

# NILS LOFGREN "MOUNTAINS" LYRICS

## 1. Ain't The Truth Enough

I wonder where you been  
the trouble you stepped in  
You come home drunk on wild  
scaring your wife and child  
My God what did you do  
Ain't the truth enough  
ain't the truth enough for you  
Me and the truth would always carry us through  
if not now  
what do we do if not now what say you  
Who filled your head with lies  
you're kool-aid hypnotized  
I coulda saved your mind  
truth ain't that hard to find  
Man you're pissin' on your soul  
Ain't the truth enough  
ain't the truth enough for you  
Truth and love'd always see us through  
if not now what do we do  
If not now maybe we're through  
Ain't the truth enough... Oh darlin'  
I always trusted you  
Explain now eye to eye  
your black infected soul  
we built this dream together  
don't tell me what I know  
don't tell me what is real  
my mind and heart are whole  
this ain't how good souls roll  
Ain't the truth enough  
ain't the truth enough for you  
me and the truth'd always  
see us through  
we both know truth takes two  
If not now baby we're through...

## 2. Only Ticket Out

Shudder up 'round midnight  
dirty hammers in my head  
I'm sticky razed and shakin'  
stinkin' like the dead  
5 shots of gutter whiskey  
gets me into the shower  
Dress for a cold night of menace  
I gotta score in an hour  
Still the clock keeps on tickin'  
and I begin to figure out  
Gettin' right in my soul mister  
may be my only ticket out  
This raw edge I've been skatin'  
has not been good to me  
piles of dirty money vanish  
False friends in misery  
where do I turn to leave  
a bankrupt life behind  
made a snarling jigsaw puzzle  
of my foolish damaged mind  
Gonna rise up this mountain  
cast the chains of shame and doubt  
gettin' straight in my soul mister  
may be my only ticket out  
Raise a glass of Mad Dog  
the dark pills they're all for me  
snort four fat lines  
of my best friend's ashes  
and pretend I'm feelin free  
Hell that ain't no way to be  
Blacked out cold in an alley  
full of NyQuil and stale dope  
two men carry me  
to a church basement  
I smell hot coffee I smell hope  
These strangers seem a bit like me  
and have learned to live without  
the booze the drugs the madness  
so I try to stick it out  
And rise up from disaster  
cast the chains of shame and doubt  
I was not born to surrender  
seem like hope's the only ticket out  
And rise up lord lift me up now  
cast these chains of shame and doubt was not born to  
surrender  
seem like hope's the only ticket out  
Yes some hope good souls  
and hot coffee  
may be my only ticket out...

### 3. Back In Your Arms

In my dream our love was lost  
I lived by luck and fate  
I carried you inside of me  
Prayed it wouldn't be too late  
Now I'm standing on this empty road  
Where nothing moves but the wind  
And honey I just wanna be  
Back in your arms  
back in your arms again...  
Oh once I was your treasure  
and I saw your face in every star  
but these promises we make at night  
oh that's all they are  
unless we fill them with faith and love  
empty as the howling wind  
And honey I just wanna be  
Back in your arms back in your arms again...  
(oh how I miss you dear)  
Back in your arms... (please take me back)  
You came to me with love and kindness  
but all my life I've been a prisoner of my own blindness  
I met you with indifference  
and I don't know why  
Now I wake from my dreams  
I wake from my dream to this world  
where all is shadow and darkness  
And above me a dark sky unfurls  
and all this love I've thrown away  
and lost I'm longing for again  
now darling I just wanna be  
Back in your arms  
back in your arms again...  
Take me back back in your lovin arms girl take me back  
take me back  
take me back now  
in your arms again...  
(Oh I miss you old friend)

### 4. Won't Cry No More

Charlie's gone still I heard him today  
We danced and laughed  
kicked some blues away  
Got no badge or backstage pass  
he sings to me now  
with grooves that last soul so vast  
Yeah won't cry no more  
won't cry no more  
Sisters brothers check the score  
won't cry no more  
Pinch of Groucho pinch of Rain  
pinch of Davey to burn the pain  
burn the pain down down down  
The whales are cryin' elephants dyin'  
Damn you traitors to your  
killin' floor  
won't cry no more  
Yeah won't cry no more  
won't cry no more  
Never known hurt like this before  
won't cry no more  
So take those trillions for your  
guns and war don't you dare feed  
or heal the poor  
Clean air and water we can all forget  
sky so foul don't need no cigarette  
don't need no cigarette  
Yeah won't cry no more  
won't cry no more  
Sisters brothers check the score  
I won't cry no more  
won't cry no more...  
Why these tears rollin' down my face  
damn my broke heart  
and the human race why cry...  
Why cry won't cry no more...

## 5. Nothin's Easy

I saw every bomb explode  
she's the tulip left in the road  
She's the sky high over the dark  
a warrior always hits her mark  
And I love how her love always burns  
As I walk the hurt in this world  
people searchin' with no clue  
I take comfort in one truth  
nothin's easy 'cept you  
Nothin's easy 'cept you  
you're the light shining through  
as I walk the hurt in this world  
nothin's easy 'cept you  
So have another pot of strong coffee  
open the tired eyes in your soul  
We're all drowning in the answers  
best get movin' God don't row  
Grab those oars brother  
truth don't row  
As I walk the hurt in this world  
people searchin' with no clue  
I take comfort in one truth  
nothin's easy 'cept you  
nothin's easy 'cept you  
you're the light shining through  
as I walk the hurt in this world  
nothin's easy 'cept you

## 6. Dream Killer

Did you ever wanna save somebody  
did you ever wanna mend a heart  
Take a bird with a broken wing  
nurse and love her 'til she flies off  
Then you turn and face to face  
stands a sickness you can taste  
Dreams tremble in his wake  
Dream killer Dream killer  
Dream killer  
Did you ever wanna shake somebody  
out of the hell that they're in  
Or go crazy while you sit and watch  
someone you love do themselves in  
You care so much to yourself you say  
no harm could ever come their way  
Some demon spits on you  
while you pray  
Dream killer...  
Then you turn and face to face  
stands a demon who will erase  
every hope and dream you had in place  
Dream killer...

## 7. Only Your Smile

I have failed to find peace  
in the distance of the day  
I have fought off the darkness  
and the weariness of away  
Though heaven's fiery sun  
warms my face for awhile  
Only your smile heals  
only your smile  
My low hide and seek  
an ancient bitter fear  
There's no peace there's no sleep  
Unless you are near  
Your kind eyes they hope  
and I breathe for awhile  
Only your smile heals  
only your smile  
Darlin' let it all go  
hold my heart kiss my soul  
Only your smile heals  
only your smile...

## 8. I Remember Her Name

In the dark wee hours  
at the Empress Motel  
Jersey surf crashin'  
Asbury sea smell  
She starts kissing me  
the universe moved  
A happy I know  
no heaven could improve  
Band bus off to Boston  
sweet girl you must come  
She said "my Mom'd kill me  
I got a job needs done"  
I say "gimme their numbers  
I'll square it I swear  
Wherever I'm goin' I know  
I'll want you there"  
20 no's and 20 kisses she waved and smiled  
as the bus pulled out I felt lost felt wild lost and wild  
raging hope and fear I prayed I'd see her again  
Still I remember her name  
I remember her name  
Her green eyes firing  
in a wavy sea of red  
day dream of waking  
with her sleepin in our bed  
Used to drive to Jersey  
every month or so  
played the same clubs too often  
hopin' she'd show  
15 hard years fell by  
a few lifetimes of hurt  
she never made it  
my broke heart was dirt  
And memory tattooed  
her perfect face  
on my lonely soul  
Still I remember her name I remember her name  
20 no's 20 kisses  
one of life's great misses  
Still I remember her name  
Her touch her soul set it all aflame  
Still I remember her name  
she was goodness in this world  
now there's nothing at all  
Still I remember her name  
Played the Rockin' Horse in the desert with my rockin' band  
tryin' to be content with who I ain't and who I am  
She walks up to the bar says  
"hi, remember me?" I said "my God you're the one that got away  
your name is Amy." Gave me her number  
wrote it down in 8 places  
started callin' night and day  
This time I don't let her get away  
Still I remember her name  
I remember her name 20 no's 20 kisses  
they'll be no more misses  
Still I remember her name  
Lately I'm forgetting

where I left this and that  
I'm gettin' thin up top  
often wear a hat  
Now that beauty lives beside and inside my soul  
she took my heart she took my name  
Some nights the happiness will wake me up  
she's breathin' a gentle song I won't get up  
beloved dogs lyin' against us  
breathin' their song too  
I think of the crazy  
we've all been through a second chance like this  
just don't come around  
Through it all I remember her name  
Yes I remember her name  
I remember her name  
20 no's 20 kisses  
they'll be no more misses yes I remember her name  
I remember her name  
Still I remember her name

## 9. We Better Find It

What did we do with it  
yeah where did it go we better find it  
Smack dab in the middle of  
something hopeful  
we were stumbling into a whisper  
of daring sanity  
oh my what a day  
what a gift that would be  
So don't walk away sisters brothers  
please don't walk away  
faith hope compassion  
at your fingertips  
Life liberty freedom  
and justice for all  
What did we do with it  
yeah where did it go  
we better find it we better find it...  
How did wrong get so easy  
without love there can be only hurt  
we better find it  
Wise Ringo always says  
"peace and love"  
let's keep our hammers sheathed  
if you must use them to beat sense  
into your raging brothers  
try then help 'em heal and breath  
This sad ancient story  
as billions suffer  
dark tyrants destroy with evil glee  
a billion hammers pounding together  
will break through to truth and love  
I dare believe  
What did we do with it  
yeah where did it go  
we better find it we better find it ...

## **10. Angel Blues**

Lean your weary halo on my wing  
and let the peace come  
As your darkness dies in my light  
even angels falter now and then  
Why do people try so hard to ruin  
what's simply perfect  
Spirits are to soar  
they are not gifts  
to hoard but to share  
Still we understand  
we've all been there  
we've been there  
King of kindness  
grace us with your love  
Queen of mercy heal us with your love  
Cleanse this wasted world  
with your fierce love  
Hope and love peace and love  
Grant us love  
Grant us love