

Songs From a Secret Room Track List with Lyrics. All songs written and arranged by Christopher Rusin.

### **1 Cinders**

Shattered hearts and faded colors  
I just can't look back no more  
Heartache becomes living,  
and I don't want to be here anymore.

And I've cried  
and I've wondered  
how could I do what I did

Too many times I hate the answers  
and I don't want to be here anymore

Still I turn to you  
The path I did not take  
We've been burned by the cinders  
and I don't want to be here any more.  
We've been burned by the cinders  
and I don't want to be here any more.

## 2 The Dark

We were blind alone and walking through the night  
when we collided in a spark

Your smiling face was the first thing that I saw  
as we stepped into the light out of the dark

The more we burned the harder it got  
to gather more to keep us hot

Maybe I grew tired of trying  
'cause I lost you to the dark in the end.  
You were my best friend

I'll carry all my arms can hold  
but we still grew cold  
Yeah we still grew cold

I swore we would make it through 'til morning but it never came  
and I don't want to go back out there

I don't want to tell you that its over but I just did. I just did. I just did.

The more we burned the harder it got  
to gather more to keep us hot  
Maybe I grew tired of lying  
'cause I lost you to the dark in the end.  
You were my best friend

I'll carry all my arms can hold  
but we still grew cold  
Yeah we still grew cold

### 3 Flower

Back when "I love you" was the answer  
to every question that mattered to me  
Now I'm aiming to hold you but I feel out of range  
Something seems like it changed

The nights I can't sleep I feel the distance  
I've got something to prove I feel it burning inside  
This thing is building and it's out of control

And I held you like a flower  
but winter is here and the sun don't shine any more  
The ground's dried up and you're a flower  
Won't you come inside  
I can't come inside

In the sun we went strolling through the garden  
but the love we were making was a family  
Heat becomes cloudy when it mixes with rains  
Something seems like it changed

The knot that we tied became a tangle  
and the walk became working is it your turn or mine  
I don't know where the path went I'm just trying to survive

And I held you like a flower  
but winter is here and the sun don't shine any more  
The grounds dried up and you're a flower  
Won't you come inside  
I can't come inside

Whoa oh oh ohoh  
Whoa oh oh ohoh  
Whoa oh oh ohoh

I held you like a flower  
Winter is here and the sun don't shine any more  
The grounds dried up and you're a flower

Won't you come inside  
I can't come inside

#### **4 Time To Love**

I'd lie awake when I was little  
stare at the lake out in the middle  
at the moonlight streaming 'cross the waterline

I'd hear the whistle from the train  
tracks go everywhere I'd never been  
wailing out my heart for the girl I'd find in time

I'm up late, and I'm back home  
but the lake is frozen up  
She's right here but I'm alone

There's a train out there that just keeps rolling  
and there's a flame in here but it's not enough  
I used to dream of the love I'd find in time  
now I dream of finding time to love

They say I'd be the last to get this  
I'll start chemo after Christmas  
These stitches were the easy part.

I check the kids and watch them sleeping  
I sit and listen to them breathing  
We've barely even made a start  
Oh god don't let this be the end

'Cause there's a train out there that just keeps rolling  
and there's a flame in here but it's not enough  
I used to dream of the love I'd find in time  
now I dream of finding time to love

I've come too far and learned too much for it all to add to nothing  
when we're so close to being happy

There's a train out there that just keeps rolling  
It's not my time, I'm standing at the station  
I used to dream of the love I'd find in time  
now I dream of finding time to love

Time to live  
Time to love  
Time to live  
Time to love

## **5 Leave It In The Snow**

The lamp burns bright  
I've been up all night  
fire through the frost on my window

I've made mistakes  
but the morning breaks  
This cold felt like it would last forever

I've been so strong  
but I'm holding out  
instead of moving on

That ends today  
Watch it melt away  
It's time to let it go  
Leave it in the snow

This is what it sounds like  
letting go

This is what it sounds like  
to watch it melt away

The one you were  
is not who you are  
as long as your heart is still beating

The longer you live  
the stronger you get  
so why do we feel ever more fragile

You've been so strong  
but you're holding out  
instead of moving on

That ends today  
Watch it melt away  
It's time to let it go  
Leave it in the snow

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## 6 Tossed Aside

She won't fight for attention but she would love to dance  
and she knows that she's worth it but it's on you to see that  
Tell her that she's beautiful 'cause she sometimes forgets  
that you see her like I did in her white dress  
Hold her like I did when I thought it was over

not the way that I did as it all fell apart  
How could a love so deep and a heart so wide just get tossed aside

He's always felt like an outsider so just let him in  
'cause all he really needs is you to believe in him  
and though he acts like he's a cynic made of stone  
on the inside he's a boy on his white horse  
Hold him like I did when I thought it was over

not the way that I did as it all fell apart  
How could a love so deep and a heart so wide just get tossed aside  
Tell me why

She'll keep on working when she knows that she shouldn't  
Help her like I tried to when she drowned but I couldn't  
and if she breaks your heart she didn't know that she could do it  
that she has the power, you've got to remind her

Hold her like I did when I thought it was over  
Hold Him Like I did When I thought it was over  
Hold me like you did when you thought it was over  
Just hold me

## **7 Life Is Easy**

I grew up through the noise of niceness where nobody  
ever says what they really mean  
But if you wouldn't do or say it to my face  
it's not ok 'cause it's on a screen

All that I am is all that I do  
All that makes me is the way I treat you  
and it can't be taught but it has to be learned,  
it can't be bought it's gotta be earned

It's complicated everybody tells me,  
the ends can justify being mean  
Maybe I'm simple but what goes round comes back around  
at least that's what I've seen

All that I am is all that I do  
All that makes me is the way I treat you  
but the road is long and the battle's not done  
'cause it can only be fought it can never be won.

Life is easy, it's the living that gets hard.  
Life is easy, it's the living that gets hard.

All that we are is all that we do  
What we become is what we hold true  
And we try to do better 'cause we all have flaws  
to honor all people and the ones that we've lost

Life is easy it's the living that gets hard  
Life is easy it's the living that gets hard

## **8 What To Leave**

I don't know if I meant it when I said it or like a tear I shed it to be free  
We grew up in the Cloud not thinking about mistakes our parents made and how we've paid

and I thought back when I left home that's when I was grown  
But I now I see that it's on me to choose what to take and what to leave behind

I was taught to put others' needs above my own, find out what I did wrong and make good  
But when do I get to be good and what do you stand for if you don't stand up for yourself

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I wasn't shown how to live  
and I don't know how to forgive  
'cause all I've seen is shame and blame  
I still love you but I gotta love me  
Forgiveness,  
it's the only thing we need right now

Thinking about mistakes our parents made  
We've gotta choose what to take and what to leave  
what to leave  
We've gotta choose what to take and what to leave behind.

## **9 The Longest Year**

Mist hangs on the lagoon  
The sun's breaking up the moon but I'm still in your arms  
I didn't want to slip away  
I awoke suddenly, afraid that you'd gone

I'm hardly breathing in, I know this is our last kiss  
How could the burning summer sunset into this

And as you go what did we just give up  
Could this be the greatest love of our whole lives right now  
And I want you to know though I know I'm not there  
I'm still here this is the longest year

Somewhere through the distance I see you  
You're all alone and she's talking you through  
You're lonely we all look the same in the dark  
but I'm keeping my light on for you and

I don't want to be with you if I become a cage  
I couldn't stand to be a stain upon the page  
of a beautiful story

And so what did we just give up  
Could this be the greatest love of our whole lives right now  
And I want you to know though I know I'm not there  
I'm still here this is the longest year

One thousand six hundred eighty eight  
One thousand six hundred eighty eight miles away  
One thousand six hundred eighty eight, that's more than a day  
to see you, and its not fair, 'cause you'd have to turn right round and go

I can't be there for you  
Would it only make it harder to know

Listening to the promise through my tears lost in the rain  
It's like a funeral all alone 'cause no one came

And I know all that we just gave up  
this could be the greatest love of our whole lives right now  
And I want you to know though I know I'm not there  
I'm still here this is the longest year

I'm still waiting honey  
I can't do anything but cry  
I'm still here this is the longest year.

## **10 The Only Thing Worth Fighting For**

The time for looking back to learn has come and gone  
Children don't grow up we just get old  
I'm the only one that's keeping me from moving on  
when I know you're beautiful

We could come to starting over  
or we could start to overcome  
Hallelujah, it's a choice we make  
It's right here it's every day not up above  
and the only thing worth fighting for is love  
It'll always be love

There's this dream that I keep having where I reach the end  
It's been 20 years, my dying wish to see you once again  
There's nothing holding back as our eyes meet when you walk in  
It's been so long since I've been seen

'Cause we could come to starting over  
or we could start to overcome  
Hallelujah,  
it's right here it's every day not up above  
and the only thing worth fighting for is love  
It'll always be love

We've come so far, we stumble on toward brilliance don't give up  
I'm terrified inside I'm not enough  
It's about how far you go not where you're from  
We spent half our lives just trying not to mess it up  
but the only thing worth fighting for  
the only thing worth fighting o'r  
the only thing worth fighting for is love.  
It'll always be love.