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10. **Magical Christmas** 3:22

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AWESOME MUSICIANS ON THIS RECORD:

Guy Erez – bass, acoustic guitars, electric guitars, programming, keyboards
Shai Shaashua - engineering, programming
Ryan Hoyle – drums on “Weight of the World” and “Unbalanced”
Dorian Crozier – drums on “You Make Me Beautiful”
Nick Baker – additional percussion
Bruce Kulick – guest guitars on “Killing My Dream”
Ben Eisen – guest bass on “You Make Me Beautiful”
Shannon Hurley – additional keys on “You Make Me Beautiful”
Marina V – vocals and piano
Snapping/laughing/talking on “Magical Christmas”: Nick, Guy, Shai & Marina.
Good times & Russian chocolates were had by all ☺

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A big Russian-American hug, see you at the shows!!

Marina :)

YOU MAKE ME BEAUTIFUL

I can't help hearing the lies
I can't help letting them inside
These words have gotten me low
and got me high

You stand and guard at my door
Allowing me to be more than what they say
Allowing me to be strong and live my way

**You make me beautiful
Believing in me
You make me beautiful
And deep within I find the best side of myself
I know no one else
Makes me feel beautiful like you**

My dreams are never too wild
My words are never laughed off or brushed aside
You make me feel like a star
that's not outshined

**You make me beautiful
Believing in me
You make me beautiful
And deep within I find the best side of myself
I know no one else
Makes me feel beautiful...**

**Beautiful
And deep within I find the best side of myself
I know nobody else
Makes me feel beautiful like you**

THURSDAY SONG

Say what's on your mind
Don't worry about consequence
Don't worry about time

Say what's in your soul
Tell me your everything
I want to know

I won't turn my back on you
Won't turn my back on you
I'll listen carefully, I'll listen carefully

**And I will be
I will be
I will be here for you
Here for me**

Stand, stand by me now
You'll be my hero
Don't worry about how

Let, let it all go
Don't hang on to anything
Don't do it for show

I won't turn my back on you
Won't turn my back on you
I'll make you proud of me
You'll be so proud of me

**I will be
I will be
I will be here for you
Here for me**

BLUE FOR YOU

What am I supposed to do
 What am I supposed to do
 If all I feel is, all I feel is blue, blue, blue

How am I supposed to feel, tell me,
 What am I supposed to do
 If all I want is, all I want is you, you, you

It's you, and no one else, no one else
 Can set my soul on fire
 You can see right through my layers
 And you get me so high

**I can't stand, I can't take
 A minute without you
 I can't sleep and I can't fake
 The way my body aches for you**

What am I supposed to do
 What am I supposed to do
 If all I see is, all I feel is blue, blue, blue

It's you, and no one else, no one else
 Can set my soul on fire
 You can see right through my layers
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**I can't stand, I can't take
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What am I supposed to do
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 If all I want is, all I want is you

MY STAR

Flames, they die
And candles flicker
It rains, it shines
The pace, it quickens
And you and I
We just don't speak enough

Days are weeks, and weeks are months
Friends may leave, but don't give up
One will always be there when it's dark
You'll see that

**when the sun goes down
I'll be there if you fall
My star, most beautiful of all**

Flowers bloom, and flowers wither
Winter snow becomes a river
And you and I are blowing in the wind wildly

**But when the sun goes down
I'll be there if you fall
My star, most beautiful of all**

Flames, they die
And candles flicker
It rains, it shines
The pace, it quickens
And you and I will find there's light enough, you'll see that

**when the sun goes down
I'll be there if you fall
My star, most beautiful of all**

KILLING MY DREAM

Never thought that I could break in two
 but you have shown me
 You have always told me I could count on you
 but where did you go?

I'm dreaming of yesterday
 dreams won't hold me down
 as you push me away

**Am I really alone
 right next to you?
 or am I chasing a ghost
 of what I once thought was true?
 Don't worry, everything's fine with me
 I won't let on that you're killing my dream
 Killing my dream**

Never thought that I could hurt so much
 but you have shown me
 you have always told me I should play it tough
 but how can I pretend?

I'm dreaming of yesterday
 Oh, I know the truth
 Still too scared to be brave

**Am I really alone
 right next to you?
 or am I chasing a ghost
 of what I once thought was true?
 Don't worry, everything's fine with me
 I won't let on that you're killing my dream
 Killing my dream**

*So now it's done, tell me
 does it make you feel right
 To be the one to break me down inside?*

DON'T CRY

*written by Saul Hudson, Izzy Stradlin, W. Axl Rose & Duff McKagan;
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*Talk to me softly
There is something in your eyes
Don't hang your head in sorrow
And please don't cry
I know how you feel inside
I've been there before
Something is changing inside you
And don't you know*

***Don't you cry tonight
I still love you baby
Don't you cry tonight
Don't you cry tonight
There's a heaven above you baby
And don't you cry tonight***

*Give me a whisper
And give me a sign
Give me a kiss before you
tell me goodbye
Don't you take it so hard now
And please don't take it so bad
I'll still be thinking of you
And the times we had*

REPEAT CHORUS

*And please remember that I never lied
And please remember how I felt inside now honey
You gotta make it your own way
But you'll be alright now sugar
You'll feel better tomorrow
Come the morning light now baby*

And don't you cry tonight

UNBALANCED

On days like this
 I can find no rest
 And I'm wandering without purpose
 I can't concentrate
 I stay up late
 I forget about my coffee
 And I wanna know why I'm lying here
 and my mind is racing..

**I gotta find some peace
 Make sense of all of this
 Find myself in this madness
 I need no escape
 Just want to understand
 Why I feel so unbalanced
 I just want to know why**

I need some help
 But I don't know where
 I don't know which rock to turn over
 So I ask my mom
 I ask my friends
 But they're more screwed up than I am
 And I wanna know why I'm stressing here
 And my mind is breaking

REPEAT CHORUS

*And I wanna know why I'm really here
 And everything I do, does it matter, does it mean a thing?
 I need a magic key
 To help unlock this power buried deep inside of me...*

And I am lying here
 And my soul is bleeding

WEIGHT OF THE WORLD

I walk around and watch the people pass me by
I often wonder what they're hiding there, behind those smiles
Cause eyes don't lie

Why, why do we feel we're all alone
In this universe, squeezing soul blood from a stone
God, I'm so alone, we're both alone

**No one ever understands
The way you're feeling
No one ever shares their pain
It's just too revealing
So we keep it all to ourselves
Always stuck in our shells
When we could lift
The weight of the world**

Stop. Stop what you're doing, look around
Look into their eyes, maybe a part of you is found in there
And maybe you'll sleep tight

**No one ever understands
The way you're feeling
No one ever shares their pain
It's just too revealing
So we keep it all to ourselves
Always stuck in our shells
When we could lift
The weight of the world**

No matter where you may be tonight,
You're not alone, no, you're not alone...

**No one ever understands
The way you're feeling
No one ever shares their pain
It's just too revealing
So we keep it all to ourselves
Always stuck in our shells
When we could, we could lift
The weight of the world**

TONKAYA RYABINA
Russian traditional

MAGICAL CHRISTMAS

I wish for you a magical Christmas this year
I wish for you a magical Christmas this year

Put your worries aside
And take a sleigh ride with friends
Let your spirit take flight
Until you're a child again...

I wish for you a magical Christmas this year
I wish for you a magical Christmas this year

Find the magic inside you
There's nothing to hide from here
Let the joy of the season
Take over the reason now

I wish for you a magical Christmas this year
I wish for you a magical Christmas this year