

## David Pannell Option Value

### Common sense

From the air this all looks small  
Here's a source of freedom  
Puts my case in all its glory  
In a pot of seed & soil  
I wanted your arms  
They held me aloft  
Such tactical charms  
My landing was soft  
Sophisticate girl you're gone  
But your ghost in a costume  
carries on

You give me confidence  
You give me common sense

Free to eat & free to drink  
Free to read all morning  
Now your presence here I think  
Was just a passing warning sign  
I wanted your arms  
They held me aloft  
Such tactical charms  
My landing was soft  
Ridiculous girl you're gone  
But your memory for detail lives  
on

Dignity in tact  
Alive alone  
Better for the facts  
I now know

I wanted your arms  
They held me aloft  
Such tactical charms  
My landing was soft  
Impossible girl you're gone  
But your gift of mixed blessings  
carries on

You give me confidence  
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### A cunning brew

Your make up makes me manic &  
I don't mean that cosmetically  
A moment of your magic &  
I fall about pathetically  
I don't know what it is  
There's little I can do  
There's something in your  
chemistry  
That all of me's addicted to

A clever mixture  
A cunning brew  
I can't resist-a  
An inch of you

You're working on my instincts  
You work on my adrenaline  
You're looking at my insides  
You're doing it again again

I'm not prepared for this  
You're sending me askew  
There's something in your  
chemistry  
That all of me's addicted to

I'm glad I didn't meet you on a  
Still romantic summer night  
My hidden inner creature  
Could easily have come to light  
It's pointless to resist, there's little  
I can do  
There's something in your  
chemistry  
That all of me's addicted to

Oh, tell me what the time is &  
Tell me what's in front of you  
Is there anything about me that  
Makes you such a cunning brew?  
I don't know what it is  
There's little I can do  
There's something in your  
chemistry  
That all of me's addicted to

### We make it up as we go along

Here you are again, I thought  
you'd gone  
If I match up will you correspond?  
Please speak, my positive streak  
is standing by  
Please laugh, my sensitive half  
will stare & sigh

We make it up as we go along

You confuse me, I can't say I  
mind  
This is not surprising you, I find  
Please call & promise me all I  
need to breath  
Please say, I'm hoping we may, I  
will believe

When these days are long behind  
And futures have been redefined  
When I see you, I will still regress  
Sweat & overdress

You led me in & lost me in your  
maze  
True seduction is an honest  
phrase  
Please say you're planning to  
stay in states like this  
Please talk & help with this  
awkward need to kiss

### Commonplace

Life is as life chooses  
Be it bouquets or bruises  
Or words of praise  
From bittersweet days  
Some things lead to others  
Some other things smother  
The best laid plans  
Of woman or man  
When love began

It wasn't so long ago  
All was quiet in this space  
Now yearning & vertigo  
Are commonplace

Is patience a virtue?  
It surely can't hurt you  
To want things great  
To end the wait  
To set things straight

There must be somewhere to go  
Where you vanish without trace  
Now yearning & vertigo  
Are commonplace

Is loyalty binding?  
You daydream you'll find  
An ideal excuse  
A knot to cut loose  
A knot to cut loose

### My Wish

Ten years, ten more  
How can we be living so long?  
We're two, we're four  
Reinventing feeling so strong

Looking backwards, we live for  
today  
Who knows what today will bring  
When you listen I know what to  
say

These days, they're ours  
Twenty years & plenty to go  
Burnt on, love scours  
Now it's clear but how did I know

Pass the hours, through thick &  
through thaw  
I see how you see me now  
I remember, I know what I saw

I paved the road we walk  
What use is guessing  
Within these stones  
A blessing

Stand up, stand near  
One attempt to live with a glow  
I lead, you steer  
Don't explain, I already know

Stick together & stick to your guns  
You know where to fire those things  
Once you notice, you only live once  
There's no need to shed those wings  
Don't I know you, your backs & your fronts  
Your stories, your songs & slings  
I remember ...  
A gentle kiss  
A wave of bliss  
And so my wish  
Came true

### **I can't forget**

Look back at my time I've wasted  
I couldn't have seen  
In the back of my mind I placed it  
In the dark, far behind, I could have been, I could have been

I didn't see it  
I wasn't there  
But knowing is the weight  
I cannot share  
I might get over  
I haven't yet  
Whatever happens now  
I can't forget

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I shouldn't have tried to meet it  
My battle of will  
I couldn't have cried, don't speak it  
In the dark far behind  
You're lying still, you're lying still

### **Once a man, always a man**

Once a man, always a man  
Once a man, always alone  
Once a man, always awake  
Always alert

Once a man, always away  
Once a man, always astray  
Once a man, always aflame  
Always aroused

Once a man, always a joke  
Once a man, always a bloke  
Once a man, always aware  
Always a boy

### **Helpless grace**

It's like you woke today in someone else's head  
Or someone's mother  
You watch your feet as if to check they point ahead  
One heal after another

Your small blue eyes  
I can only see your hard white face  
Your daily rise to the pinnacle of helpless grace

It's public solitude  
With no-one willing to intrude  
You don't feel bitterness  
Just quiet emptiness

You can't decide if hope or anger would be best or both just pointless  
Or you could gather up your life into your chest & try to learn to want less

### **The human condition**

He's head down but not asleep  
He climbs on up the heap  
There's a hunger in his brain  
That no-one understands  
When push comes to shove  
He only sits on his hands

He's not stupid  
He's not ugly, He's not nervous  
He's not hungry, He's not different  
He's not happy

The paper is piling thick  
His pride takes another kick

The last light in Murray Street  
Is flickering to life  
But time has stopped within the bane of his wife

He can't get the sentence down  
His fingers grip a knife  
It can't be commuted  
It's already his life

Polished papers, pride & concentration  
His silent wish is smooth acceleration  
He's hard by day & weak by definition  
He says it's only human his condition

### **Lyrical Death**

Spoiled with success  
The question is banned  
Tries to impress  
Minds to expand  
Play with a pledge  
Flaunt how she's feeling  
Drive in a wedge  
She's still reeling

No-one's to blame  
Lyrical death  
Shoulder no shame  
Brains out of breath

Stepping away  
Leaping a phrase  
Searching all day  
In his verbal maze

The question is banned  
I'm supposed to understand

### **So simple**

This new position is hard to digest  
I remember those early days when I talked to your chest  
You've stopped correcting my patterns of speech  
You've taken up walking long alone on the beach

Many eyes make light work of the sentencing

Many arms are grasping tearing at this tissue paper  
It's all so simple, so simple

I come inside to find you on the bed

I watch you, your eyes blink once  
So I know you're not dead  
Real life continues to imitate art  
But the picture you paint is us slowly falling apart

Turn the TV down so you can stare at me  
Let the knot come to the comb so we can pull these roots out

It's all so simple, so simple  
It seems so simple to you

### **Hungry**

Honest & innocent  
Happy enough & fairly healthy  
Your money is time well spent  
Couldn't a life be half as wealthy

But every step you take  
Every buck you make  
Somebody somewhere goes hungry

Into the teeth of time  
Every second turns to many  
Out of the firing line  
Pain is a dull & distance memory

Safe in your brick abode  
Towering up toward the cirrus  
Your feet never touch the road  
Look at the world through one-way mirrors

### **On the seventh day**

Instrumental