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*destiny trip*<sup>I</sup>

vocals, lyrics: *dru*  
electronics, programming, synths, noise: *john*

something he said to me · something my heart  
had needed · filled me and i sang · resonate  
breathlessly · covering lips with finger · this  
is his sign · something came over me · that  
something was all i needed · to put things a  
right · swimming · feels heavy · he says “it  
clears with time” · whispers hold me gently  
under mars’ red light · some kind of destiny  
thread · unraveling, untied · caught in our  
destiny trip · we made that night · some  
kind of destiny thread · unraveling, untied  
promise of destiny · when we align · collide

*tribe*<sup>II</sup>

vocals, lyrics, sound poetry: *aimee*  
electronics, synths, guitars, noise: *john*

i have wandered far longer than 40 days and  
nights · searching for friendly soil · to bury  
me · envelop me in peace · middle earth to  
provance · mission town to the high marai  
kyoto, tokyo · the winds of fate are calling  
from the end of the earth · home is where  
the heart lies · safe · in the hands of my tribe  
arming this tall poppy with the thorns of the  
wild rose

*shadow child*<sup>III</sup>

vocals, lyrics: *jennifer*  
electronics, programming, synths, noise, piano: *john*

that’s me under the table · begging for your  
scraps · that’s me with my hands outstretched  
through the bars i’m waiting · for something  
to touch my skin · that’s me, screaming · i’m  
screaming if someone would listen · like a  
flower i’m burned by the acid rain · my leaves  
are so withered · my pedals so stained · insanity  
at its’ best is this child · shadow child · bitter  
child · bitter shadow child · i think i’m used to  
this kind of pain · i’m not sure if i’ll ever come  
clean again

*bring down the stars*<sup>IV</sup>

vocals, lyrics, sound poetry: *dru*  
atmospheres, programming, synths, guitar feedback,  
loops: *john*

bring down the stars and lift the sky · one heart,  
two minds · two ways, one’s right · love waits  
in hope’s guise · love fades when faith dies  
i give you the stars that i pluck from the night  
i give you myself and awaken your true side  
one heart, two lives

*a bird in a cage*<sup>V</sup>

vocals, lyrics, sound poetry: *aimee*  
electronics, noise, piano: *john*

the choke hold has lost its’ grip · the curse has  
been lifted · i am freeing myself from lock  
and key · the caged bird sings like no other

*varenka*<sup>VI</sup>

~ based on a character from anna karenina  
vocals, lyrics, cello: *erica*  
guitar, piano, atmospheres: *john*

with your happiness despite your loss · you  
showed me mine was nothing · but how  
could i leave you without knowing · what’s  
important · you are the brightest star · in this  
town of the dying and despairing · everything  
i learn i learn from you · who i am becoming

*starshine*<sup>VII</sup>

vocals, lyrics: *jennifer*  
atmospheres, synth, loops, guitars, noise: *john*

maybe i am not an artist like some · but  
someday my voice will find its’ starshine  
maybe it’s glittery like sweat on soft skin · in  
the humidity · kiss you like the empty soul  
hoping for a promise that’s worth keeping  
i want to be as beautiful · as girls shrouded

in black · dancing to the beating of my broken  
heart · why can’t i be that beautiful like girls  
shrouded in black · dancing to the beating  
of my broken heart · please let me write the  
words · that speak to every heart · just like  
a poet clinging to love on his death bed  
my expressions they grow dimmer · and the  
feelings they are so faint · i search for the  
wings to fly, oh why · i’m searching for my  
starshine

*one-hundred years (of solitude)*<sup>VIII</sup>

vocals, lyrics, sound poetry: *aimee*  
piano, electronics, atmospheres: *john*

silence has never been so still · unbroken  
by one hundred years of solitude · yet these  
ears still burn · yet this skin still burns · from  
a world away · collapsing by the burden  
collapsing beneath the weight of honesty  
cling to me · heavenly spheres · elusive and  
faint of heart · traveling atoms long to intercept  
the oracle of self · speak to me in dreams and  
oceans drowning · overwhelmed with tides  
and waves of mourning

*an angel, ameliorate*<sup>IX</sup>

vocal sound poetry: *suzanne*  
synths, atmospheres: *john*

(for amy)



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trife  
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**the flower and the thorn,** the duality of the human condition: we have the capability to love one another very deeply and add a lot of value to one another's lives, but we're also all too capable of hatred, oppression, prejudice and deceit. we can help each other to reach our goals, yet we can belittle, hurt and even kill one another over the most trivial differences.

yet, this is what we are. **human.** the promise of humanity is equalled only by its' potential, and the path that we choose is completely up to each of us. we are all responsible for ourselves -- our success, our actions, our emotional state. we are our own engines, and each of us, in our own lives and in very real, concrete ways, can choose peace over war, happiness over despair, goodwill over anger -- despite what life hands us. we only need to find the courage to do so. holding on to the positive benefits one another and makes us joyful and content, while holding on to our pain and anger does nothing but make us grained and angry people, and that benefits no one.

it's our choice -- each of us -- and no one else's.

"human" is dedicated to the memories of Jane Addams, Emily Green Balch, John Lennon and everyone who shows the way to a better world, by showing us how to be better people.



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