

Samsara

Em C G D

Em C
Looking for love but there's none around

G D
going round & round in the Samsara,

Em C
Everybody trying to put us down

G D Em C
going round & round in the Samsara,

Chorus

G D Em C
Woe oh oh Samsara

G D
Woe oh oh Samsara

Em C G D
We are living in the midst of a raging fire,
Em C G D
but we cannot see the flames.

Em C G D
Woe oh, a bloody funeral pyre,
Em C G D
But we come back again & again & again & again

Chorus

Looking for peace but it can't be found
Going round & round in the Samsara
Nothing but pain as I look around
Going round & round in the Samsara

Chorus

Infinite Mind

D C G D C G
I'm travelling on a road leading out of here

D C G D C G
Heading somewhere you'll never find

A G C D
I'm going on that magical journey

A G C D C G
I'm caught in the spell of Infinite Mind.

D D G D C G
People say I'm not going anywhere,

D C G D C G
They think there's nothing out there to find.

A G C D
I only laugh when they treat me unfair.

A G C D C D
I'm under the spell of Infinite Mind—Infinite Mind.

Ocean of Wisdom

G D Em
I never thought I'd see the day
C G
When I could find my way
D Em C
Through the dark that hides the daylight from our eyes
G D
It came as a surprise
Em C G
After believing all those lies that we believe in
D Em
That chain us to the walls
C G
Of all we should be leaving.

Am F C G
I see golden springs a flowin' through the woodlands,
Am F C G
Can it be that I can see what I believe in?
D Em C G
If you want to follow, then you must leave behind
D Em C
All the things that they put inside your mind
G D Em C G D Em C
Made you blind — blind — blind

A F C G
Tenzin Gyatso, Ocean of Wisdom,
Am C G
Can it be that I can see things in your vision?
D Em C G
If you want to follow, then you must leave behind
D Em C
All the things that they put inside your mind
G D Em C G D Em C C G
Made you blind — blind — blind.

Winds of Karma

F#m E D F#m E D
F#m E D
Winds of karma are blowing through everything
F#m E D
Ain't nothing that you and I can do.
F#m E D
It's the way that we're creating everything,
F#m E D
The future's made of all the things you do

Chorus

A E D
Sometimes all I want to do is get away
A E D
Hide away from everything that's true
A E D
Winds of karma are blowing through everything
A E D
Ain't nothing that you and I can do...
F#m E D
Yes, it's really true.

Winds of karma are blowing through everything
Ain't nothing that you and I can do
The ups the downs that turn you round,
Those countless things,
All links in a chain that starts with you.

Chorus

Rangzen

E D
Oh Shangrila, where does your sun shine now?

A E
Your shining light is lost behind the clouds.

E D
The chains of darkness are upon you now,

A E D E D E D E D
Your spirit held in bondage.

Chorus

E D A
Rangzen! Free just like the river flows,
E D A
Rangzen! Free just like the wind that blows,
E D A E D E D E D E D
Rangzen! Freedom for the Land of Snows!

Oh, who will speak on your behalf?
And tear on down the Golden Calf
Imposed on you by China's wrath
For progress without honor?

Chorus

And who will sing the songs to be sung,
And speak the name on every tongue,
And fight with words though they have guns,
And lift the yoke upon us?

Chorus

And who will set the people free,
Return Tibet to harmony,
And set the goal that ought to be,
The far shores of Nirvana?

Chorus

May Great Compassion Chenrezi
Look down in untold sympathy,
May Tenzin Gyatso set his people free,
And shine a light into the darkness.

Chorus

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Vajra Dakini

A7 G A7 G
Crystal Diamond Vajra Dakini,

A7 G A7 G
To and fro you gently sway,

A7 G A7 G
You ride the wind from Kanchenchunga

C D7 A7 G A7 G
Diamond Dakini, show me the way!

A7 G A7 G
Nirmanakaya Yeshe Tsogyal

A7 G A7 G
Riding 'cross the Lhasa plains.

A7 G A7 G
You come to me and let me know how,

C D7 A7 G A7 G
Diamond Dakini, show me the way.

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Empty Gesture

F Bb C
This world's...all an empty gesture
F Bb C
A Mirage in time and space we know and feel
Dm Bb
As the magician waves his wand
C F
The fools all march along
Bb C F Bb C
But in the end there's nothing here that's real

Chorus

F Bb C
This world's all an empty gesture
F Bb C
This world's Maya's spinning wheel
F Bb C
This world's all an empty gesture
F Bb C
This world nothing here is real

F Bb C
We all cry out for life eternal
F Bb C
But we can never loose our bonds
Dm Bb
As the wheel of fortune turns
C F
Our endless desire burns
Bb C F Bb C
Before we've had a chance our life is gone.

Chorus

Guru Rinpoche

Dm C
Dm C F Dm
There once was a man came from Uddiyana,
F C Dm
Born in a lotus they say.
C F Dm
And since he was found in that unusual way,
F C Dm
Padmasambhava was his name
C F Dm
In wild forest jungles was he wont to stay,
F C Dm
Over wild beasts he held sway.
C F Dm
With the forces of nature did he learn to play,
F C Dm
Did Padmasambhava they say.

Chorus

F C Dm
Well, he rode through the sky on a tiger in flight,
F C Dm
Made the pole star to sway.
F C Dm
And when the mountain spirits had all felt his might,
F C Dm C Dm C Dm
They bowed down to Guru Rinpoche.

To the land of snow mountains he went on his way,
High in the Himalaya.
The forces of evil he tamed on his way,
Did Padmasambhava, they say.

Chorus

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THE DALAI LAMA

MESSAGE

Many of the original followers of the Buddha followed his example and gave up the household life and its entangling attachments to wander on foot from place to place, depending for their livelihood on whatever alms they were given. Their aim was liberation, freedom from the sufferings of the wheel of existence. This is the aspiration that Phil Void and his friends are alluding to in calling their musical group the *Dharma Bums*. Not only have they taken a keen interest in Buddhist teachings over many years, but they have also made the themes of such teachings the substance of many of their songs. What's more, they have sought at every opportunity to draw attention to the cause of Tibet and to sing up for the freedom of the Tibetan people, for which I thank them.

Of course, the paradox for most of us today is that the idea of the homeless life was originally seen as path to true happiness. I believe that the Dharma Bums too are intent on achieving true happiness for others and themselves, as this collection of their songs makes clear.

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