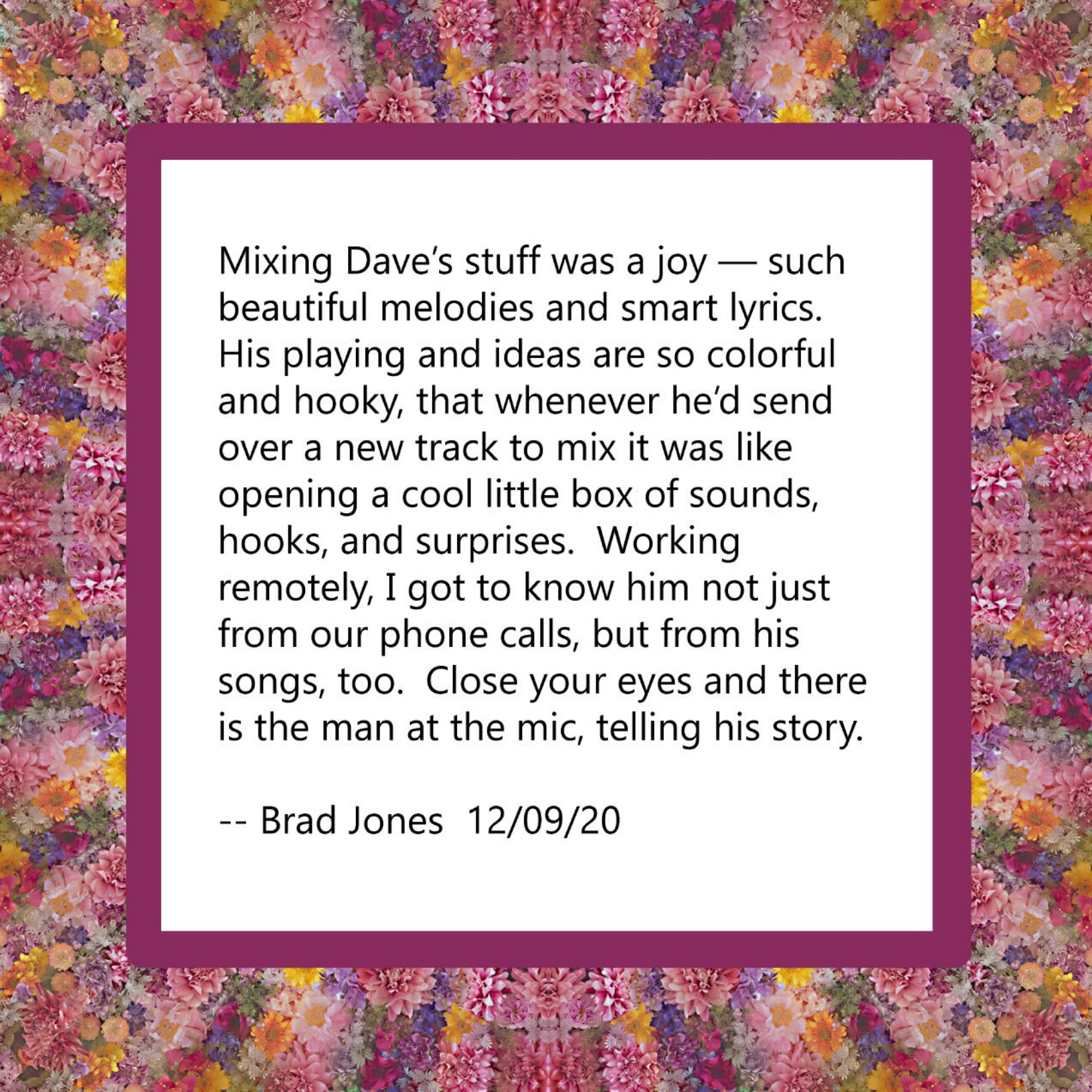




Dave Caruso

RADIOPHONIC
Supersonic



Mixing Dave's stuff was a joy — such beautiful melodies and smart lyrics. His playing and ideas are so colorful and hooky, that whenever he'd send over a new track to mix it was like opening a cool little box of sounds, hooks, and surprises. Working remotely, I got to know him not just from our phone calls, but from his songs, too. Close your eyes and there is the man at the mic, telling his story.

-- Brad Jones 12/09/20

Little Miss Sunshine (words & music © 2020 by Dave Caruso)

And when she faces her day
with a smile
In spite of her pain
She never complains
Inescapable gleam in her eye
And a power that glows
Wherever she goes

She is the reason
I get up and try again
My any-weather friend

Little Miss Sunshine
Little Miss Summer Sun Sublime
When you feel run down
She's around
And she's the loving kind
Little Miss Sunshine
Little Miss Sunny All the Time
And when the day's done
She's the one
She'll be your valentine

And if you ask her to give you a hand
Before it's begun
Consider it done
Anything that she can't understand
There's never a doubt
She'll figure it out

She's got a superpower
That has no kryptonite
A supersonic light

Little Miss Sunshine
Little Miss Summer Sun Surprise
When you feel run down
She's around
And she's the loving kind
Little Miss Sunshine
Little Miss Sunlight In Her Eyes
And when the day's done
She's the one
She'll be your valentine

Let me be the first to say
She wouldn't be the same
By any other name

Little Miss Sunshine
Sunny all the time
Let her bring you sunshine

Let her bring you sunshine
Sunny all the time
Let her bring you sunshine
She's the loving kind

Let her bring you sunshine
Sunny all the time
Let her bring you sunshine

The Drop (words & music © 2020 by Dave Caruso)

Piece o' cake
Staying happy
in the honeymoon phase
The tricky bit
Is sticking with it
when the stakes are raised

Sometimes it takes a lot
But it seems like it's worth the shot
Giving it all you've got when you're
Up against the clock

Second stage
Carried over from your
Dance Hall Days
Can you make
It hold a candle
to your first embrace?

Sometimes the going's hard
And it feels like the longest yard
Catching yourself off-guard in
Matters of the heart

Better hang on
When you start to worry
Something could go wrong
The falling part is easy
But the drop is long

Now you've found
You might be movin'
over solid ground
Stick around
You won't get dizzy
if you don't look down

Sometimes it takes a lot
But it seems like it's worth the shot
Giving it all you've got
but you're running on the spot

Better hang on
When you start to worry
something could go wrong
The falling part is easy
But the drop is long

Sometimes the going's hard
And it feels like the longest yard
Catching yourself off-guard in
Matters of the heart

Better hang on
When you start to worry
something could go wrong
The falling part is easy
The falling part is easy
The falling sure is easy
But the drop is long

So long!

The Boy Wonders (words & music © 2020 by Dave Caruso)

How will I measure up
Against my brothers and my dad?
What does it mean to be a man?
There's no comfort

I feel so out of place
Is mine a lucky face?
Can I get to second base?
The boy wonders

Can I do this on my own?
Will I face the world alone?
I'm adrift in the unknown
And going under

Will she ever notice me?
How can I get her to stay?
Am I doing this okay?
The boy wonders

If I ever lost my strength
Or someone stole my thunder
They can't rob me of my faith
Or steal my sense of wonder

It's keeping me awake
What a difference we could make
Our future is at stake
I feel a hunger

Doesn't anybody care?
Such despair and disrepair
Isn't anybody there?
The boy wonders

If I ever lost my strength
Or someone stole my thunder
They could never crush my faith
Or steal my sense of wonder

Why do men do evil things?
Can we overcome our hate?
Will we ever change our fate?
I'm outnumbered

Will tomorrow's boys be bothered
By the same concerns as me?
Are we destined to repeat?
Destined to repeat
To repeat
Repeat
I wonder...

Tuesday's Gone (words & music © 2020 by Dave Caruso)

It's hard to imagine when the day is done
That the way that we're going ain't the only one
That the world could be spinning any other way
And the sun could be setting on a brighter day

Where'd we go wrong? What have we done?
How can we change? Who have we become?
Why don't we try starting over again?
It's a battle that we can win

Tuesday's gone
While her legend still lives on
And Monday's just a lie
That Sunday told to make us cry
I'm living for Wednesday
Cause Tuesday's gone

I'm so disenchanted when the night is new
It isn't hard to imagine with the things we do
But we need not accept things for the way they are
With some faith, love and courage we can make a start

We're making our mark, we're leaving our stain
But time is the only thing that we can't change
We can never go back but we can never give in
Cause another day is pushing in

Tuesday's gone
While her legend still lives on
And Monday's just a lie
That Sunday told to make us cry
I'm living for Wednesday
Cause Tuesday's gone

I Won't Wait For You (words & music © 1987, 2020 by Dave Caruso)

Make up your mind —
Are we just killing time?
It's all on you
You know what to do

Tell me here and now
Is this love or only laughter?
Should I put you down
Or keep you happy ever after?

I won't wait for you
I know you want me to, me too
I won't miss out under a sky this blue
I won't wait for you

I won't wait for you
I know you want me to, me too
I won't stand in line till my head is blue
I won't wait for you

It's open, shut your mouth
Before a lie comes out
If you don't care
Don't keep me waiting here

Tell me here and now
Share with me the sweetest secret
Is it love you've found
Or just a nibble when you need it?

I won't wait for you
I know you want me to, me too
Don't look at me 'cause it's all on you
I won't wait for you

I won't wait for you
I know you want me to, me too
I won't keep this up
till I'm black and blue
I won't wait for you

[Break over verses]

I won't wait for you
I know you want me to, me too
You say you need some one
but you won't say who
I won't wait for you

I won't wait for you
I know you want me to, me too
I won't sit on my ass
till your eyes turn blue
You can't have my cake and eat it too
I won't wait —
unless you ask me to
I won't wait for you

Atomic Smile (words & music © 2020 by Dave Caruso)

You seemed alright
At daylight, no cause for alarm
But you could do no wrong
And still do plenty of harm

For as above
Look out below
When you said, "goodbye"
I was sure that you wouldn't go

Your nuclear energy
pretty much blew me apart
Damn your atomic smile
and your Teflon heart

No radar blipped
No wire tripped, I thought you were fine
Defenses all in the green
When you went over the line

I told myself
To take it slow
But you hit me hard
And fast — just like a pro

Your body's a weapon
with a radioactive charge
Bam! Your atomic smile
and your Teflon heart

Truth be told, I know
you're not the enemy
But your friendly fire
is gonna be the death of me

No doubt that I've been
outmaneuvered again
My arsenal made no impression
Not even a dent

(I'll be) fooled again
Well I guess that's true
Will I never learn
That there's no disarming you?

Your bullet-proof radiance
blasted me right off the charts
Curse all your camouflaged
armor and your Kevlar parts
Bam! Your atomic smile
and your Teflon heart
Damn your atomic smile
and your Teflon heart

Indelible (words & music © 2020 by Dave Caruso)

I wrote a testament to you
Determined to sing a line or two
Could I preserve a love sublime?
Could I suspend a beat in time?

Moving the needles, making a mark
Inscriptions smolder beneath the spark
Passionate verses in your name
Emblem and anthem, ink and flame

It's an indelible display
Never to fade away
An act of devotion so ingrained
It's here to stay, to stay

Tracing the lines that cut so deep
Pictures and stories on the sleeve
Follow along on the other side
Heaven & heartache soon collide

With an indelible refrain
Never to fade away
Now the impression still remains
It's here to stay, to stay

After a love's demise
A record of love survives

We fight to conceal
Hide what we feel
But scratch it with our fingers
Some scars are too deep to heal
And so the love byte lingers

It's an indelible display
Never to fade away
An act of devotion so ingrained
It's here to stay, to stay

Such an indelible refrain
Never to fade away
Now the impression still remains
It's here to stay, to stay

After a love's demise
A measure of love survives

A Piece of the Action (words & music © 2020 by Dave Caruso)

Well, you posed against the doorway
Just like Joan Severance
I was headed down the hard way
Desperate for deliverance

Now I can't get through anything
I ever try to do
No matter what I tell myself
my mind is set on you

It's a fatal attraction
A piece of the action
My beautiful assassin
A piece of the action

I was reckless beyond reason
I set adrift my innocence
Jettisoned salvation
And cast away my common sense

Now I can't get through anything
I set my mind to do
No matter how I concentrate,
there's no escaping you

It's a fatal attraction
A piece of the action
An overdose of passion
A piece of the action

Making my life miserable and sweet
Dizzy as the company we keep
But you're more than
another distraction
And I'm just one hit away
from satisfaction

It's a fatal attraction
A piece of the action
My sinister assassin
A piece of the action

It's a fatal attraction
A piece of the action
An overdose of passion
A piece of the action

It's a fatal attraction
A piece of the action
I've only seen fraction
Of my piece of the action

It's a fatal attraction
A piece of the action
My beautiful assassin
A piece of the action

Heaven Minus Love (words & music © 1985, 2020 by Dave Caruso)

I was young & foolish and you were ripening
We never expected much -- only everything
But it never came; Then we realized
That all we'd ever have to share was in each other's eyes

Now in a rock garden where flowers used to be
It's heaven minus love and rain against the weed
And nothing really grows here though we planted every seed
It's heaven minus love for you and me

We started out with nothing, left everything behind
Uncertain what we wanted, unsure of what we'd find
We laid out our heaven; we planned each passing day
We sat with plans and folded hands while years just passed away

Now in a rock garden where flowers used to be
It's heaven minus love and rain against the weeds
And nothing really grows here though love has gone to seed
It's heaven minus love for you and me

Nothing wrong with what we had but we wanted more than fun
We gave it all we had, but we were both too young
We blamed each other and heaven seemed worth fighting for
We're still together but there's no feeling anymore

Now in a rock garden where flowers used to be
Stones planted in the earth, dreams buried in the weeds
And nothing here is really what heaven's supposed to be
It's heaven minus love; it's hell for you and me

Now in a rock... garden where flowers used to be
It's heaven minus love; it's hell for you and me
And nothing really grows here; the weeds can barely breathe
It's heaven minus love for you and me

Throwing Out My Baby (words & music © 2020 by Dave Caruso)
With the Bassinet

Ever since last February
Baby's been on a tear
Leaving her unmentionables
Hangin' everywhere
I've long forgotten why I thought
We made a perfect pair
Depilatories ain't enough
To wash her out of my hair

So I'm throwing out my baby
with the bassinet
Soaking wet
The girl I can't forget, and yet
I'm throwing out my baby
with the bassinet
There's just no room for Baby
and my self-respect

She's 55 with stop signs and a
Promise that depends
An empty street of red lights and a
shortcut of dead ends
She's a road sign pointing nowhere
In a town where no one goes
Peel your eyes and hold the phone
You'll be the first to know that

I'm throwing out my baby
with the bassinet
Soaking wet
The girl I can't forget, and yet

I'm throwing out my baby
with the bassinet
There's just no room for Baby
and my self-respect

The consequence of my inaction
Triggered these events
You can't accomplish anything by
sitting on a fence
The suspense is almost killing me
The pressure is immense
Even with the best solution
It all hangs on execution

Throwing out my baby
with the bassinet
Soaking wet
The girl I can't forget, and yet
I'm throwing out my baby
with the bassinet
There's just no room for Baby
No "if," no "but," no "maybe"
There's just no room for Baby
and my self-respect

The plan is set
There's no time left
Just press "eject"
That's all you get

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