Ghost Town

All Music & Lyrics by Nate Currin

Tracks 1, 2, 7, 9, 14, and 15 recorded at Gray Matters Studios, Nashville, TN and produced by Matthew Odmark. Tracks 3-6, 8, and 10-12 recorded in Gainesville, GA and produced by Jon Poole with additional production by Matthew Odmark.

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Tracks 1, 2, 7, 9, 14 & 15

Nate Currin: vocals, acoustic guitars
Matthew Odmark: additional guitars, horn arrangements
Aksel Coe: drums
Matt Koziol: electric guitars, pedal steel
Stephen Mason: bass guitar, additional vocals
Matthew Chancey: bass guitar
Charlie Lowell: organ, piano, keys
Louis Johnson: track 2 guitars
Peyton Parker: vocals tracks 1, 7, and 9
Corrina Hardesty: vocals track 14
Nathan Mcleod: saxophone track 1
Red Hawley: trombone track 1

Tracks 3-6, 8, 10-12

Nate Currin: vocals, acoustic, electric guitars, harmonica
Jon Poole: drums, keys, synth
Cody Preston: electric guitars, pedal steel
Tom Ryan: bass guitar, upright bass
Simon Peek: vocals track 10
Matthew Odmark: additional acoustic guitar, organ, BGVs
Stephen Mason: additional vocals
Charlie Lowell: additional organ, piano, keys
Matt Koziol: additional pedal steel and electric guitars
Aksel Coe: additional drums track 8
Peyton Parker: vocals tracks 4
Lucy Becker: fiddle, vocals track 11

This record is for two of my dearest friends, who have been there for me through one of the most difficult seasons of my life. David Akins & Matt Powell. Thank you both.

White Hills

When the sky turns red
And the mountains fade in the distance
Driving north on Highway 93
Between the river and resistance

When the desert wind
Blows us back again
When the light shines through
It reminds me of you

When the desert wind
Reminds me of who we were then

I miss your eyes, I miss your face
I miss the deepness of your gaze
I miss your touch, I miss the way
The way you dance around me

I miss the beauty of your grace
In White Hills

When the sky turns black
And a thousand stars shine up above us
When we dance with the fire to our backs
And we blend in with the shadows

Bleed

Give me a sign
Been up all night for the stars to align
At least in my mind
And then when I pray
I've been searching for perfect words to say
Through all the decay

And night by night I open up my heart so you can see it
Laying down my mask in hopes of finally being free
And I bleed my heart out
I cut myself wide open with the blade of all this honest

And bleed my heart out
The scars and wounds laid open
To show me what I can do without

Out in the dark
I feel the blade slide deep into my heart
And tear me apart
Make it all end
I'll never trust another soul again
This keeps happening over and over again

And night by night I'm laying out my soul so you can steal it
Letting go of weight that keeps letting go of me

And all this time
You're on my mind
The ghost of what we've left behind
In a haunted place
I still see your face
Pretend to love me in your own way

The Crying Wolf

Road into Music City on a Saturday night
Streets were lined with people and the skyline was bright
Looking for some rest and a place to think
She said meet me at the Crying Wolf for music and drinks
So I took a turn at the river and wound up on the east side

Some hipsters by the front door were making a play
Purple hair & thrift store threads gave em away
One wore a shirt that said make coffee not war
I cracked a grin at the both and they looked at the floor
I shook my head at the thought: what's become of the east side?

All I wanna do is have a quiet night
Grab a table in the back and get out of sight
Put your feet up and let your hair down
I don't want no trouble in this music town
But what else was there to do
At the Crying Wolf

Grabbed a table in the corner and was watching the band
She said she felt like moving as she grabbed at my hand
Band was playing Skynard and the floor was a mess
She gave a spin backward in her long black dress
And I realized I'm too old to be out on the east side

All I wanna do is have a quiet night
No more dancing, no more drinking, no more bar room fights

A pack of smokes, some Ray-Ban sunglasses, and a cowboy hat
Were strewn out on the patio as we stumbled out back
I grabbed my keys off the table and ran to the truck

Need a break from all the madness but was down on my luck
So, I hit the road at half past midnight and got out of the east side

All I wanna do is have a peaceful night
I'm so tired of sweating under all these Broadway lights

5th Avenue

Come on by
She said enjoy the view
All these memories take me back down 5th avenue
Hand in hand
I recall what she said

On 5th Avenue
I fell in love with you
Oh 5th Avenue
I think I'm losing you

Got a million little things jumbled up inside my head

I tried moving on
At the big hotel
Across the Bay from where you and I said our last fare-well
But now I'm lost
And it eats me to my core
I've been crying like a little kid outside your door

I still see you falling through my hands
Like a broken hourglass that's losing sand
It's only love if I meet your demands
On 5th Avenue

When I finally saw
That you'd traded me
For a mix of powder, pills and late night revelry
In the night
As I walked back home
I know we'll both end up sad and broken and all alone

My Soul To Keep

I've been feeling down again
I've been counting sheep
I've been taking shots of whiskey at night
To help me sleep

But I'm afraid of the twilight
Though I live my life in the dark
Though I've found out in the darkest places
You see the brightest stars

I used to stare up at some painting
Asleep on my grandma's floor
Something about footprints on a beach
And walking with the Lord
But I've only ever had one set of footprints
Throughout my whole life
I never could make it my own
My story's written in darkness and light

So I'll sing with the voices of angels
And live this life down on my knees
And stand face-to-face with the devil
And pray: Oh God, my soul to keep

I used to throw stones at my haters and enemies
Covered in blood, and spit and tears; broken down on bended knee
You keep tossing your stones; I've traded my rocks for a better place
I'll be writing with a finger in the dirt, tracing out the word grace

I may seem like a wandering prodigal
A hell-bent, unkempt rose
The fact is: I've always been a sheep, just dressed up in some old wolf's clothes
Breaking under the millstone of this otherworldly fight
He says come follow me, my yoke is easy; my burden is light

Ghost Town

It's raining again and the grey clouds are all torn apart
The windows are open, the fire cracks in the hearth
She's falling asleep: her head leaned back in her chair
The shadows all dance as the firelight shines through her hair

But I was alone, I couldn't be found
In this ghost town
Wasn't home anymore, we silently drown
In this ghost town

Her smiles glazed over, a well-rehearsed
fake-plastic scene
The depths in her eyes hide her internal scream
When you walked out on me you left this hole deep in my chest
I've been desperately searching the streets for the eyes I loved best

And I'm not strong enough to let you go
In the silence that pulls us in the undertow
When you left you took the best parts of me
Now I'm run aground like a ship with no sea

Every place reminds me of you
Every bittersweet memory that blew through my veins like a drug and I'm shaking I need it deep down in the places though I'm faking it
And all the blood and the tears in this place
Stain the stories that I can't replace
Though the world crumbles beneath me,
I know it's completely lost and I'm breaking alone

Come Back, Come Back to Me

Lover, Don't Let Me Go

Lately I've been thinking
About what we'll leave behind
A thousand questions and an array of lonely nights
And the hopes of what I'd find

Lately I've been missing
All the things we used to be
I drive up to the lounge off Ocean Avenue
And hope you won't see me

And lately I'm regretting
All the words we left unsaid
Battle scars and lonely tears and open wounds
And all these voices in my head

But I won't mind
If you call me one more time
I won't mind
If I'm missing sleep one more night
I'll find the strength to tell you all these things down in my soul
So, Lover, don't let me go

And all the people ask me
Where'd that beautiful girl go
I miss the nights of all our soulful heart-to-hearts
And the days we'd take real slow

I won't mind if you gaze into my eyes
And I won't mind
If I crawl back a thousand times
I'll find the strength to tell you all these things down in my soul
So, Lover, don't let me go

I Don't Belong Here Anymore

Friday nights have come and gone
And there's not much left to say
I used to think that people cared
But I couldn't make em stay
I think I'm tired of the coast
Now the desert calls my name
Maybe a little time alone
Will ease the heartache and the pain

But the cost of what is good is the time we give to achieve it
And the ghost of what we love lives on if we just believe it

We all wish we knew what the Lord has in store
All the while I pray for things to go back like before
But I've got a feeling
While staring at the ceiling
I don't belong here anymore

Last year's memories were a blur
And no one understands
I've been kissed on my right cheek
While the money changes hands
It's no way to go through life
Just always making plans
Gotta leave some things to fate
While not afraid to take a chance

Let's Stay In & Put a Dylan Record On

Our friends are going out tonight
To a fancy spot all dressed up to the nines
But in the quiet of this place
Cozied up together in the warmth of your embrace
Cause all the years out on the road
Always left me wondering where else was there to go
But I finally found some peace
With the woman that I love, the one who brings me to my knees

So bring the dice games
I'll bring the music
We'll stay up late telling ghost stories til dawn
I'll make some coffee
We'll watch Casablanca
Let's stay in and put a Dylan record on

I can wear a suit and tie
I'll take you to a Broadway show & maybe even cry
We can travel off to Spain
But I'd rather be at home with you out dancing in the rain

So bring a card game
And I'll bring the music
We'll sing together to whatever tune comes on
I'll grab a blanket
We'll watch some Star Wars
Then stay up late & put a Dylan record on

I'll paint a picture
While I smoke a cigar
We'll dance around the kitchen to sunlight breaks at dawn
I'll tell some stories
About June and Johnny
We'll stay up late with a Dylan record on
I'll cook the bacon
You make the pancakes
We'll have a quiet day avoiding both our phones
And in the evening
We'll walk by the ocean
Till we light some candles & put a Dylan record on
Well dance the night away with a Dylan record on
Until we fall asleep with a Dylan record on

Wild Heart

I wanna drive back home to Georgia
Make my way through the Texas heat
Maybe spend a night at the Driscoll down on 6th Street
I wanna hit the Crescent City
I want to hear some jazz guitar
Maybe stay out all night dancing in our favorite bar

Cause when I lay down for the last time
I wanna go out with a smile
I want to love with the heart of a little child
And when I cross over to heaven
I know I'll see Magnolia's smile
And maybe sit a while... with Max by our side

So keep me wild
Keep my soul stirring in my chest
I wanna live my very best
A simple life with no regrets
So keep me wild
A desert stallion left untamed
A forest fire type of flame
The drug of passion in my veins

So keep me wild
Keep my soul stirring in my chest
I wanna live my very best
A simple life with no regrets
Keep me wild
Courage coursing through my veins
Help me embrace the grief and pain
To show forgiveness all the same

The Tamiami Trail

Down in the marshlands where we'd sneak around to feel alive
Sixty miles from Gator Alley down off I-75
Smelling sawgrass and the swamp air with each breath we'd inhale
I felt alive and found myself out on the Tamiami Trail
I miss all those feelings... once again

I heard the plane that crashed, landed off somewhere in the weeds
Been looking for the ghostly fuselage out in the mangrove trees
Legend has it that a ship was lost but dead men tell no tales
Though I found myself believing legends of the Tamiami Trail

I miss all those feelings
Always gave me something to believe in

A man's a slave to the things that keep him from experiencing the world
Hit the road and watch the sun go down with a dog and a beautiful girl

Lounging out around a fire
Underneath a thousand stars
Down the dirt roads a million miles
From the sound of bikes and bars
Feeling life around like magic
From an old school fairytale
I fell in love and lost my heart out on the Tamiami Trail

I Love You, But I Need Something More

If love is blind
I've scratched out my eyes a hundred times
Looking for a little spark

And late at night
When I feel emptiness by my side
I'd reach out for you in the dark

Time plays its silly games
You stand beautiful while I stumble around so lame
We drive those nights together
Stopped for drinks at the corner store
She said I love you boy, but I need something more

Hope's a dangerous thing
A flimsy rope we cling to
One that tears away our hands
I wrap my arms around you
The ghost of what I'd found true
But the memories turned to sand

So you play your stupid games
While I stumble over the words I've tried to say
You got the thing you came for
And then hurried out the door

Whispered I love you boy, but I need so much more

Thought I'd never touch the bottle again
Like when I was young, headstrong, and crazy
And I'm pacing nights; I'm screaming at myself
All the words I couldn't say to you
And I can't sleep at night - cause I'm not alright
At the thought of growing old alone

So you spend your nights out dancing,
While I'm curled up on the floor
She said I'll always love you,
But I deserve something more

Farewell, Savannah

Farewell Savannah
Looks like I'm finally going home
Cause we've been out on our own
And I feel like I'm alone
And I miss that midnight drive
Around the Jacksonville Skyline

Farewell Savannah
I loved you since this all began
But I need a better plan
I wish I was a stronger man
Cause all the feelings I let out
Do nothing but just haunt me now

It's been a long, long time to wait
To brush your black hair off your face
And look into those soulful eyes
Whisper a broken goodbye
Because now I finally know
That I have to let you go

Farewell Savannah
There's so much that I wanna say
You know I'll never be okay
Because I told you much too late
I never should have walked away
Now life's a ghost town every day

The Highway

Well, I left Nashville around noon
With a patched-up heart and a piece of you
Was headed north to find the truth
Out on the highway

So, I drove up through Ohio
Where the snow came down on the fields like ghosts
Felt an aching deep in my bones
Out on the highway

Cause I'd rather be alone under a winter moon
Than with someone who doesn't inspire me like you
And I wouldn't settle for anything less
Than a flame that ignites a fire in my chest
Girl, you light a fire in my chest

She's not a spark
She's a wildfire
A supernova, a shooting star
A strange desire

Burning away the corners of my soul
Leaving me with this ache eternal
If she would have me, I'd be here to stay
Forever off of the Highway

Cause I'd rather be alone out in this empty room
Than with someone who doesn't inspire me like you
And I wouldn't settle for anything less
Than a flame that ignites a fire in my chest
Girl, you light a fire in my chest

If she would have me, I'd be hers to stay
Forever off the highway
One day I'll hold her, oh God I pray
Eternally be off the highway

Get Back North (I Miss You)

I'm tired of the ocean
I've lost my calling for the sea
The salt air and warm breeze
Do nothing anymore for me

Give me the snow and wasteland
It's not I'm cut out for the cold
But it's knowing where you are
Down Bay Street Boulevard
That makes it feel like home

Cause I miss you
Oh I miss you
It's the driving away
With all these words to say
When I want more

I remember the last night
And my heartbroken goodbye
The singing on the couch
Then stumbling from your house
Where tears run from my eyes

Cause all that I wanted
Was to hold you in my arms
To take away your shame
Help erase the pain
To find and kiss your scars

I miss you
Oh I miss you
I wanna turn this car around
Run it in the ground
To get back north

Cause when it all burns down
And you come back around
I'll be here to stay
I want to hold your heart
Through the dark
And I'll never walk away