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UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

SENIOR PROJECT - APPROVAL

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PROJECT TITLE: 6 songs

I have reviewed this completed senior honors thesis with this student and certify that it is a project commensurate with honors level undergraduate research in this field.

Signed: Rusty Holloway Faculty Mentor

Date: 8/21/04

Comments (Optional):

Summer Love

By Shawn Allen

F **C**
Time is short, none to waste, follow me, I can't wait...

F **C**
Hold my hand, keep me close, run with me, make the most...

B[♭] **F** **C**
Summer's here, not for long, we'll move fast, make us strong...

F **C**
Hate to think that you'll be gone, can this feeling linger on?

Am **G**
Is this merely passion, or maybe something more?

Am **C** **F** **G**
All I know is my heart chased you out that door...

C **F** **G**
Summer love, takes you for a ride...

C **F** **G**
That feeling in the air that gives the world new life...

Am **C** **F** **C**
It makes us eager, passionate and wild...

Am **C** **F** **C**
But you are going soon, and I'll be left behind.

F **C**
What is next, don't delay, make the most, of today...

F **C**
If you feel, more confused, know that I'm, there with you...

B[♭] F C
I can't help, myself now, I've got faith, in you girl...

F C
Close your eyes, take my hand, let our love, make a stand.

Am G
Will the memory of our picture-perfect kiss...

Am C F G
Paint the backdrop of a love that will persist?

C F G
Summer love, takes you for a ride...

C F G
That feeling in the air that gives the world new life...

Am C F C
It makes us eager, passionate and wild...

Am C F C
But you are leaving soon, and I'll be left behind

Am C F C
You're leaving me behind, but I'm still by your side.

Am C F G C
Oh, so far away, but you'll be on my mind.

Turn Away

By Shawn Allen

Looking back gets harder every day...

Walking aimlessly, I feel so far away...

It seems so real now, but even this will fade...

Counting seconds, thinking it's too late...

Chorus- Will my dreams remain, will my faith hold

Though I'm told to turn away

Can I stay with you

All my fears laid bare, oh this I swear

Though I try to turn away

My heart belongs to you

Searching for some truth along the way...

Stumbling blindly on, I sense that I'm astray...

My soul is hollow, some nameless need replaced...

You're what's missing, I need your embrace...

Chorus- Will my dreams remain, will my faith hold

Though I'm told to turn away

Can I stay with you

All my fears laid bare, oh this I swear

Though I try to turn away

All I need is you

In your arms I feel like I'm in heaven...

Dreams become realities we live within...

Promise me this love we share will mend,

Though I'm bound to turn away again...

Chorus- Will my dreams remain, will my faith hold

Though I'm told to turn away

Can I stay with you

With my fears laid bare, oh this I swear

I could never turn away

And not come back for you

Lost in Your Love

By Shawn Allen

I was walking... with my head up... whist'ling tunes to free my mind
You were standing... in a shadow... when from there you caught my eye

I said "hey there... pretty lady... come and join me in the light"
Then you grabbed me... into darkness... now I'm falling out of sight

You hooked me with a dev'lish look and left me in a trance
My senses tried to warn me but I didn't stand a chance

In the shadows we met, now I'll never forget

I was mesmerized that night

We began with a dance, then fell into romance

Now I'm drifting out of sight

We were walking... after midnight... in the moonlight I could see

You were smiling... hypnotizing... tantalizing as could be

I was anxious... for the moment... when our star-struck gaze would meet

Then you kissed me... nearly missed me... as I melted at your feet

But when that kiss had found its end you turned and walked away

Now ev'ry time I close my eyes I see your lovely face

In the shadows we met, now I'll never forget

I was mesmerized that night

We began with a dance, then fell into romance

Now I'm drifting out of sight

(repeat Chorus)

I'm lost in your love

Hopeful Eyes

By Shawn Allen

Another sun is setting as you close your door today
Forgetting those who love you, through the pain you find escape
Your passion feeds on anger, sadness beckons for your tears
In tragic expositions words reveal your deepest fears
You're trapped within some nightmare and too scared to let me in
This door that stands between us might remain until the end
I can't wait here forever while you're locked away inside
Why won't you let me help you slay those demons that you hide?

[Chorus] Step out of the confines of your misery
 Move beyond the burdens of your history
 Look ahead with hopeful eyes and you will see
 These scars upon your heart don't shape your destiny

Maybe I'm too blind to help you or too rash to understand
But I care so much about you, can't you see that I'm your friend?
Your attraction to distraction makes it difficult for me
To become the inspiration for the freedom that you need
All your dreams are cast aside and unfulfilled beyond control
Are your heart's dismissed desires weighing heavy on your soul?
I'll show you what you're missing, but you have to let me in

We'll find your dreams together, you will learn to live again.

[Chorus]

You've got so much to live for, I can see it in your eyes

You're fighting to embrace it, I can hear it in your cries

While you wage your wars within I'll be waiting by your side

When your fears are overcome I will ease your weary mind

No more empty hopeless thoughts to unravel hopeful dreams

This foundation will endure, love is all you really need

Build your future on a cloud, hold on tight and don't look down

In my arms you're safe and sound, now enjoy the great unknown...

[Chorus]

Replica

By Shawn Allen and Laura Oller

A: At the dust upon my shelf I gaze...

Thinking back on mem'ries we once made...

Framed in love before we parted ways...

For years our pictures filled that empty space...

[Chorus] There's nothing left but fragments of the love we shared before,

I loved you like no other, but you needed something more...

The hourglass I live in slowly buries me with sand,

I'm searching for your replica to find that love again...

B: You were more than I could ever have believed in...

Left me shooting for a star, but I can't reach it...

Now I'm haunted by this ghost that dwells within my soul...

And my wounded heart lies captive beyond my control...

[Chorus]

A: Ev'ry night I kneel alone and pray...

To be lifted from this lonely grave...

Until I find the love that shows the way...

My heart is lost to you...I am your slave...

[Chorus]

Broken

By Shawn Allen

Fading in the depths, my broken soul

What I've lost, I can't reclaim

Losing faith in words that sounded so pure

Nothing left to feel but shame...

Never felt so insecure

All the pain I can't endure

Hope is losing ground, and what I sought will not be found

Where am I to look for purpose now?

Opening my eyes to my mistakes

I'm so blind and unprepared

To accept this fate that stills my desires

So I linger in despair...

Tried to plead my innocence

Can't you see I don't deserve this

I'm left empty-handed, lost inside and feeling stranded

Who can I expect to understand?

Chorus:

Alone again, a broken humble man

Searching for that missing part to complete his broken heart

His only sin, trying to fill it in

Clinging to this world he cried, "one last time before I die..."

Lord, I need you in my life...

Fill this emptiness tonight."

Questioning this road that lies ahead

Tempted to reclaim control

As I find myself betraying His love

I can feel it in my soul

Will this mercy ever end?

Lord I know I don't deserve this

When my sense of pride, silences Your voice inside

Humble me regardless of the price

[**Chorus**]