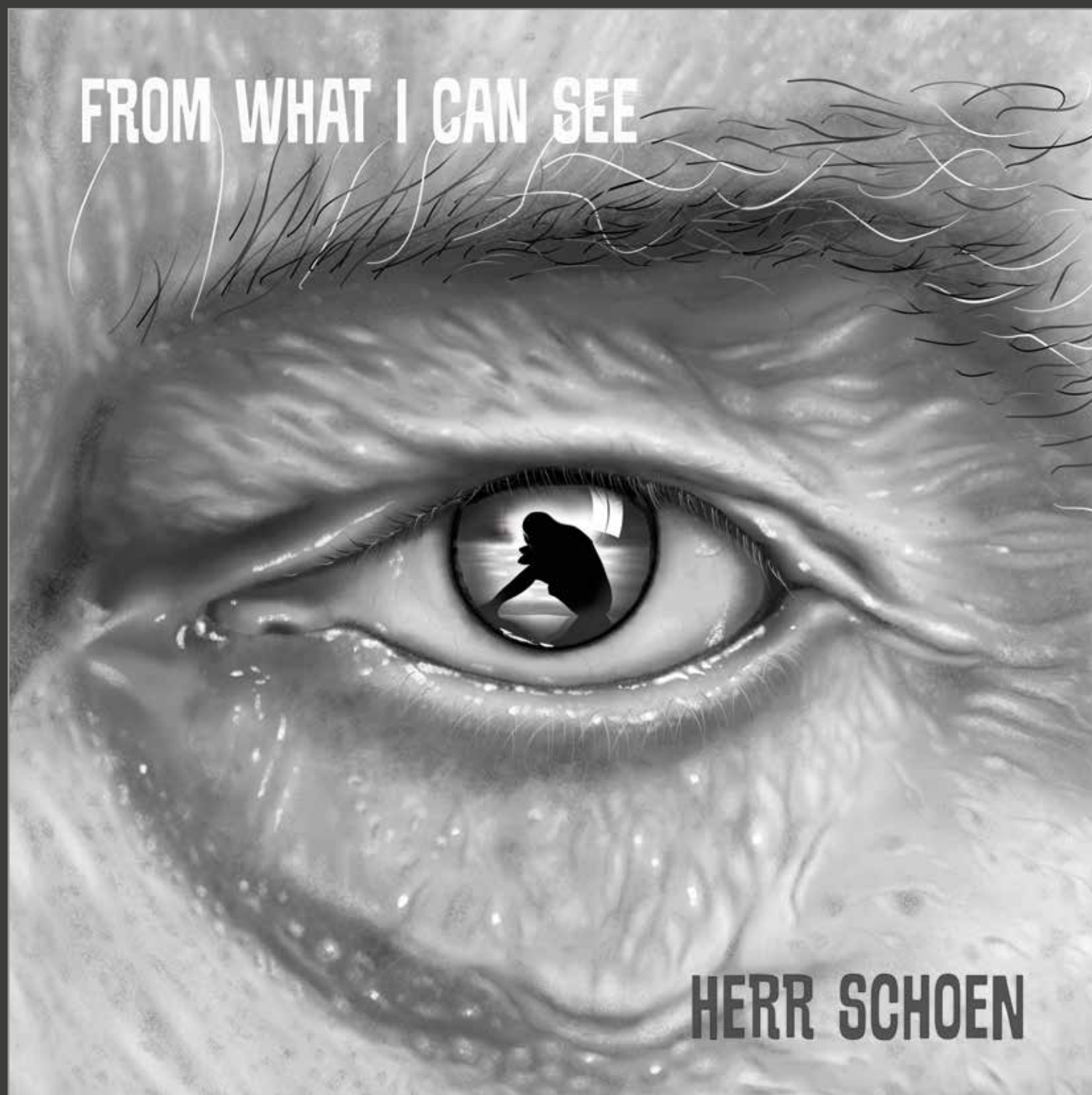




HERR SCHOEN
FROM WHAT I CAN SEE
LYRICS



WE WILL FORGIVE YOU

It has been burning in my soul for years
It takes my breath away and makes my steps heavy
You have changed – a little more every day
Now your hearts are poisoned
Full of hatred and destructiveness

You want to tear apart
What we fought so hard to build
You want to scorch freedom
To murder – to deport
But do you think we will yield?
You don't know us
We are here
We will remain
But when the dust has fallen

We will forgive you!



SUMMER DECLINE

Are you dissatisfied
With yourself and with your life?
Take it from me
That is ok sometimes!

Do not expect too much
And everything will turn out fine
With the years comes patience
I had to wait for mine a very long time

You can change your home
You can change your name
But you cannot change time
Whatever You do, whatever you say:
For me that is fine!

Do not be afraid of the next night
For in the morning you will rise
It's just a moment
It's just a summer decline

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FROM WHAT I CAN SEE

Where did you lose your confidence?
When did you take this diffidence?
Stretch your wings and fly
And try to kiss the sky

Just show yourself as you are
The way there is not far
You can trust your feelings
When they grow up to the ceiling

Try to understand what they try to tell you
Don't put them away. Don't let them dry out
And if sometimes you don't understand them
Listen more carefully. Trust yourself

From what I can see
this life can be sweet
To a certain degree
Or is it just a conceit?
Just try to believe
That you can be free
That out on the street
Life's more than defeat

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FATHER-DAUGHTER WEEKEND

It's time again
for the train to Hamburg
I'll be staying there for three days
But it's not just a time-out
This time will be something special
Something I have far too rarely
But it's all down to me
My life, my work, everything

But now the time has come
You're already waiting on the platform
We hug each other tightly
And I immediately feel at home
We take the train to St. Paul's
A few more steps and then we're there
And from now on
Every moment is a gift

It's a father-daughter weekend

We usually listen to music first
And talk about this and that
Neither of us looks at the clock
Because time is irrelevant
Then at some point we set off
We walk through the streets, go to a pub
Sometimes we go to a concert
Or watch a football match.

And when someone asks us:
What do you want to see?
We say: Hey, well, us!
Because we are all that matters now
And when we come back home late at night
I might be tired but I feel young again
And I think how beautiful life can be

It's father daughter weekend



THINGS LIKE THIS

When you wake up in the morning
And fear is sitting on your bed
The last remnant of your dream
Is driving you mad
That nasty little devil
Sitting on your shoulder
Sometimes just needs a slap in his face
To make him leave you alone

Listen to your angel
Listen to your heart
But don't forget
Evil is really rare

Things like this
Are not meant to happen every day
Things like this
Are not always on your way
I know the fear
Of losing someone precious
Can sometimes keep you awake at night
But things like this
Are not meant to happen every day

When you are afraid of losing,
You know you have something.
When you are afraid
your great love might pass away
You know you really love
It may not help every time
But the confidence
that everything will work out,
Can help you
Can be a really good friend.

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They're not meant to happen
Every day



WHEN THE NIGHT FALLS

Do you find yourself
Isolated, segregated
While everyone else's life goes on?

Do you feel secluded and wasted
Copied and pasted
These are the days I had before
And then I wrote this song

When the night falls
Within your walls
When solitude calls
All you can do
Is to give in
When the memories crawl
From their black holes
Surrender to gravity
And let yourself fall
I'll catch you and cover you
Hold you and comfort you
Until your confidence
Comes back, my love!

Is your life really that hard?
Then ask yourself where it started
What is the cause of all your pain?

Tell me who hurt you so terribly?
Who drove you into this catastrophe?
Whoever that was doesn't deserve you
Now chase him away!

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CERTAINLY

Certainly, it goes on
There must be a way out
Is there a future still
Somewhere beyond the doubt?

Certainly, it's all in me
Everything I need to be
Everything has its place
Its reason and its grace

Obviously, I'm not well
I'm sinking deeper in my shell
The water's rising fast
And I can't see how long I'll last

Unceasingly, it pounds my head
I almost lost myself instead
But I know — this too shall pass
The darkness never truly lasts

But now, I'm full of doubt
I see the rain in every cloud
The devil and his demons
They drive me, they deceive me

Reluctantly, I face the pain
The mirror shows my scars again
I start to breathe, I start to see
The fight's not over — it's part of me

Silently, the night begins
It holds me in its strong warm wings
And in that calm, I realize
The dawn was hiding in my eyes

And soon — perhaps at midday
Perhaps at midnight's sway
The black shadow will lose
Its power over me

But now, I'm full of doubt
I see the rain in every cloud
The devil and his demons
They drive me, they deceive me

But not forever



IT ONLY HAPPENS ONCE

Sometimes it doesn't take more
Than just looking
At a river all day
Just let your feet dangle in the water
And watch the ducks on their way

Somewhere in the distance
A few children are playing hide and seek
For them, every day
Is the best day of the week
Sometimes it might not be bad at all
To feel how children feel

Whatever you do
Wherever you are
No matter where you want to go
Don't forget one thing
It only happens once

Whatever you say
However you feel
Whenever you think it's time to go
Don't forget one thing
It only happens once

*Stay a while
Smile for a while
Don't hide anymore
Don't forget one thing
It only happens once*

In my mind I can travel at any time
If I don't like it somewhere
But travelling alone is not always really nice
And sometimes
it's not easy for you to follow me

Hey, that's ok
I will share all I can see
In my dreams.
I'll keep them there for you
Sometimes it might not be bad at all
To feel how I feel

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IF I COULD TAKE YOU WITH ME

If I could take all my best friends with me
And we could start a new life like a family
I would know where to go
And I'm sure that you know
That I've found a second home
I'm longing for

I am proud of some things I've done so far
And I will carry what you gave me in my heart
A part of me is grateful
For all those years
But still my restless heart keeps whispering:
It's time to go

But I don't want to say goodbye to anyone
'Cause I would miss you all like crazy
But how can I remain the one
You cherish so much
If I don't dream from time to time
To leave everything behind

I feel this country tearing at the seams
A homeland turning into broken dreams
It gets darker with each poisoned line
They daily write
And I believe they're ready
To burn it down tonight

But I don't want to say goodbye to anyone
'Cause I would miss you all like crazy
But how can I remain the one
You cherish so much
If I don't dream from time to time
To leave everything behind

If I could take all my best friends with me
Imagine you could be
one of them



THERE'S A RIVER IN MY HOMETOWN

There's a river in my hometown
As a kid I used to sit there four hours
Later I went fishing
So I didn't have to go home
This river is the best place to be
If you want to be alone
This river is my solace
My sacred zone

Sometimes an old couple
Is passing by
Sometimes they ask me
If I am fine
I tell them you know better
Because all I feel you felt that before
And you are still here
So it seems life goes on and on

I look across to the other bank
There is a man
He looks drunk and lost
And suddenly he stares at me
He waves. I wave back
I feel in him is a lack
Of friendship and love
He takes another sip
then lies down to sleep on his back

A rowboat battles the current
A young girl's fight
I call out, "You can do it" with all my might
She sticks out her tongue
Misunderstanding my word
Kindness, sometimes is
A language unheard

I roll myself a cigarette
And think, today I'll quit
Smoking, of course
Not what you're thinking now
I'm not always well
But life's mostly okay
And if things get too heavy
I come down here anyway

I close my eyes
The past comes into view
Faces long gone
Moments I once knew
They call from the distance
Like echoes through time
A fleeting reminder
Of a life once mine
A cormorant flies
And across the shore
The man just sighs
Then is seen no more
The silence reminds me
There must be
Something more

There's a river in my hometown
And still I sit there for hours
No longer I go fishing
But when I need to be alone
This river is the best place to do that
A sacred space, where I find my own
But the true journey begins later
When I go home



MIXED BAG

I can't remember
When I took my first steps
And I can't recall
How I felt on my first school day
But I can feel that
Childhood was a mixed bag
My heart still aches
From that first crack
But healing is progressing

You all can't do
Anything about it
No one can change it
Everything done is carved in stone
But you can help me feel
That I am not alone
With all these little hurts
All the fears and doubts
That keep me awake at night
But my dreams are
Slowly getting better

The child in me stays forever
The little boy with light blond hair
Who didn't understand the world
And threw his anger against the wall
Until the hole grew big enough
For him to climb to freedom
And lead his own life

I'm a bit older now
But I'm not really wise yet
You only see the long white hair and think:
This man must have seen everything.
But every morning when I wake up
I have to pull myself together again
I put the rubble back together
And see if I like my new self
Or if I should give it another try

I can't remember
I can't remember



CONFUSION

What you say is sometimes quite confused
What you still remember has already been reduced
But sometimes you smile like you used to do
Even if you might not know why
Your thoughts go on a wild cruise

So much confusion
So many illusions

When you look at me, sometimes you even see me
Sometimes you see someone you need to feel free
Sometimes you scold me or with the person you think you see in me
But none of that really matters
The main thing is that you're somehow okay

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I would tear my heart out
If you could see all the love in me
Sometimes I think everything I do is in vain
But sometimes the last bit of hope
Conquers all the pain

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So many illusions



LULLABY

I drove a hundred miles
And a few hundred more
I started in the mountains
And now I reached the shore
It's been a long way here
And it's a long way back
It's been a tough day
And a tougher night lies ahead

I can't forget that
You're gone away
30 years on the road
Were too much of a burden for you

How I would like
To hear you sing a lullaby
How I would like
To hear you sing a lullaby

And Tomorrow
Will be the hardest part of this track
Our house will be empty
When I get back
It's been a long way here
And I don't want to return
It's been a tough day
And a tougher night lies ahead

I can't forget that
You're still gone
30 years on the road
All I have now is an empty bunk

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SLIPPING AWAY

A little robin rests on the windowsill
And sings a melody, loud and shrill
A walnut leaf drifts by with ease
Lost in the breeze, no destination to reach

The hours are passing, but I don't care
It was in no way a good day anyway
Now I'm lying on my bed
The night is creeping in
And I can't paint over
The thoughts in my head

And when it's over
As night turns to day
Your presence fades
With every single minute
Slipping away

I know it will all be through soon
But memories linger
Like morning dew
Your presence drifts
With every single day

Slowly slipping away

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