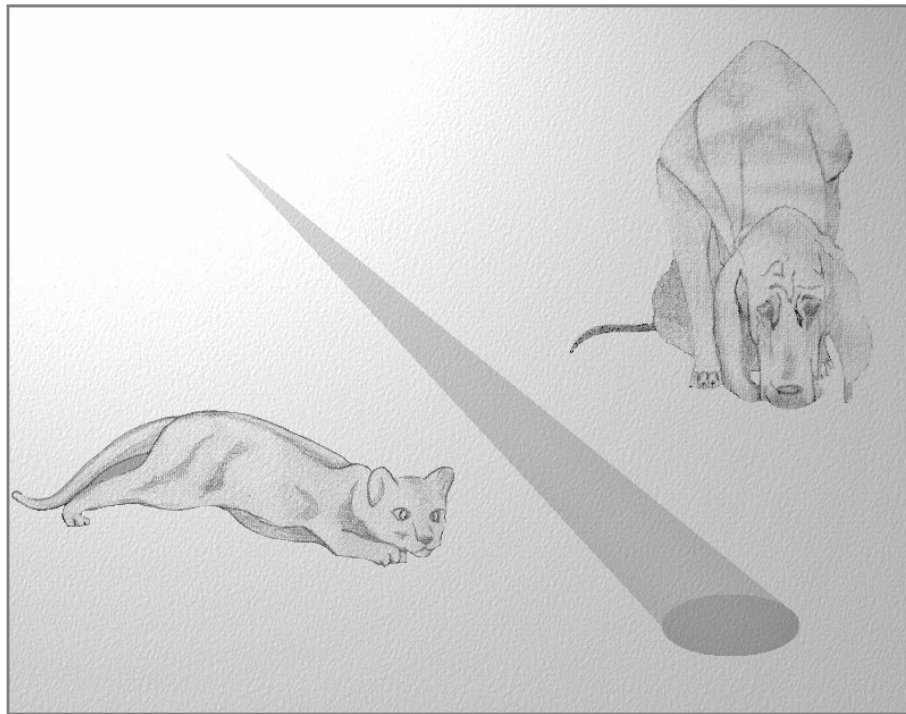


# *Tears Of A Toothless Dog*



*Gaias Flashlight*  
*Vol. 1*

*I would like to dedicate this album  
to all my students,  
past and present.*

*Thank you for the sparring!*

*-Nemo*

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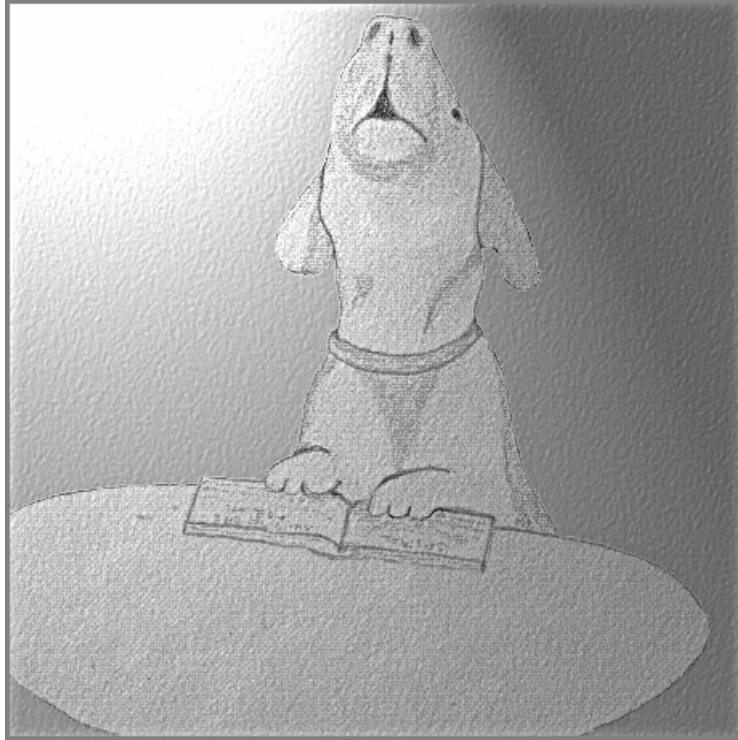
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# *LYRICS*

# *I Can See The Clear Blue Sky*

## *VERSE 1:*

*Get down or come on over  
Go to heaven - go to hell  
Bite the dust or chew the clover  
It's your stamina that tells  
Better swim or you will sink like led  
To the bottom of the lake  
Better fight or you will end up dead –  
There`s a truth that i can take*

## *CHORUS:*

*It all disappeared - All that was clear  
And I screamed as I was purified from lie  
It was all blurred out. Now I live in doubt  
But through the haze I can see the clear blue sky*

## *VERSE 2:*

*Rise above the thraldom  
Get steady on your feet  
By absorbing the momentum  
Of the challenges you meet  
Let go and you are on the track,  
Gonna spin you `round and `round  
Just be careful `bout what you pack,  
And only death can bring you down*

## *CHORUS*

## *BRIDGE/SOLO*

## *CHORUS*

## I'm On My Way

### VERSE 1:

*I was sleepy but I'm wide awake now  
Got off the track but now I'm on a trail  
Was a bit confused but I feel okay now  
Was a little hasty, was a little frail*

### CHORUS 1:

*So i'm back where I was born - With a million things undone  
A step back, someone might say but i'm on my way*

### VERSE 2:

*Need a change of air just to catch my breath now  
A different angle just to set things straight  
I need to know whether I have changed now  
Or if the bruises still hurt and ache*

### CHORUS 1

### CHORUS 2:

*Yes I'm back where I belong - Where the kinship makes me strong  
A little lost, a little stray but now i'm on my way*

### SOLO

### BRIDGE:

*I'm walking backwards to find out the course now  
I tread my old footprints to make the difference loud and clear*

### CHORUS 1&2

## Still I Scratch, Still I Bite

### VERSE 1:

*I walked a wasteland – Deserted grounds i roamed  
Slept on the plains but still I couldn't call `em home  
I searched the muddle for something I could believe  
I found that doubt's my only hope to be relieved*

### CHORUS:

*And i'm retracting from the light  
To nurse my dogmas out of sight  
I might not know for whom I fight  
But still I scratch, still I bite*

### VERSE 2:

*I lost the track of every path I used to know  
Got off the trails and there was nowhere I could go  
But I was soothed by a strong and tender hand  
A forceful truth that i'm too small to understand*

### CHORUS

### SOLO

### CHORUS

## The Guiding Star

### VERSE 1:

*I'm waiting for the minutes to fly  
As a peaceful conversation turn to lie  
I'm aching for my common sense to soothe  
As a raging bull start scratching his old wounds*

### VERSE 2:

*I'm watching an everlasting stand  
As self-assertive thoughts get out of hand  
Vicious circles, a reappearing crush  
'Cause redeem was never really worth the blush*

### CHORUS:

*But i know who you are  
I know the pain that lies behind, I see the scars  
The self-reproach you've taken to far  
And through your eyes i see my guiding star*

### VERSE 3:

*I look upon another headlong flight  
From the mean defeat that comes with a lonesome fight  
Hiding out behind a brittle wall  
As a relentless history bares its whetted claws*

### CHORUS

## Right Here

### VERSE 1:

*I held her once, I held her twice  
I held her hard through many nights  
I held her hand in a twisted grip  
Clutching tight but somehow i slipped*

### CHORUS 1:

*I'm not as close, I'm not as near  
But i will always be right here*

### VERSE 2:

*Some may say some like it hot  
Well some may do but some may not  
And as i caught fire i had to go  
But nothing will ever put out the glow*

### CHORUS 1

### CHORUS 2:

*Through the darkness, Through the fear  
I will always be right here*

### SOLO

### CHORUS 1&2

## Follow Through

### VERSE 1:

*I can run and hide - Swing from side to side  
Throw my arms about and shout "it wasn't me!"  
But if I'm not to blame - f I shouldn't be ashamed  
Does it mean I'm free of responsibility?*

### CHORUS:

*Well there's much to do. A lot to follow through  
And every hand will have to drag the burdon to*

### VERSE 2:

*So do I really try or do I live in lie?  
Am I still the same when i'm up against a wall?  
'Cause in the greatest length i must have the strength  
To make a sacrifice for the benefit of all*

### CHORUS

### SOLO

### CHORUS

# Spiral

## VERSE 1:

*I could rest. Yes I could  
Would I like it? Well I would  
I could laze the whole day through  
And I should sleep – I really should  
Should overdo it if I could  
But there's so much I want to do*

## CHORUS 1:

*'Cause as the spiral twist and turn there's a million things to learn  
There's a disregarded fortune to be earned*

## VERSE 2:

*Should have a wife since i'm a man  
Should make more money since I can  
Should have a mansion by the sea  
But I don't want what I don't need  
Just want enough to feel i'm free  
To tend my curiosity*

## CHORUS 1

## CHORUS 2:

*And it's a job that doesn't pay in the ordinary way  
But does it matter when it's gilding every day?*

## SOLO/BRIDGE

## CHORUS 2

## She's The One For Me

### VERSE 1:

*Struck down by the sweetest smile. I sit here counting stars  
I was knocked out by a killer smile while lowering my guard  
She's a knife that girl, She's a perfect punch and she strides in victory  
I think to myself - well it's just a hunch but as far as i can see*

*She's the one for me*

### VERSE 2:

*She strikes with might - Like a bolt of light and she speaks with a mighty voice  
She says "My, my, my - oh why, oh why did you think that you had a choice"  
I curse the finds of my heretic mind and surrender to my knees  
I say "pardon me for i've been blind" and swear i do believe*

*She's The One For Me*

### BRIDGE/SOLO

*REPEAT SONG-TITLE AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN....*

## Master, King

### VERSE 1:

*I hear it calling from a distance  
A tempting voice from far away  
But still i stand in mute resistance  
A little scared of what it says*

### VERSE 2:

*I'm getting drawn into a hassle  
By the sweet sensations it may bring  
But still i'm scared to leave my castle  
Where i'm the Master - I'm the King  
Scared to be denied, scared not to win*

### VERSE 3:

*I'm getting drawn into the fire  
Like i've done time and time again  
But still she fills me with desire  
A desire that i can't explain  
An explosive longing i can't restrain*

### VERSE 4:

*But if i hide inside my shelter  
If i surrender to my fear  
I'll never wrap my arms around her  
I'll never have her really near  
So if i hide inside my castle  
Despite the warning bells that ring  
Am i still the Master, am i a King?*

## Big Deal

### VERSE 1:

*Nightmare merchants haunt the streets. Howling 'bout the joy of a spending spree  
Shop assistants from hell preach the urgency of things that I don't need  
Raving idiots on the phone - drivling 'bout the blessings that I haven't got  
I say so what*

### CHORUS:

*Sale and offers everywhere. Bargain prices – I don't care  
Commercial science coming up the pole  
Laboured joviality - Constructed generosity  
A traders cordiality has lost all credibility and leaves me cold*

### VERSE 2:

*A salesman with a winning style wants me to believe i'm the chosen one  
I stand there with an embarrassed smile – feeling like a fool and i just want to run  
Another idiot on the phone - spouting 'bout how lucky i should feel  
I say big deal*

### CHORUS

### SOLO

### VERSE 3:

*Market values – Market shares. “The race is hard and the competition's tough”  
“ You must reach out for the customer - You must shout if you want to be heard”  
But enough is enough  
You step on my integrity and you violate a bunch of my ideals  
And that's a Big Deal*

### COMMERCIAL BREAK

### CHORUS