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PAINLESS

THE OPIOID MUSICAL

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SONG #1 _

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!

SONG #2 _
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.

SONG #3 _

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...

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?
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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

SONG #4 _
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.

SONG #5 _

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.

SONG # 6 _

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 my 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

SONG #7 _
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.

SONG # 8 _

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.

SONG #9 _
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

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)

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 #10 _
PAINLESS (FINALE)

SONG LYRICS _

I could be painless

Since 1999, more than 1 million Americans died of drug overdoses. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, that number has only gone up.

I could be painless

Most people who inject heroin or use fentanyl start by misusing prescription painkillers, which are opioids.

Today, drug dealers can mix dangerous substances like fentanyl and cocaine in with illegal pills, increasing the risk for overdose and death from a single pill.

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

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