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**THE FRENCH SESSIONS**



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# I DREAMED OF YOU

music & lyrics by *Valerie Ghent*

from one thousand years ago  
to one thousand years from now  
oh I, I,  
I dreamed of you

the silences we share  
words become unnecessary  
and we become aware  
of the magnitude of detail in a smile  
or a gesture of tenderness

we met a thousand years ago  
in another place another time  
when love was easier to show  
I think we recognized each other in a glance  
it only took a moment, just a moment, a moment to understand

I always dreamed of you  
I always believed you would come in to my life  
I dreamed of you  
I always believed you would come

you run your fingers through my hair  
such a simple indication that we've laid our souls bare  
there is nothing that could ever come between us  
how I melt how I melt with your caress

chorus

now I find you have shown  
what my soul has ever longed for  
to share my heart my breath my core  
with you, the one I've always known  
oh oh oh oh (3x)

chorus

from one thousand years ago  
to one thousand years from now  
oh I, I  
I dreamed of you

*Valerie Ghent: lead vocal, rhodes  
& backing vocals*

*Jérôme Buigues: bass, guitars*

*Pierre Sibille: synth, Hammond B3*

*Franck Taieb: drums*

*Nicolas Baudino: saxophone*

*Marc Borlet-Hôte: trumpet*

*John James: backing vocals*

*Alfa Anderson: backing vocals*

*Backing vocal arrangement by John James*

*Horn arrangement by Nicolas Baudino*

*Basic tracks & lead vocal recorded  
by Jérôme Buigues at Studio BLUES'UP*

*Organ recorded by Pierre Sibille  
at Studio BLUES'UP*

*Additional guitars recorded by*

*Jérôme Buigues at Studio La Reine Jeanne*

*Percussion recorded by Roc Isaacs at The Lab (Brooklyn)*

*Backing vocals recorded by Valerie Ghent at Above Asia (NYC)*







# LOVE DIVINE

music & lyrics by Valerie Ghent (ASCAP), Yoruba traditional chant  
Yoruba melody by Mano "Korani" Camara (SACCA)

You appear in the dark of night  
A shooting star across the heavens  
Sudden breath before morning light  
With your touch I reawaken

Burning fire when you're close to me  
No matter where, no matter how  
Out of time is it an ancient spell  
Calling me through the ages

In another life  
Did I love you more than once before  
in another time  
In another life  
Did we share a love a love so fine  
A love divine

Follow me to the golden sea  
Let it wash away our reason  
Only you and I alone can be  
Touch the heart of all we dream

Chorus

Babá fururú érééooo  
obata ñéñé  
é-lérífa o  
Eleyigbo réré o gba sa wo,  
Babá fururú érééooo  
Sé réré, Baba sé réré o  
Gbogbo la iña séréré o  
Sé réré, Baba sé réré o oo  
Gbogbo la iña séréré o

In another life O Bata! O Bata!  
Did I love you more than once before é-lérífa o  
In another time O ba ti gba-sa-wo-oo  
In another life Bara tiré Bara tiré té  
Did we share a love a love so fine  
A love divine

Bada Bara tiré é té A love divine  
Sé réré o ba ti gba-sa-wo-oo A love divine  
Gbogbo la iña séréré o A love divine  
Bara ti bara ti bara ti rété A love divine

In another life suma é a téya  
Did I love you more than once before a fa é a  
in another time  
In another life sara baba faya  
Did we share a love a love so fine  
A love divine

In another life Gbogbo la iña séréré o  
Did I love you more than once before  
In another time  
another life mm para para ti é té

Did we share a love a love so fine  
A love divine  
Love Divine  
hmmmm

VALERIE GHENT: LEAD VOCAL, RHODES, BACKING VOCALS  
MANO "KORANI" CAMARA: GUEST LEAD VOCAL  
JÉRÔME BUIGUES: GUITARS, BASS, SYNTH LOOP, BACKING VOCALS  
PHILIPPE JARDIN: DRUMS  
PIERRE SIBILLE: SYNTH  
BASHIRI JOHNSON: PERCUSSION

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LEAD VOCAL, GUITARS & BACKING VOCALS RECORDED BY JÉRÔME BUIGUES  
AT STUDIO DE LA REINE JEANNE  
PERCUSSION RECORDED BY ROC ISAACS AT THE LAB (BROOKLYN)







# GOOD THING GOING

music & lyrics by Alphonso Mizell, Berry Gordy Jr.  
Deke Richards, Freddie Perren



Oooh see that boy  
He does something to my chemistry  
And laid out close I'm sure  
He'd raise my temperature  
'bout three degrees

Everyday, everyday  
In every way he  
Makes my motor purr  
And I reciprocate  
My life I dedicate to lovin' him

For we've got a good thing going  
A real good thing going yeah  
That boy and me  
And I don't have to ask  
I know it's gonna last eternally

Understanding  
Whenever handing me the alibi  
cuz you know what to do  
where to go so what's the use  
in telling lies

Yeah we got a good thing going  
A real good thing going yeah  
That boy and me  
We've got it good, so let's get it on  
We got a good thing going  
That boy and me  
And we don't have to ask  
We know it's gonna last eternally

We got a good thing  
Yea we got a good thing going now

**VALERIE GHENT:** LEAD VOCAL, RHODES  
& BACKING VOCALS

**JÉRÔME BUIGUES:** GUITARS, BASS

**PIERRE SIBILLE:** KORG SYNTH

**FRANCK TAIEB:** DRUMS

**BASHIRI JOHNSON:** PERCUSSION

**JOHN JAMES:** BACKING VOCALS

**ALFA ANDERSON:** BACKING VOCALS

BACKING VOCAL ARRANGEMENT: **JOHN JAMES**

HORN ARRANGEMENT: **NICOLAS BAUDINO**

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BY **JÉRÔME BUIGUES** AT STUDIO BLUES'UP

PERCUSSION RECORDED BY **ROC ISAACS** AT THE LAB

BACKING VOCALS RECORDED

BY **VALERIE GHENT** AT ABOVE ASIA



# GOOD MORNING HEARTACHE

*music by Irene Higginbotham; lyrics by Ervin Drake, Dan Fisher*

Good morning heartache you old gloomy sight  
Good morning heartache thought we said goodbye last night  
I turned and tossed 'til it seemed you had gone  
But here you are with the dawn

Wish I'd forget you, but you're here to stay  
It seems I met you when my love went away  
Now everyday I start by saying to you  
Good morning heartache, what's new

Stop haunting me now  
Can't shake you nohow, just leave me alone  
I've got those Monday blues straight through Sunday blues

Good morning heartache here we go again  
Good morning heartache you're the one who knew me when  
Might as well get used to you hanging around  
Good morning heartache sit down

Stop haunting me now  
Can't shake you nohow just leave me alone  
I've got those Monday blues straight through Sunday blues

Good morning heartache here we go again  
Good morning heartache you're the one who knew me when  
Might as well get used to you hanging around  
Good morning heartache sit down

**VALERIE GHENT: LEAD VOCAL**  
**JÉRÔME BUIGUES: GUITAR, BASS**  
**PHILIPPE JARDIN: DRUMS**

*RECORDED BY JÉRÔME BUIGUES AT STUDIO BLUES'UP*



# REFRAIN DE MON ENFANCE

*music by Eugène Cavos, lyrics by Nick Frionnet & Christian Tison, 1954, Paris*

Dans la nuit un violon pleure  
Plus émouvant qu'une voix  
Troublante valse d'autrefois  
Ta mélodie longtemps demeure

C'est le refrain de mon enfance  
Qui vient chanter au jour naissant  
Bouquet des notes qui s'élance  
Du fond d'un rêve frémissant

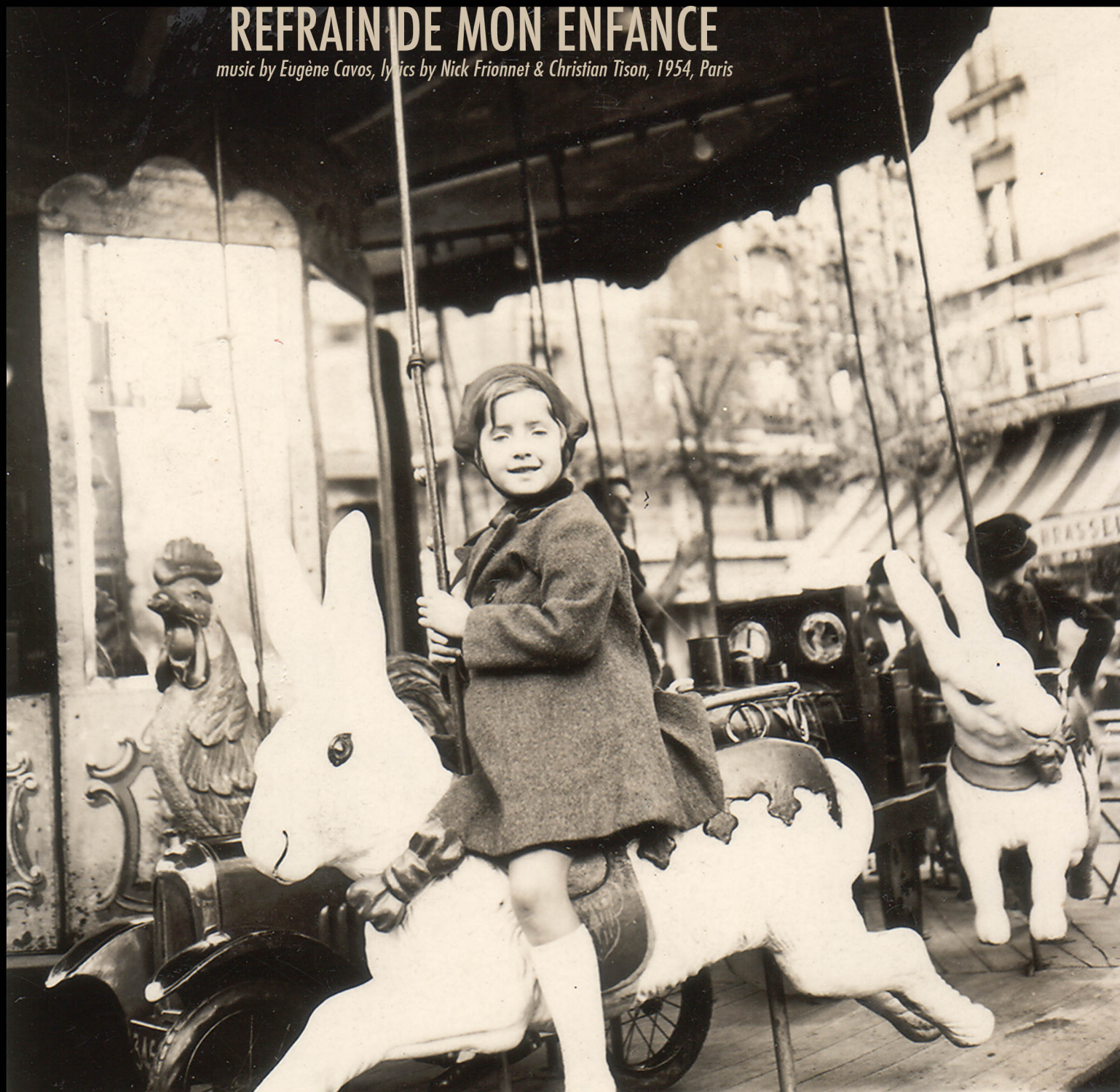
C'est le refrain de mon enfance  
Qui m'a bercé d'un tendre amour  
Un souvenir en mon cœur danse  
C'est le refrain de mes beaux jours

La nuit revient puis s'efface  
Nuit d'automne ou de printemps  
Mon cœur chantera bien longtemps  
Cette mélodie qui m'enlace

C'est le refrain de mon enfance  
Qui vient chanter au jour naissant  
Bouquet des notes qui s'élance  
Du fond d'un rêve frémissant

C'est le refrain de mon enfance  
Qui m'a bercé d'un tendre amour  
Un souvenir en mon cœur danse  
C'est le refrain de mes beaux jours  
Un souvenir en mon cœur danse  
Et c'est la valse de toujours!

**VALERIE GHENT: VOCAL**  
**JÉRÔME BUIGUES: GUITAR**  
**ELINA REALE: VIOLIN**





# ON & ON

music & lyrics by Valerie Ghent (ASCAP)

it always makes me nervous  
to see a cat on a ledge  
suppose a bird flew by  
tempting every sense  
oh I want to step in  
prevent tragedy  
if I could save that bird  
I'd save the cat in me

oh now baby go on  
leave winter behind and go  
on and on go on

it always makes me laugh  
to hear what people say  
when they don't really know the answer  
but want to act it anyway  
it's a fragile boat  
when the waters are sharp  
there's no protection  
from the shadows in my own heart

chorus  
forgive yourself for what you haven't done  
we've all got something to let go on and on

make no mistake  
too little too late  
just before you break  
it goes on and on

it always makes me sad  
to think of years misspent  
wrapped up in folly  
when my vision was bent  
I will never forget  
and maybe none of us do  
the very worst that I can be  
well that's a part of me too

chorus

on and on oh oh on and on



VALERIE GHENT: LEAD VOCAL, FENDER RHODES, KEYBOARDS, BACKING VOCALS

JÉRÔME BUIGUES: BASS, GUITAR

PIERRE SIBILLE: HARMONICA, SYNTH

FRANCK TAIEB: DRUMS

BASHIRI JOHNSON: PERCUSSION

ALFA ANDERSON: BACKING VOCALS

KEITH FLUITT: BACKING VOCALS

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AT SOULTUNE STUDIOS (FRANCE)

PERCUSSION RECORDED BY ROC ISAACS AT THE LAB (BROOKLYN)  
BACKING VOCALS RECORDED BY STEVE ADDABBO AT SHELTER ISLAND SOUND (NYC)  
ADDITIONAL BACKING VOCALS RECORDED BY VALERIE GHENT AT JAM ON IT (NYC)





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# GET FUNKAY

music by **Valerie Ghent & Jérôme Buigues**

lyrics by **Valerie Ghent**

**VALERIE GHENT:** LEAD VOCAL, KEYBOARDS, RHODES,  
CLAVINET, ORGAN, BACKING VOCALS  
**JÉRÔME BUIGUES:** BASS, GUITARS, ORGAN, CLAVINET  
**PIERRE SIBILLE:** SYNTH  
**FRANCK TAIEB:** DRUMS  
**BASHIRI JOHNSON:** PERCUSSION  
**KEITH FLUITT:** BACKING VOCALS  
**MARC BORLET-HÔTE:** TRUMPET  
**NICOLAS BAUDINO:** SAXOPHONE  
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BACKING VOCALS ARRANGED BY VALERIE GHENT & KEITH FLUITT  
HORN ARRANGEMENT: NICOLAS BAUDINO

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BACKING VOCALS, ORGAN, CLAVINET RECORDED BY VALERIE GHENT  
AT JAM ON IT STUDIOS & ABOVE ASIA STUDIOS (NYC)  
PERCUSSION RECORDED BY ROC ISSACS  
AT THE LAB (BROOKLYN)  
ADDITIONAL KEYBOARDS RECORDED BY JÉRÔME BUIGUES  
AT STUDIO LA REINE JEANNE (FRANCE)

Do you wanna have fun  
Do you wanna know how  
Do you wanna just let go  
Let it all hang out  
Do you wanna get close to me  
Before I show you how  
Well I got one question now

Do you wanna get funkay  
Do you wanna get funkay  
Do you wanna get funkay come on  
Hey yea (3x)

Do you wanna be free  
Free to be yourself  
You know that deep down part  
You don't ever let out  
Do you wanna open all the doors  
Before I show you how  
Well I got one question

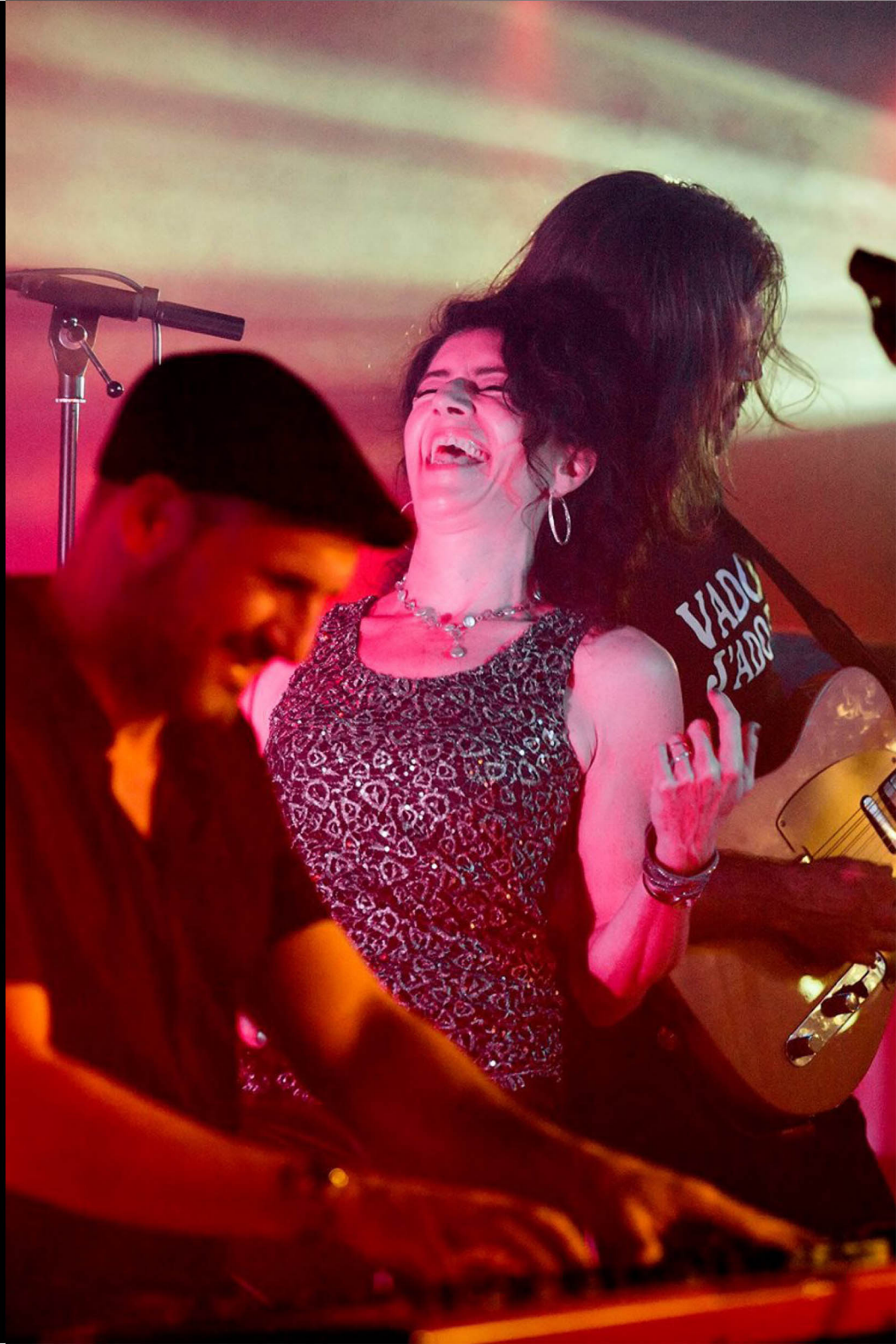
chorus

Do you want to climb mountains  
Reach the highest heights  
Dive off the precipice  
In the morning light  
Do you want to know how far  
Just how far you'll go  
That's all I want to know  
That's all I  
That's all I want  
That's all I want to know

Let go - feeey your soul

Do you wanna get funkay  
Do you wanna get funkay now

Free Your Soul  
Free Your Soul











# MR. WRONG

*music by Valerie Ghent & Jérôme Buigues  
lyrics by Valerie Ghent*

My mama done tol' me  
When I was a little girl  
Don't give your heart away  
For rubies and pearls  
Then I met this man  
He treated me so right  
He gave me diamonds  
But he already had a wife

Oh mama mama mama  
You were right all along  
Will I ever find me a man  
Who is not Mr. Wrong

My mama done tol' me  
Late one night  
Be careful of nice men  
Who stay out 'til mornin light  
Then I met this man  
He was sweet and kind  
He came home early  
But he was drunk on whiskey and rye

Chorus

My mama done tol' me  
When I got to be older  
Don't you stay with a man  
Who can't hold his liquor  
Then I found me a man  
He loved fine red wine  
How could I know  
That he didn't have a dime

Chorus

Will I ever – ever – ever – ever  
Will I ever find me a man  
Who is not Mr. Wrong

**VALERIE GHENT: LEAD VOCAL**  
**JÉRÔME BUIGUES: BASS, GUITARS**  
**PIERRE SIBILLE: KEYBOARDS, HAMMOND B3**  
**FRANCK TAIEB: DRUMS**

**BASIC TRACKS & LEAD VOCAL RECORDED BY**  
**JÉRÔME BUIGUES AT STUDIO BLUESUP**  
**B3 RECORDED BY PIERRE SIBILLE AT STUDIO BLUESUP**  
**ADDITIONAL GUITARS RECORDED BY JÉRÔME BUIGUES**  
**AT STUDIO LA REINE JEANNE**





I turn around  
look each way  
there is no exit  
You are gone  
I am here  
I run the gauntlet  
of missing you

The other day  
I played a tape  
and I heard your voice  
calling me

now I'm Phased  
without your love  
Phased  
without your love

I always knew without you  
I would not fathom  
How many ways  
you knew my soul  
and how you wrapped up  
all my secrets  
all my secrets yea  
all my secrets  
and all my dreams

chorus

I'm turning I'm turning I'm turning around  
lookin for you  
you cannot be found (3x)  
I'm turning I'm turning I'm turning around

Phased  
Phased  
oh I am Phased  
Phased (5x)  
oh now now Phased  
Phased phased phased

# PHASED

*music & lyrics by*  
**Valerie Ghent**

VALERIE GHENT: LEAD VOCAL,  
KEYBOARDS, RHODES  
JÉRÔME BUIGUES: BASS, GUITAR  
PIERRE SIBILLE: HARMONICA, SYNTH  
FRANCK TAIEB: DRUMS  
BASHIRI JOHNSON: PERCUSSION

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PERCUSSION RECORDED BY  
ROC ISAACS AT THE LAB (BROOKLYN)





# LINGER

music & lyrics by *Valerie Ghent* (ASCAP)

Linger a little longer  
it gets stronger the longer you stay  
and oh I can't help feeling this way  
Wonder this spell I'm under  
in the glow I feel bold yet unsure  
oh I can't explain this strange allure

Raindrops falling  
night is calling  
let's take in the view  
and linger a little longer  
me and you

Tender - do you remember  
can't forget how we met long ago  
oh under the moon your eyes were aglow

I am certain  
one thing's true  
I hear music when I am with you  
oh the rush of the day fades to blue

Night is falling  
stars are calling  
let's turn down the light  
and linger a little longer  
tonight

So many memories  
linger from before  
I don't want to rush  
but when we touch  
my heart wants more  
Pull me closer  
Hold me tight

I am certain  
one thing's true  
I hear music when I am with you  
oh the rest of the world  
fades to blue

Night has fallen  
moonlight's callin'  
come and take my hand  
and linger a little longer  
wonder this spell we're under  
linger a little longer  
tonight  
tonight

*VALERIE GHENT: VOCAL*  
*JÉRÔME BUIGUES: GUITAR*  
*DAVE EGGAR: CELLO*  
*KATIE KRESEK: VIOLIN, VIOLA*

*STRING QUARTET ARRANGEMENT BY JÉRÔME BUIGUES*  
*GUITAR & VOCAL RECORDED BY JÉRÔME BUIGUES AT STUDIO BLUES'UP (FRANCE)*  
*STRING QUARTET RECORDED BY STEVE ADDABBO AT SHELTER ISLAND SOUND (NYC)*



# LOVE WILL KEEP ME STRONG

music & lyrics by *Valerie Ghent*

Thunder clouds build on the horizon  
The wind speaks in foreign tongue  
In this darkening light  
Restless fear lingers in the air

I'm a morning dove in flight  
Looking for sanctuary  
A place to rest my wings  
But the sky closes in on me  
I fly alone in spirals

Torn inside  
All I want is to heal the fright  
I've lost my inner guide  
Yet I believe

Your love will keep me strong and fearless  
When I feel I can't go on you dry my tears  
Your love will keep me strong and fearless  
When I feel there's nowhere I belong  
Your love will keep me strong  
Your love will keep me strong

In the eye of the storm  
Your gaze  
Strips and leaves me bare  
I am trapped in a maze  
Show me how to begin again

Torn inside  
All I want is to heal the fright  
I've lost my inner guide  
Yet I believe

chorus

Without you by my side I've lost all strength  
I'm breaking down  
Down to the end  
Down to the end of it all

Love will keep me - Your love will keep me strong  
Love will keep me - keep me strong  
Love will keep me - keep me strong  
Love will keep me - and fearless  
Keep me strong - Your love will keep me strong

Keep me strong  
Keep me strong  
Keep me strong

*VALERIE GHENT: LEAD VOCAL, KEYBOARDS,  
BASS, BACKING VOCALS*  
*JÉRÔME BUIGUES: GUITAR, BASS*  
*PIERRE SIBILLE: HARMONICA, KORG SYNTH*  
*FRANCK TAIEB: DRUMS*  
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*BACKING VOCALS RECORDED BY VALERIE GHENT AT ABOVE ASIA STUDIOS (NYC)*  
*PERCUSSION RECORDED BY ROC ISAACS AT THE LAB (BROOKLYN)*



# SITTING ON TOP OF THE WORLD

*music & lyrics by Walter Vinson & Lonnie Chatmon*

One summer day  
He went away  
He went and left me  
He went to stay  
But now he's gone and I don't worry  
'Cuz I'm sitting on top of the world

He called me up  
from down El Paso  
He said baby  
oh I miss you so  
But now he's gone and I don't worry  
'Cuz I'm sitting on top of the world

If you don't like my peaches  
Don't shake my tree  
Get out of my orchard  
Let my peaches be  
My baby's gone but I ain't worried  
'Cuz I'm sitting on top of the world

One of these days  
He gonna call me  
He's gonna stay  
And I'll be gone  
Then I'll be gone and I don't worry  
'Cuz I'm sitting on top of the world  
'Cuz I'm sitting on top of the world

And now he's gone but I don't worry  
Cuz I'm sitting on top of the world





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