

MALLISON

S E V E N

S E C R E T S



## MY FRIEND

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

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be alone with your faith,  
Fascination for the whole  
human race, my friend.  
Stop swimming now and  
you surely will drown,  
The news reports will be  
read with a frown, my friend.*

*I only wanted to be left on my own,  
Calm complications from all  
people I've known, my friend.  
I always wanted to be left in my mind,  
Kind kindred company of my life  
and my times, my friend.*

CHORUS

*Oh, oh my friend (repeat 4 times)*

*Don't kill my child while  
she swims in your womb,  
This empty vessel will become  
your mind's tomb, my friend.  
Can't ever change the  
bad things that you've done,  
If you hide, you surely can't run,  
my friend.*

*Happiness is the absence of dark,  
Your mind determines if it's  
dolphin or shark, my friend.  
Thanks to my God  
for the hardship I've known,  
Tasting my tears is the  
wealth that I've grown, my friend.*

CHORUS

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## SEVEN YEARS LATER

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*Seven years later  
on our way to the moon,  
I wander if our spaceship's  
going to land pretty soon.  
A million phone calls  
and a thousand flights,  
A hundred tears and a lot of sad nights.*

*I have missed you so much  
but have needed you more.  
Smiled and cried  
walking in and out your door.  
Made our big decisions  
on a WhatsApp chat,  
Cried when we're happy  
and smiled when we're flat.*

CHORUS

*Seven years later,  
Love story creator.  
Seven years later.*

*Looking back is not inspiring  
and I would rather look forward.  
Sitting on a white horse  
with a glistening sword.*

*Conquering our sweet surroundings  
with some lyrical words.  
Explaining all my feelings  
with some three or four chords.*

*Thinking of you baby  
in a world of lights.  
Flying into clouds and  
into drifting dark nights.  
At least I know although  
it's neither right nor fair.  
When I open up my heart eyes,  
you will always be there.*

CHORUS

## SAV BLANC SUNDAY

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*Sultry Sav Blanc Sunday, Hyde Park,  
Sitting shaded under a Moreton Bay Fig.  
Yesterday girls in worn out pearls,  
tired conversation in their worn out worlds.  
Ignoring their sweet social media kids.*

*One husband is more alert,  
leans a little forward in his crumpled shirt,  
And views a trio of bright carefree girls.  
Young and pleasing, exploringly free things,  
Their all searching for some happiness too.*

*No one is actually, happy or factually,  
So free that they can truly be themselves.  
Beautiful, warm and blue sky fun day,  
another sultry Sav Blanc Sunday,  
Our world is right and good.*

CHORUS

*All is right and good,  
We're all doing what we should.  
What else can we be?  
When our world won't set us free.*

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CHORUS

## FAINT PROMISE

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*There's a beautiful girl,  
shining light in my world.  
Smiles and touching her hair,  
laughing sweetly aware,  
Of my eyes.  
So beautiful still, sophisticated strong will,  
Laying in wait for her kill,  
claws set for the prize, gently disguised.*

CHORUS

*I haven't got a chance,  
Her mesmerising glance,  
Faint promise of romance with me,  
Takes me down again.  
Takes me down again.*

*So what can I do, her smell is so sweet.  
Her skin is so soft, her eyes when we meet,  
Steal my thoughts.*

*I've got to be strong, like a shell with a pearl.  
This beautiful girl,  
will take control of my heart,  
From the start.*

BRIDGE

*Faint promise like a summer's breeze,  
Faint promise with grace and ease.  
My heart hears music, but the beat is drums.  
I strum with fingers,  
but the sound is thumbs.*



## CALM CLEVER CURLEW

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*I'm a calm clever curlew  
on a summer's night,  
Thinking everything is going to be alright.  
Calling for my buddies,  
listening for their voice,  
Summer silence is so golden  
but I can't rejoice.*

*So I call a little louder and I stand quite tall.  
I listen with my heart as it slowly falls.  
My buddies must be out there  
in this humid dark.  
Am I thinking too much,  
should my mind restart?*

CHORUS 1

*Calm clever curlew,  
Sweet silent summer,  
You are my hero,  
My mirror and life's father.*

*I'm a sad city dingo in a high rise park,  
Descending spirits and descending dark,  
Looking for my likeness in a passing cloud.  
Nothing looks familiar  
in the faceless crowd.*

*So I find a far off hilltop  
and look quite wide,  
My panoramic kingdom  
fast approaching low tide.  
I'm the only city dingo  
so I'm truly the King,  
Such a fortunate life,  
I'll proudly wear this ring.*

CHORUS 2

*Sad city dingo, Reluctant lost King,  
You are my hero,  
Breeze beneath my wings.*

BRIDGE

*You make me so happy,  
Gently sleeping at night,  
I want to live and die beside you,  
I want to feel my life.*

CHORUS 1

CHORUS 2

## A SIMPLE ASK

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*Brother what are you running from,  
much better life under the northern sun.*

*Sister why can't you talk to me,  
we are fruit of our family tree.*

*Father why did you have to leave,  
what made our family self-deceive.*

*All I want is some honesty,  
a simply ask from my family.  
A simple ask from my family.*

CHORUS

*A simple ask, it should clear,  
but families don't want to hear.  
A simple ask, that won't be heard,  
a simple ask in my spoken word.*

*A simple ask, is it just me,  
different cat to my family.*

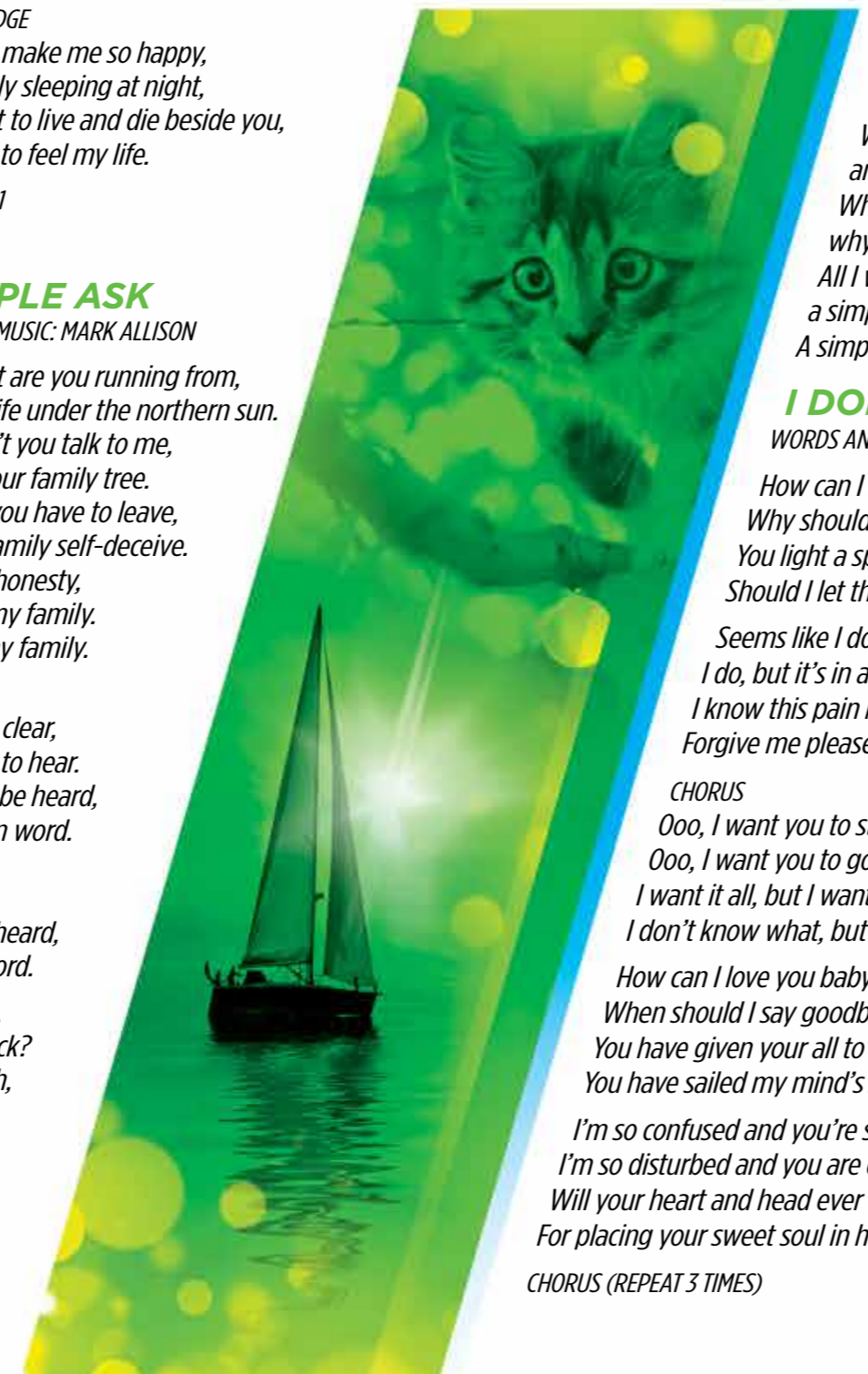
*A simple ask, that won't be heard,  
a simple ask in my spoken word.*

*Am I of the same parent stock,  
is this a secret under key and lock?*

*Why the rush to depart the north,  
long ago but no reason for?*

*Grandma Gladys buried alone,  
surely room in our family home?*

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a simply ask from my family.  
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CHORUS

*Who went to jail, who stole our cash,  
who was pure evil and who was rash?  
Why did our clever uncle wear a dress  
and when he died was there no distress?  
When will we know the truth of our life,  
why a gun and why not a knife?*

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a simply ask from my family.  
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## I DON'T KNOW WHAT

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*How can I love you baby?  
Why should I let you go?  
You light a special spark inside me.  
Should I let this fire grow?*

*Seems like I don't love you baby.  
I do, but it's in a different way.  
I know this pain must hurt you baby.  
Forgive me please one bright summer's day.*

CHORUS

*Ooo, I want you to stay,  
Ooo, I want you to go away,  
I want it all, but I want nothing,  
I don't know what, but I know it's something.*

*How can I love you baby?  
When should I say goodbye?  
You have given your all to me,  
You have sailed my mind's sea and sky.*

*I'm so confused and you're so patient,  
I'm so disturbed and you are calm.  
Will your heart and head ever forgive me?  
For placing your sweet soul in harm?*

CHORUS (REPEAT 3 TIMES)

## HARD TO FORGET

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*It's hard to forget,  
the feelings when you stole my trust,  
No feelings of regret,  
the day your honour was replaced with lust.  
I've tried so very hard  
to purify my mind of thoughts.  
But in my quiet hour,  
my pain won't be zero brought.  
Forever more, forever more,  
forever more, forever more.*

CHORUS

*What did I do to deserve this fate  
Was I unworthy, or was I just late  
Had I outlived my useful time  
Was I too trusting, was I too kind.*

*I can fool my mind  
on almost everything that's bad.  
I can smile and shine,  
when I'm in my deepest sad.*

*Still I can't remove this stain  
of loss within my heart  
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the feelings when you stole my trust.  
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## SHY LIGHT

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*I turn my eyes skyward,  
my thoughts catch your sparkling face.  
You light up my senses,  
you give me my dreams to chase.  
And when I am overflowing  
with your life and love tonight.  
I thank you for sharing your shy light.  
And when I am overflowing  
with your life and love tonight.  
I thank you for sharing your shy light.*

*You know my deep heart,  
you know my pain and joy.  
You gave me my self back,  
you cherished my man and boy.  
My words will never be enough,  
to show my joy of your touch tonight.  
I thank you for sharing your shy light.  
My words will never be enough,  
to show my joy of your touch tonight.  
I thank you for sharing your shy light.*

*When my body leaves you,  
my spirit will calm your night.  
I'll always be with you,  
please look for me in the sky.  
And never be afraid my dear,  
I'm always by your side.  
I thank you for sharing your shy light.  
And never be afraid my dear,  
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I thank you for sharing your shy light.*

## GOLD THRONE

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*Thank you for loving me always,  
Thank you for building me up,*

*Thank you for worrying about me,  
Thank you for making me tough.*

CHORUS

*I can only wonder where I would be,  
If you didn't love me,  
if you weren't by my side,  
if you weren't in my heart,  
if you weren't in my mind.  
Where would I be?*

*You found me, I was all lost and alone,  
You touched me and raised me  
onto your gold throne,  
I cannot comprehend, just what you did,  
You answered my callings,  
you conquered my need.*

CHORUS

*Your caring, selfless thought for my heart,  
You erased my deep sadness  
and lightened my dark.  
You never considered the cost of your care,  
Of sharing my darkness,  
with kindness so rare.*

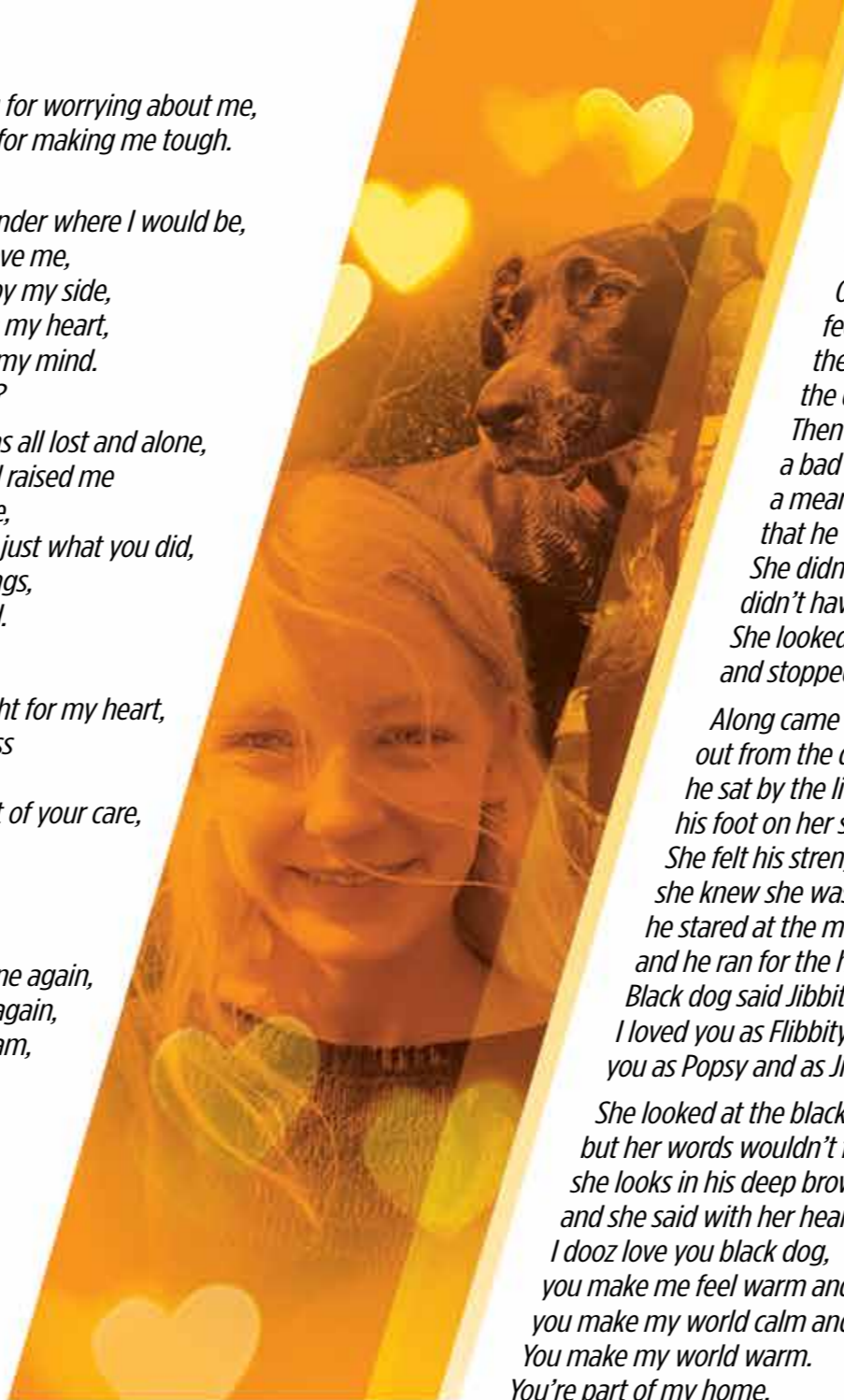
CHORUS

*Thank you for making me someone again,  
Thank you for making me worthy again,  
Thank you for helping me be who I am,  
Thank you for all your sweet love.*

## BLACK DOG

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*There was a little girl,  
she was a pretty girl, waiting every week  
for her sweet Friday night.  
She would walk right with her Pa,  
up to the corner store,  
to get some sweet lollies for,*



*her older pet boys.  
She always was very fair,  
in her choice of lollies there,  
made sure her brothers share,  
and would make them feel loved.*

*One day she went alone,  
feeling so big and strong,  
the further she went though,  
the darker night got.  
Then from a shadow came,  
a bad smell and angry frame,  
a mean dog that told her,  
that he would eat here up.  
She didn't know what to do,  
didn't have her Papa too,  
She looked into the mean dog's eyes  
and stopped in her walk.*

*Along came a black dog,  
out from the darkened fog,  
he sat by the little girl and put  
his foot on her shoe.  
She felt his strength flow like a whim,  
she knew she was safe with him,  
he stared at the mean dog's eyes  
and he ran for the hills.  
Black dog said Jibbity,  
I loved you as Flibbity, I loved  
you as Popsy and as Jibby as well.*

*She looked at the black dog,  
but her words wouldn't flow so strong,  
she looks in his deep brown eyes  
and she said with her heart.  
I dooz love you black dog,  
you make me feel warm and strong,  
you make my world calm and safe,  
You make my world warm.  
You're part of my home.*

CHORUS

*When I am old and gone,  
sing for your kids this song,  
a head story to make them strong  
and know the real world.  
I dooz love you black dog,  
you make me feel so strong,  
you make my world warm,  
good night little girl.*

## SEVEN SECRETS

WORDS AND MUSIC: MARK ALLISON

*When the sun is shining brightly all around me,  
It feels so good to finally make it home again.  
The winter flowers are blooming  
in the gentle breeze,  
I'm so calm in knowing we will soon be one.*

*Wicked wandering ways are surely hard to hold,  
The world is so enticing for my spirit soul.  
We all need to breathe after some time away,  
You will purify my thoughts and air today.*

CHORUS

*Oo, I know that you will always be there.  
Oo, I know your eyes will soften with your care.  
I know as well,  
that you're my heaven and my hell.  
Back home again, with you.  
Back home again with you.*

*Seven soft sweet secrets sweep my mind tonight,  
Five are made of love and two of sad regret.  
My heart is full of warm and smiling calm content,  
Seven silver secrets fuel my minds intent.*

*The days pass so quickly and are cloaked by night.  
The world meanders meekly without trace or time.  
I want to hear and feel the secrets of this life.  
I really want to see and touch the other side.*



**ARTIST**

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**INSTRUMENTS & EQUIPMENT**  
*Ibanez Acoustic Guitar, Ibanez Electric Guitar  
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**INSPIRATIONS**

*My visions of the past*