upside down, and
you're turning my world upside down.

Well I could get my bearings if I could ease my mind,
but I couldn't level off if I was so inclined
But now you're so inclined, just got to leave it to fate,
now my brain and my limbs won't coordinate
And your coordinate axes, like nothing I've seen, I'm
tumbling around like in a washing machine
And in that washing machine, the suds I'll drown, coz
you're turning my world upside down.

You turn it upside down, and it's upside down, and
you're turning my world upside down
You turn it upside down, and it's upside down, and
you're turning my world upside down.

And through hell or high water, to hell with remorse,
when faced with this dilemma gotta stray, of course,
But if you stray off course you'll end up in a hole, the
horizon disappears, you tumble out of control
And now you're out of control, your senses askewed,
gyroscopic with the lopsided attitude
But with that attitude, you deserve the renown, for
turning my world upside down.

You turn it upside down, and it's upside down, you're
turning my world upside down.
You turn it upside down, and it's upside down, you're
turning my world upside down.
You turn it upside down, and it's upside down, and
you're turning my world upside down.
You turn it upside down, and it's upside down, you're
turning my world upside down.

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5. Coffee

Well I can't help but think about you, though my
heart is wont to break
And when I poured myself a coffee, I made an
extra one by mistake
I curse my lack of concentration, and the absent-
mindedness that I scold
And now my cup is empty, and yours is going cold.

When I poured in the milk and the sugar, to my
morning fix of caffeine
Well I was on automatic pilot, and I slipped back
into the same ol' routine
My mind was miles away from the objective: oh,
my cravings, for to quench
Now there's a drink without a drinker and a spare
seat at the bench.

And I'll be sitting here all day pretending that
you're here with me
And wishing for a way to turn daydreams into
reality, now...

I can't help but think about you, though my heart
is wont to break
And when I poured myself a coffee this morning,
baby, I made an extra one, one for you, by
mistake
And now the mug that you should be drinking is
just one of three mugs in a row:
Along with the mug that I've just finished, and the
mug who let you go.

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6. Little Bit Perfect

There's a little dilemma that's taken a hold
It's a little bit timid, and a little bit bold
With a lot of commitment, it's becoming ingrained
When anything's ventured, everything's gained.

It's a little bit tender, and a little bit rough
There's a little bit extra, but it's never enough
Could it ever be better? Can never be sure
I'm a little excited, and a little bit sore.

It's a little bit makeshift, but I'll try to make do
It's a little bit tricky, but I'm muddling through
I'm a little suspicious when it works out too well
It's a little bit heaven and a little bit hell

There's a lot of provisos and a lot of intrigue
A lot of compromises, and a lot of fatigue
Everything's changing since you came along
It's a little bit perfect and a little bit wrong
A little bit perfect and a little bit wrong.

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7. All Gonna Be Alright

You made a blue - one step forward, and two steps back
You made a few - more work for anyone who's keeping
track
You made it through - and yet again it seems you've got
the knack
And it's all gonna be alright
You never find - you get the benefit of any doubt
They're never kind enough to hear just what you're on
about
Well never mind, because I'm sure that it will all work out
And it's all gonna be alright.

It's all gonna be all, be alright
It's all gonna be OK in spite of the
Stormy seas there's a warm breeze
And the horizon's looking bright
And it's all gonna be all, be alright
You can rest your weary head tonight
You'll be safe and sound once things turn around
And it's all gonna be alright.

Another planned expedition to the Rubicon
Another strand is just enough to keep you hanging
on -
- the other hand you've almost made it to the
denouement
And it's all gonna be alright

It's all gonna be all, be alright
It's all gonna be OK in spite of the
Stormy seas there's a warm breeze
And the horizon's looking bright
And it's all gonna be all, be alright
You can rest your weary head tonight
You'll be safe and sound once things turn around
And it's all gonna be alright.

These worries are messin' with you, but I'll help
you to realise
With each step you're progressin' so stop stressin',
it's a blessin' in disguise

And any day and you'll be cashing in your just
reward
Then any ray of hope's obscured, deflected, and
ignored
But anyway, I'm still convinced that you can rest
assured
That it's all gonna be alright.

And it's all gonna be all, be alright
It's all gonna be OK in spite of the
Stormy seas there's a warm breeze
The horizon's looking bright
It's all gonna be all, be alright
You can rest your weary head tonight
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And it's all gonna be all, be alright
It's all gonna be OK in spite of the
Stormy seas there's a warm breeze
The horizon's looking bright
It's all gonna be all, be alright
You can rest your weary head tonight
You'll be safe and sound once things turn around
And it's all gonna be alright.
Yeah, now, it's all gonna be alright.
Oh, and it's all gonna be alright.

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8. Just a Pretty Girl

I felt my heart in my throat when I caught a
glimpse of you in the distance
After all of this time, it'd be so good to talk with
you once more
But when I shouted out to you, you were oblivious
to my existence
Maybe the memories were still red & raw?

How would this moment play out? I had long
fantasized
Would you meet me and greet me, or was I still
despised
Then suddenly I realised

That it wasn't you after all
It was just a pretty girl, with the same kind of hair
And the kind of dress, more or less, that you used
to wear
And sort of the same height, and when I caught
her in a certain light
It was enough that I couldn't help stare
But no response when I call
And I knew it wasn't you after all.

I pretended that I was waving at someone right
behind her
But it was too late, too late for me to tactically
disengage
On closer inspection, I'm sure you would've
outshined her
My accidental familiarity turned her puzzlement to
anger and rage

This mistaken identity could perhaps have
endeared
But when I tried to make light it was worse than I'd
feared
Coz now she just thinks that I'm weird

And it wasn't you after all
It was just a pretty girl, with the same kind of hair
And the kind of dress, more or less, that you used
to wear
And sort of the same height, and when I caught
her in a certain light
It was enough that I couldn't help stare
But no response when I call
And I knew it wasn't you after all.

It was just a pretty girl, with the same kind of hair
And the kind of dress, more or less, that you used
to wear...
I couldn't help stare
But no response when I call
And I knew it wasn't you after all.
But no response when I call
And I knew it wasn't you after all.
But no response when I call
And I knew it wasn't you after all.

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9. You Ask Too Much

You want the sun and moon, I give the galaxy
You want to call the tune, I write a symphony
You want someone to lean upon, I jump to be your
crutch
Oh but baby, this time you ask too much.

You want to fan the flame, I give you oxygen
You want to play the game, I know you've already
won
You want your tears to dissipate, I've got the
soothing touch
Oh but baby, this time you ask too much.

If you come up with a statistic, that's realistic, a
logistic, I can comply;
But the extremes of your dreams and your
schemes
Beyond my limited ability to satisfy

You want me to believe you, I have full confidence
You want me to forgive you, I give another
chance
You want a love for a lifetime, well I'm bended
knee and such
Oh but baby, this time you ask too much.

If you come up with a statistic, that's realistic, a
logistic, I can comply;
But the extremes of your dreams and your
schemes
Beyond my limited ability to satisfy
You aim too high

You want me to believe you, I have full confidence
You want me to forgive you, I give just one more
chance
You want a love for a lifetime, well I'm bended
knee and such
Oh but baby, this time you ask too much.
Oh but baby, this time you ask too much.
Oh but baby, this time you ask too much.

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10. Forever So Far

Adrift on an ocean without any oars
Feel the effects, can't remember the cause
Then you hold me, hold me, hold me
Then you hold me tonight

The past and the future: of no consequence
With both of us present and a little bit tense
Then you hold me, hold me, hold me
Then you hold me tonight.

And this moment will last forever
You can block out the whole calendar
And this moment's gonna last forever
It's lasted forever so far.

All the despair, and the waiting
All of the plans anticipating
For when you hold me, hold me, hold me
For when you hold me tonight.

And this moment will last forever
You can block out the whole calendar
And this moment's gonna last forever
It's lasted forever so far.

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And this moment's gonna last forever
It's lasted forever so far.
It's lasted forever so far.
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11. Settle Down

I'm tired of keeping up with your adventures
I'm tired of all the panic and the stress
I'm tired of extricating from your clenches
And I'm tired of getting called to clean up the mess
I'd love to find a love that I can handle
A love that keeps it simple with a promise to be true
I wonder if you'd ever better get to settle down
Coz I'd settle for getting to settle down with you

I can't decode when you're so esoteric
I can't decide if you'll ever be constrained
The maintenance demands are stratospheric
And the fallout may not ever be contained
I need to find a path that I can follow
A lighthouse in the distance or a guide to lead me through
I wonder if you'd ever better get to settle down
Coz I'd settle for getting to settle down with you

You steal my heart whenever I'm not looking
And you dangle it before me, forever to pursue
I wonder if you'd ever better get to settle down
Coz I'd settle for getting to settle down with you
I wonder if you'd ever better get to settle down
Coz I'd settle for getting to settle down with you
I wonder if you'd ever better get to settle down
Coz I'd settle for getting to settle down,
Settle for getting to settle down,
Settle for getting to settle down with you

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12. Me and the Moon

I am watching from the hillside as the sun sinks
below
Like a faded, deflated balloon
The glare's making way for a silvery glow
Tonight, it's just me and the moon.

I'll rejoin all the bustle in the scene I survey
I'll be getting around to it soon
But my attention's directed the opposite way
Tonight, it's just me and the moon.

Well the view is serene and the company's pleasant,
Whether waxing, waning, gibbous or crescent
And I wonder aloud to the stars in the sky
Is it 'me and the moon' or 'the moon and I'?

I hear laughter so joyful, I see cuts left to bleed
And the landscape has broken hearts strewn
Oh but I've got the only companion I need
Tonight, it's just me and the moon

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13. Invitation

Invitation
There is a rumour 'round the nation
And in the queues at immigration
To come join in the celebration
In our place
You'll lose yourself amongst the laneways
Then find a hidden little staircase
You've got to scratch beneath the surface

Above you'll see the crown and bull
The sailing ship and the whale and wool
But the only place that life is found
Is underground
Crack the civilised veneer
You won't be surprised to hear
That's when crimson skies appear
All your worries are concealed
All your secrets are revealed
When your fate with us is sealed

Your new directive
No need for any more invective
You'll have a changing of perspective
Our 8-step program is effective
All the flavours
The minims, crotchets and the quavers
Amongst the bluestones and the pavers
You'll find all sorts of weird behaviours

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14. Somebody I Can Keep

Well you're setting my passions alight
But I'm always intent to do what's right
I try to stand tall, but you've heard "Final Call!"
And your journeys are all fly-by-night.
So I'm keeping an ear out for the door
But I may as well clutch at a straw
The die has been cast but I'm holding steadfast
For a love that will last evermore

And I'll keep a light shining in the window
And I'll keep dreaming of you while I sleep
Meantime I'll keep on searching, trying to find
somebody I can keep

Now I'm hoping you don't misconstrue
But I can't bear one more passe-partout
I'll see out my days with someone who stays
And not just be a phase she goes through
So turn around now, I'll help you unpack
But you're fading away down the track
I've tried to foresee through your itiner'y
But there's no guarantee you'll come back

And I'll keep a light shining in the window
And I'll keep dreaming of you while I sleep
Meantime I'll keep on searching, trying to find
somebody that I can keep

One loosened grip
One bitten lip
Red eye after waving goodbye
One heartbeat skip

And I'll keep a light shining in the window
And I'll keep dreaming of you while I sleep
Meantime I'll keep on searching, trying to find
somebody I can keep
And I'll keep letting go of all the memories
And I'll keep wishing talk was not so cheap
Meantime I'll keep on searching, trying to find
somebody I can keep.

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15. I'm Yours, You're Mine

If I give you a present, it's just one of many you'll
get
If I give you my world, I won't have any regret
If I gave you heaven, I'd still be in your debt
And there's nothing, there's nothing so fine
Than to know I'm yours, you're mine.

Well, ain't nobody's perfect, if I'm cut, I'll bleed
I try & I try; I won't always succeed
You still give me love, that's all I need
And there's nothing, and there's nothing so fine
Than to know I'm yours, you're mine.

I could never square the ledger, and it's humbling
to say
There's generosity I could never repay

And there's nothing, and there's nothing so fine
Than to know I'm yours,
Than to know I'm yours,
Than to know I'm yours, you're mine.

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