

LYRICS

# PAINLESS

THE OPIOID MUSICAL



# HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO ME?

SONG LYRICS —

Another meeting that they call us to  
What's it today?  
Another lab about addiction  
Cool.  
Wasn't that last friday?

Every week a different case of  
"shoulda done it better"  
"don't be like me"  
Every week a new assignment  
And now they come and complain to us  
Impassionately

How does this apply to me?  
Good kid good grades  
Except one c.  
How does this matter?  
Do they want to make us sad?  
Or feel sorry?  
I mean I do!!  
But it's just that we have places to be!

Oo wah

Another chance for them to waste our time  
"hey drugs are bad"  
We know.  
I'm working hard and I'm doing fine  
And yet they preach to me like they're my mom and  
dad

Oh! Every week a different case of  
"don't go down that path"  
"are you choosing the right friends?"  
Every week a new assignment  
On how the means don't justify the ends

How does this apply to me?  
Good group, good life!  
Guys, seriously!!

What are they proving?  
They won't stop what we're doing  
A drink or smoke on weekends  
And that's it!  
Guaranteed!

So stop with the teachings,  
Agendas, the preaching  
And get us to where we need to be!  
Oo wah  
Oo wah  
Oo wah

How does this matter?  
Oo wah  
How does this matter?  
Oo wah  
How does this matter?  
Oo wah  
This doesn't matter!

How does this apply to me?  
This doesn't matter!  
How does this apply to me?  
This doesn't matter!  
This does not apply to me!

# PAINLESS

SONG LYRICS —

Coach said to play the game right  
To swing and to always push through  
My dad said to keep the ball down your sight  
And that “son, schools will be on their knees for you.”

Mom said I was a beauty to see  
A marvelously unique kid  
I lived for eighteen whole years  
Doing nothing I ever was told was forbid

But I’m trying something new  
Something to numb and make sure I make do

I could be painless  
I could be painless  
Though the world seems aimless  
I found a way  
To make the pain go away  
A life lead painlessly  
Yes, that’s the life for me

My son was gonna aim for the stars  
To show everybody who his parents are  
But one day, he finds a cure for the ache  
A pill he can pop to guarantee he’ll go far

And we don’t know what to do  
They’re hooked and they’re numb and they don’t have  
a clue

I could be painless  
He was destined for greatness!  
I could be painless  
Can nobody save us?  
It makes me feel weightless!

There is a way  
Is there a way?  
To make the pain go away  
To make it go away?  
To finally feel free  
Can we set them free?  
That feels better to me  
You don’t need to be

A life lived painlessly  
Painless!  
Painlessly!  
Painlessly!  
These are the lives you’ll see.

## LITTLE WHITE PILL

## SONG LYRICS —

I have never loved something so much  
 I have never loved something so much  
 So I missed the game, who cares, so what?  
 Rushin' through my brain, stuck in a rut  
 I have never loved something, oh...

Started out as a highschool freshie  
 Cocky; thinkin' I was better than the rest, see?  
 Cause I could play ball like no other  
 I was tearin' up the field and I was swingin' like a  
 slugger and I  
 Smoked a little weed from the age of 13  
 Because everybody did it and I wanted to be seen  
 I hung with the guys that my mom didn't like  
 Hung with the girl that I loved each night'

'assumed I was set, had a beautiful life  
 Turned down full rides, for a beautiful wife  
 But the love didn't last, had a breakup fight  
 And the pain so deep, cut like a knife  
 And a friend said "Man, what she did ain't right  
 But if you take this pill, you'll be high as a kite"  
 And I wanted to be numb, I wasn't fit for my frown  
 And I wish I never did it but I washed it down  
 And ooh...

I have never loved something so much  
 I have never loved something so much  
 So I missed the game, who cares, so what?  
 Rushin' through my brain, stuck in a rut  
 Drownin' in my skin, where can I hide?  
 Mirror on the wall shows yellow eyes  
 Man it's getting cold, not just outside  
 Man I'm feeling old for twenty five

Took a turn and it caused some friction  
 Stealing from my mom, couldn't fund my addiction  
 Blacked out, took the cash out, heard a shout  
 "you can have a twenty but I'm kicking you out"  
 A little white pill went from one to zero  
 And I wish that was it, what a sober hero  
 But I went and bought a needle, said I never would  
 shoot  
 It's the price of the vice, what a logical route

I had no control, I was feelin' sour  
 I had lost my home and I had lost my power  
 So the only way was down, couldn't ask for help  
 Cause I truly believed it was good for my health  
 Take it away? Then it would all come back  
 All the wasted opportunity I'd have to unpack  
 So I tied up my arm, then I took a deep breath  
 And I thought it was relief - I was playing with death  
 But ooh...

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I could be painless  
 I have never loved something so much  
 Painless  
 I have never loved something so much  
 Painless  
 I have never loved something so much  
 And I will never love something so much

# HEY MR. DOC

SONG LYRICS —

Hey mr. Doc I'll tell you what's going on  
I got a crick in my back that's got me feeling all wrong  
There's a tingle in my spine I got from standing in line  
At the beauty show I'm in, ya know  
I'm feeling just fine

But you say you got something to take this pain away?  
I wouldn't say no if you wanna make my whole day  
Without your generosity, I couldn't strive to be the  
queen  
Of michigan, yeah this again should happen next week

Hey mr. Doctor,  
Yeah hey mr. Doc, yeah  
Throughout all this misfortune, you knew I don't need  
a surgeon  
So thank you mr. Doctor, yeah  
For being my rock.

Hey! Mr. Doc, I don't know how to say this  
I got an irritated ankle and a twitch in my wrist  
Last night in town I fell right down while wearing my  
new sequin gown  
And now I'm scared I can't compete and  
Well you get the gist

But if you'd be a dear, there is a fix I hear  
An antidote that fixed my winning season last year  
Don't worry doc, I know the drill, I'll only take a single  
pill  
And suddenly the way I'll win this pageant is clear

Hey mr. Doctor,  
Yeah hey mr. Doc, yeah  
Thanks for your assistance, this'll really go the distance  
So thank you mr. Doctor,  
Now first place is a lock.

# THE BOY IN THE BOX

SONG LYRICS —

Picture frames  
Framing old remains  
Of lives I'd forgot I lived  
Nintendo games  
And missing names  
With faces that cause a rift

Stuck in cardboard boxes  
Drenched in mold and dust  
My body's sick and shaking but my  
Mind's in wanderlust

Torn movie stubs  
Signs for school clubs  
And my picture with whitey ford  
A boy in bathtubs  
His friend jacob's  
Old tony hawk skateboard

Where'd the boy in  
All these photos go?  
I lurch in pain  
I guess I'll never know

But he looks at me and says you'll be okay  
He smiles at me so modestly it's almost a cliché  
With no doubts about who he is, what he'll be  
No complications or bad history  
Just smiling in his dad's old corduroy  
So why do I not recognize this boy?

His first school dance  
And that knowing glance  
Saying he would come out on top  
When he took a chance  
Two weeks in advance  
With time off from the truck stop

A perfect night by candlelight with her  
When she taught him how to truly be mature

Now he looks at me and memories of it fade  
He smiles at me so modestly and I just feel afraid  
He has no idea what he'll become, who he'll be

Clueless of problems and bad history  
Just smiling in his dad's old corduroy  
And I find that I start to hate this boy  
And so I reach  
And then I rip those old polaroids  
And watch as they drift from my hands to the floor  
I start to sweat  
And then I feel that I need my fix

Looking, I'm looking and throwing the pictures  
Trying to get to the bottom at last  
Dozens of scrapbooks and books filled with scripture  
Stand in between me and all of her cash

I see a box  
A smaller box  
And I lengthen my arm  
And imagine the high  
As I pry the thing open  
And see what's inside

is my box. In it was the funeral service my mom had  
prepared for me. Waiting.

And he looks at me and asks if I'm okay  
He smiles at me so modestly as I read words in gray  
We thank you for gathering  
To honor my son  
I still imagine  
What he could have done  
That driven kid in his dad's corduroy

I can't believe how much she missed her boy!

And I look at him and tears fill up my eyes  
My heart beats fast and then I realize  
My mom finally gave up for the long hall  
She sat there and waited expecting the call  
And I curse the day that all of this began  
How that dream filled boy became this man

But I start to recognize that corduroy  
And pray someday I'll be more like that boy.

# HEY MR. DOC (REPRISE)

SONG LYRICS —

Hey mr. Doc!  
Look I don't know what to do  
I'm in excruciating pain and my last hope is you  
No, I've never felt this way before, my boyfriend threw  
me to the floor  
And ripped my dress and broke my crown, and all out  
of the blue!

Without something to help me out and numb the pain,  
well then I doubt  
I'll ever have a season I can tell my dying mom about  
Doc I know you studied hard, to heal the hurt in your  
backyard  
I beg and plead you'll help me get out of this drought

So hey mr. Doctor  
Yeah hey mr. Doc, yeah  
With your stethoscope and coat, I know that you're my  
only hope  
And if after all of this you said nope, I'd be shocked.

I have never loved something so much  
I have never loved something so much  
I have never loved something so much  
And I will never love something so much so

Hey mr. Doc, I'll do whatever you want  
I've got a craving, I need saving, you're my one  
confidant  
I was up all night feeling alright until the sweats came  
and the fight  
It busted loose, I've no excuse, I need some stuff or it's  
no use

I know I'll never see my mom or dad again  
My pageant days are over and I've lost every friend  
But with a pill or some powder, I could pay you by the  
hour  
Look if I don't get my fix then this might really be the  
end

So hey mr. Doctor  
Yeah hey mr. Doc, yeah  
I'll do anything, I'll dance and sing, I'll be your puppet  
on a string  
Just give me what I'm looking for and then we can talk

Hey mr. Doctor  
Hey mr. Doc, yeah  
Hey mr. Doctor  
Thank you for always having what I need in stock  
Yeah, thanks, mr. Doc

# LIE TO ME

SONG LYRICS —

The patient's in  
They look my way  
I ask how they've been  
And of course they'll say

"here's what went wrong,  
Here are my problems  
There's stuff with my mom"  
And I watch as it blossoms to

Hey doc! Ya know I need some help  
I've heard there are things you can do  
And I'm forced into a game of hide and seek  
With the highest stakes if I lose

I think they  
Lie to me  
Thinking I won't  
Try and see  
The way they don't entertain solutions  
But pills and vicodin  
Through all of their delusions  
They don't stop when  
They've clearly shown their cards  
I'm ahead of them by yards  
And send them home

And now I'm alone  
And I think

Where've they been?  
What have they been doing?  
And what if I'm wrong?  
Yes, the spiral starts ensuing

'cause I ask myself this every time I say no  
It's hard not to resist  
When it's all touch and go

Hey doc! You'd be better get some help  
Because at times I don't know what to do  
I hate this stupid game of hide and seek  
Because it's hard making decisions off of every little  
clue

I swear they  
Lie to me  
Thinking I won't try to see  
The way they ask for oxycontin by name  
Or how their pain is a ten  
They act the same as they complain again  
They've clearly shown their cards  
I'm ahead of them by yards

And I send them home  
Now I'm alone

And in sets the reality  
The chain of events that's right in front of me  
They tell me the awful way that they feel  
And there's just no way for me to know if it's real

And it's horrifying for me to claim this  
But if it's real then I could make them painless  
I could make them painless

But then what if they're lying?  
What if I'm writing  
A future young addict who's constantly fighting  
For bigger thrills, taking plenty more pills  
And it's these fears that keep me up at night with chills

The doubt sets in  
And I repeat this over and over again

I think they  
Lie to me  
No matter what I see  
My judgements flawed,  
I grin and nod  
My conscience breaks under this facade  
I don't have any cards  
I falling by yards

And then I'm left alone  
And then I head back home  
And maybe not consciously  
But to clear my conscience I guarantee  
I did nothing wrong.  
Yes I lie to me.



# A PILL FROM JESSE

SONG LYRICS —

Jesse says his mom just got knee surgery  
Doo doo doo doo doo doo  
Jesse says she got some pills  
That's what he tells me  
That's what he tells me!

Jesse wants to buy a new guitar  
Jesse sneaks some pills out from her jar  
And sells them for a fee  
So apparently  
I could get a pill from jesse!

Doo doo doo doo  
I could get a pill from jesse!

Molly says she knows a guy out in D.C.  
Doo doo doo doo doo  
Molly says he comes in town pretty frequently  
He comes town frequently!

Molly says this guy can sell it all  
Molly has the number you could call  
But if life is getting testy  
And you don't want to get messy  
Get a pill from jesse!

Doo doo doo doo  
I could get a pill from jesse!  
Robert plays football, all star varsity  
Robert has to get some help, though  
Secretly.

He needs help secretly!  
Robert sometimes lies to his uncle john  
Robert takes his morphine when he's gone  
And does it casually  
But when his uncle isn't free  
He could get a pill from jesse!

Doo doo doo doo  
I could get a pill from jesse!  
Doo doo doo doo  
And getting it is easy  
Doo doo doo doo

That's how this applies to me!  
The problem:  
It's too easy  
It's us.

# SLIPPING AWAY

SONG LYRICS —

Oh, I'm going down  
I'm falling apart  
I'm starting to drown  
I want to restart

The feeling's familiar  
I've been here before  
I've struggled in silence  
But not anymore

Cause I found a cure  
For the blues  
You know that percocet,  
Vyvanse, or xanax will do

They're not hard to find  
Just takes a lie  
"Doc, there's an ache in my back  
In the base of my spine"

And soon I'm  
Slipping away  
All at once I'm forgetting  
My horrible day  
And all that's upsetting  
Now I'm freed from the fear  
And I'm freed from the sorrow  
Like god's in my ear  
Saying, "Face life tomorrow"  
But for today,  
I'm slipping away  
I'm slipping away  
I'm slipping away

I made every game  
I owned the front row  
I'd shout out his name  
And see his face glow  
He would be a pro  
If it weren't for his knee  
Pills for the pain, one a day turned to three  
And that was the start of complacency  
How do I reach you to say

I see you  
Slipping away

Can you hear me? I'm calling  
I'm here for the catch  
But you're fixed on the falling

Your mother is here  
I keep giving and giving  
But what more can I give  
If you give up on living?

Slipping away  
I can feel myself falling  
Slipping away  
I'm too weak to keep calling  
Slipping away

My fever's not breaking  
And mom, I am shaking  
Please make it okay

I'm slipping away.  
How did you slip away?  
I'm slipping away.  
How did you slip away?  
I'm slipping away.  
Please don't slip away!

I could be painless  
I could be painless  
I could be painless  
Nothing is painless

SONG #10 —

# LITTLE WHITE PILL (REPRISE)

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SONG LYRICS —

Hope  
Hope  
A light crashed in  
Got clean, still clean, finally feeling my skin  
Call it x-I-I like the roman numeral  
12 steps that I take to dodge my own funeral

One, I'm a slave to the drug  
I admit it  
Two, but the world came alive when I quit it  
Three, four, take an inventory  
And five, six, seven give way to glory

Eight, to the people that hate who I became  
Make amends  
Nine, ten, say goodbye to shame  
Turning up a new leaf with 11 and 12  
I'm a meditated man, I'm controlling myself

Still, I grapple with the pain  
And I grieve what is gone  
But I own my mistakes  
And I keep moving on

It's a rough and tumble road that I've already drivin'  
But I got a clear view and I'm grate-ful to be livin',  
singin'

I have never loved something so much  
I have never loved something so much  
Once I missed the game, who cares, so what?  
Now I take the blame, keep that door shut  
Finally in my skin, no need to hide  
Mirror on the wall shows innocent eyes  
Babe it's getting cold, let's go inside  
Man I'm feelin' young for 35

SONG #11 —

# PAINLESS (FINALE)

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SONG LYRICS —

I could be painless

Since 1999, almost 1 million americans have died from drug overdoses, and sadly opioid overdoses have increased during the covid pandemic.

I could be painless

Most people who inject heroin start by misusing prescription pain medicines, which are opioids.

Between 1994 and 2007, the rate of prescriptions for painkillers nearly doubled, leading into what we now refer to as “the opioid epidemic.”

Some people with chronic pain benefit from their prescription opioids. Their pain is real and their stories are different from those you’ve heard here.

Opioid use disorder is a disease, not a moral failing.

Healthy recovery is possible.

If we could live life painfully maybe we could tame this disease

We can’t avoid pain. But we can try to avoid suffering.

We pass on these stories. And together we can:

Tame this disease