

A Few Simple Words

Cowboy Junkies

What does he see in those mashed potatoes?
what secrets does he hold that can be so grin?
the silence like a canyon dividing them
he's on one side she's opposite him
trying so desperately to get his attention

she says, "honey, you're a bastard of great proportion".
he says, "darling, I plead guilty to that sin."
with potatoes half way to his mouth
he looks her in the eye and says,
"without a doubt
my love for you is all that I believe in.

"With those few simple words
her heart is sent soaring
she's able to face another day
. through the anger and the laughter
she knows that she matters
and somebody out there cares.

What does she gain by all this sulking?
what trouble can there be for one so young?
dark tension building like the clouds of a storm
her daughter's in her room and she's at the door
trying to figure what all this fuss is for.

she says, "mother, you're a witch
and I'll always hate you."
she says, "daughter, perhaps these words
you speak are true."
she quietly moves towards the bed,
look her in the eye gently says,
"but I will always believe in you."

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she's able to face another day.
through the anger and the laughter
she knows that she matters
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what do we need to keep us going?
what do we need at the end of the day?
mysteries keep piling like dirty clothes
in the corner.
you never thought you'd give up.
but you're beginning to wonder
when through the gloom you hear
a familiar voice say....
.... a few simple words
that send your heart soaring
you're able to face another day.
through the anger and the laughter
you know that you matter
and somebody out there cares.