

Julia Jacklin - PRE PLEASURE

TRACKLIST:

Lydia Wears A Cross
Love, Try Not To Let Go
Ignore Tenderness
I Was Neon
Too In Love To Die
Less Of A Stranger
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Magic
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LYDIA WEARS A CROSS

Seated in rows
knees and eyes closed I felt pretty
in the shoes and the dress
confused by the rest could he hear me?
lydia wears a cross
says she's never gonna take it off
we sit back to back
listening to jesus christ
superstar soundtrack

*I'd be a believer
if it was all just song and dance
I'd be a believer
if I thought we had a chance*

eyes to the board
thoughts to our lord
we were praying for
princess diana
miss brown was keeping score
viviens holding on
but singing every single word wrong
on the parade float
just a child in a leotard beneath a technicolour dream coat

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the line up, the quiet
the bleeding heart divided
forgive me, forgive me, forgive me go on now you try it

we sung "welcome to the family"
arms raised, at every assembly
little sirens singing their songs

where have the babies gone?

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LOVE, TRY NOT TO LET GO

love, love is all that I want now
love, love is all that I want now
oh love, oh love
time, time to figure some things out
give me time, time to figure some things out
oh time, oh time

*the echo of my hometown
the things I never said
consumes the space between me
and everyone I left
try not to let go
try not to let go
try not to let go
try not to let go*

love, love is all that I want now
can I give my love to everyone somehow
oh love, oh love

*the echo of that party
the night I lost my voice
the silence that surrounds it no longer feels like a choice
I need you to believe me when I say I find it hard
to keep myself from floating away
I will, try not to let go
try not to let go
try not to let go
try not to let go*

oh love

IGNORE TENDERNESS

I've been trying to
be turned on by you
be turned on by myself
or anything else

been watching porn
lights off, headphones on
right when the pleasure begins
my education creeps in

I've been stripping right down

staring at my own reflection
ever since I was 13 I've been
pulled in every direction

such a good student
of all that conflicting advice
go put ice in your mouth
let them slap you about
go on choke yourself out

*but leave no room for doubt
that you are brave
beneath the sheets you're just a cave
a plastic bucket, or a grave
who said, you're not what you get
you are what you gave away*

I've been thinking back
to when things went off track
you know that's not what I wanted
is that why I feel haunted?

by something small
strong enough to destroy it all
If I don't change soon
will it forever eclipse the moon
that keeps me stable
away from all of that advice
that put words in my mouth
all those drinks on the house
go on just let it all out

*but leave no room for doubt that you are brave
a little leaf catching a wave
strong but willing to be saved
ignore the tenderness you crave
be naughty but don't misbehave
who said, you're not what you get
you are what you gave away*

I WAS NEON

I was neon, I was the nearest door
I was the sign that said you've been here before
I swear I could see it, swear I could see it all so clear

I was steady, I was soft to the touch
cut wide open, did I let in too much
I swear I could feel it, swear I could feel it

*am I gonna lose myself again
am I gonna lose myself again
I quite like the person that I am
am I gonna lose myself again*

I was neon, I was a floodlight
arms out reaching for everything in sight
I swear I could be it, swear I could be it

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am I gonna lose myself again
am I gonna lose myself again
I don't want to lose myself again*

TOO IN LOVE TO DIE

I'm too in love to die
if this plane were to go down
surely the love I feel for him
would soften the ground

I'm too in love to die
god couldn't take me now
surely the love I feel for him
would save my life somehow

*it would throw me a rope
reach out a hand
surely the powers at be
would understand*

that I'm too in love to die
if I stepped out on the highway
all the cars would spin around me like a dance
and here on earth I would stay

*to throw you a rope
reach out my hand
use all the power in me
to understand
why I need to stay here*

*right by your side
surely it's love like this that keeps us alive*

LESS OF A STRANGER

never gonna know you
the way that I want to
I'll never see you in the wild
you're never gonna see me through
the same eyes my friends do
looking in from the outside

*don't want her to change
pick apart or rearrange her
oh I just wish my own mother was
less of a stranger*

ever since I left your body
been a breathless fast swimmer
slow on the sand
"will the race bend back home?"
you said you hate being alone
did you forget the starting gun was in your hand

*don't want her to change
she's always been the entertainer
oh I just wish my own mother was
less of a stranger*

when I look into the mirror
I see my father when I close my eyes
I see you

when you look into the mirror
does your father appear
eyes closed, do you see your mother too?

*sometimes I wonder, do I intimidate her?
do my questions and my pain
take like skin to the razor
don't want her to change
or feel bad for lifes remainder
oh I just wish my own mother was
less of a stranger*

MOVIEGOER

It opens with a wide shot
the scene is bare, dry and hot
there's a vintage car, outside of a bar
someone thin is smoking, with a look all knowing
probably dressed in black, in act two they crack

moviegoers' twenty dollars down

*loves to throw their film knowledge around the workplace
movie director is going down too
twenty million dollars still nobody understands you*

where the grass is greener, kitchen bench top's cleaner
there's no rubbish here, no physical fear
the family dog is younger, with a healthy liver
they can run real fast, this time avoid the cars

*moviegoers forty dollars down
nobody from work invites them round for dinner
movie director is going down too
forty million dollars still nobody loves you*

moving through the city, somebody runs into me
they apologise, I apologise
we are both so sorry, they say come on try it on me
if you can say it to a stranger, you can call your sister later

*moviegoers 60 dollars down now
watching the ship go down with the hero
movie director is going down to
the bar on the corner hoping to meet someone new*

MAGIC

I won't feel ashamed tonight
treat it like a stage tonight
turn over a new page and write

forget all that I learnt tonight
all the times that I've been hurt tonight
remember what I'm worth and fight for it

*put on something special
greet you at the door
lead you to the bedroom
our clothes scattered down the hall*

I will feel adored tonight
Ignore intrusive thoughts tonight
unlock every door in sight

*ready to do magic
naked beneath the cape
for my final trick
I'll ask if we could wait*

*until I feel safe again
until I feel safe again*

BE CAREFUL WITH YOURSELF

please stop smoking, want your life to last a long time

if you don't stop smoking I'll have to start, shorten mine
when you go driving would you stick to the limit
I'm making plans for my future and I plan on you being in it

when things get too hard make sure that you're talking
I know you were raised by the church and encouraged to keep it all in
I've seen enough now to know that this is special
so I'm just asking politely if you'd just try and be careful with yourself

please make sure you have got a little savings
we have to try to be prepared for things changing
I'll keep the car in the drive, if you maintain the house
let's keep all our doctors appointments, give voice to our doubts

from now on in you I put all my trust
now that I know there's nobody coming to save us

END OF A FRIENDSHIP

the night started out well
she was having fun far as I could tell
I paid for the meal then went up to bed
lay there wondering what's happening in her head
I put it all down to the heat and wine
we don't have to agree all of the time
remember she wants to be by your side
be by your side

*all my love is spinning round the room
if only it would land on something soon*

woke up to hear her say that she couldn't stand it that she couldn't stay
out here on the road, it didn't feel right
she listed the things about me she didn't like
I sat there in silence, accepted our fate
we always found it hard to relate
to what we both want and what we both need
and who we both want to be

*all my love is spinning round the room
if only it would land, plant and bloom*

*All my love is spinning round the room
if only it would land on something soon
but all my words are caught up in a cloud
you know someday you'll have to say them out loud*