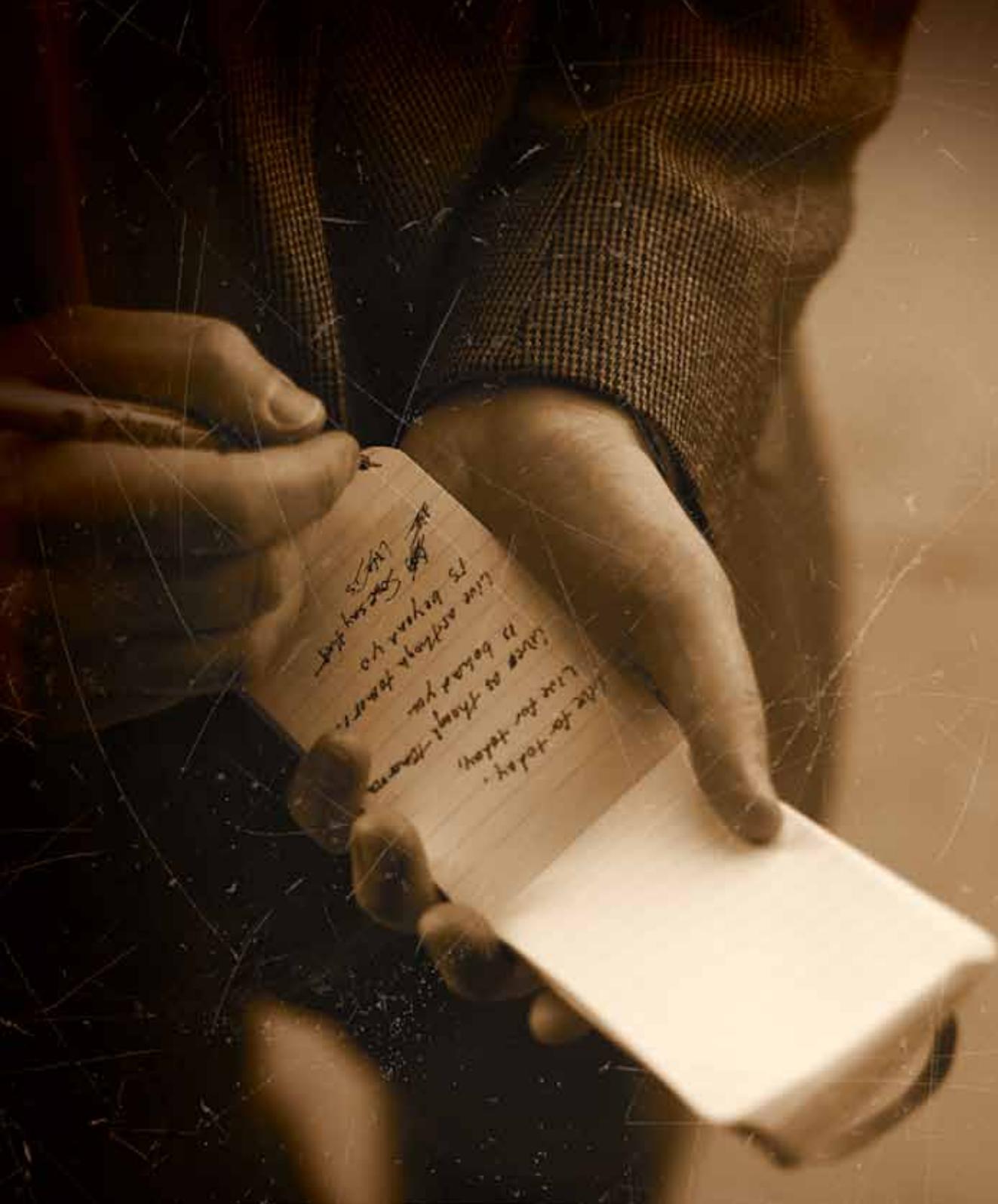


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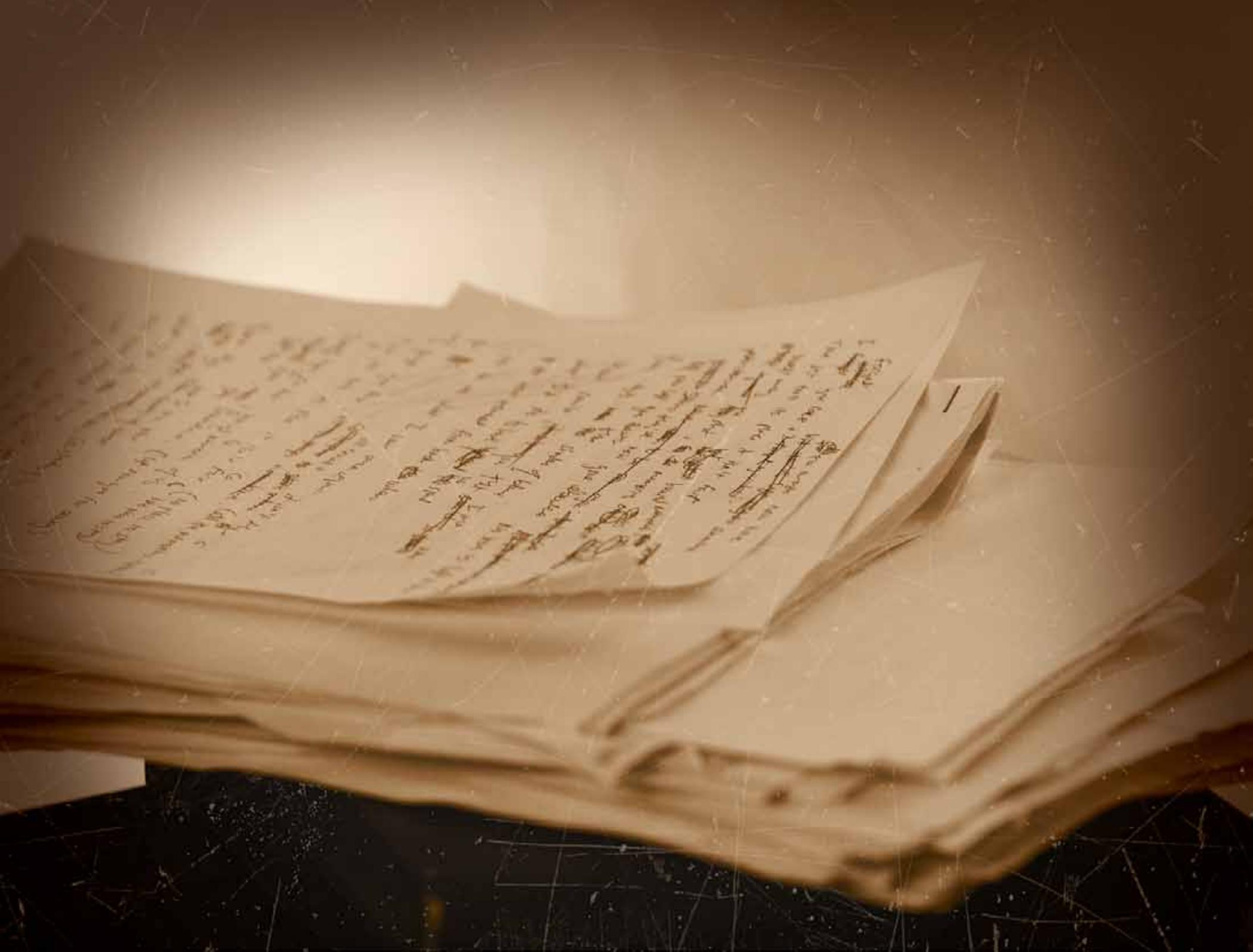
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# TRAVELIN' DOWN COUNTRY ROADS

*David Alter, 2012*

I pack my bag,  
My tank's on empty,  
I head for the hills  
The clouds are liftin'  
My mind is driftin'  
The smells of old spruce and mills

Oh country roads, oh country roads  
Timeless they never grow old  
The sun's shinin' down  
I feel like I've found  
Comfort and peace country road

My blood is flowin'  
My heart is poundin'  
The wind's blowin' strong  
Them hills are rollin'  
I keep on goin'  
I just keep moving along

Oh country roads, oh country roads  
A place where life's movin' slow  
It fills my soul  
My spirit is whole  
You're in control country roads

Now that I've flown, those seeds are now sewn, there's just no way I can go home  
This road it holds me, I'm no longer lonely, now I'm feeling so free

And oh country roads, country roads  
Built by our fathers I'm told  
Meadows and streams  
Flow through my dreams  
Travelin' down ol' country roads  
Travelin' down ol' country roads  
Travelin' down ol' country roads

# NEVER LOOK BACK

*David Alter, 2012*

There are times that we search for signs yet we seem too blind,  
to really notice one another when we look back, turnin' our backs

Then we find that we've lost the time, drifting far behind, all alone without each other,  
on separate tracks, once you've turned you know you never get back now

Never look back, oh Never look back, oh ya, oh ya,  
once you're gone you know you never get back now  
Never look back, oh Never look back, oh ya, ooh

There are times that we tow the line, just for peace of mind,  
so we keep ourselves from leaning down the wrong path, should we think back

There are times that we try to shine through the clouds behind,  
so we never stop believin', yet never ask, why we never never ever turn back now,

Never look back, oh Never look back, oh ya, ya oh ya,  
once you're gone you know you never get back now  
Never look back, Never look back, ooh ya, ya ya oh.....

I know, I know, I know they say, they're treasures left behind hid yesterday  
But when, oh when we dig away, we're buried deep in soil, and perish here today

Never look back, oh Never look back, oh ya ya, oh ya,  
once you're gone you know you never get back now



## JENNIFER

*David Alter, 2012*

Jennifer sings a song, she stands on the streets past midnight  
With no one beside, she just wants to hide, and no one to sing along

Always the same old sound, the words often go unnoticed.  
We often walk by, don't look in her eye, but she's always been around.

As her eyes close she becomes a famous star, with her old guitar, pennies in her jar  
And she stops to hear the sounds she's longing for, the crowd yells out for more,  
it's just the subway's roar.

Jennifer sings her song

Straggly auburn hair, that matches her pale complexion  
The lines on her face, cannot be erased, but she doesn't seem to care

Hundreds can hear her play, you'll always get in to see her,  
She'll take your requests, not sung like the rest, but in her own special way.

As her eyes close she becomes a famous star, with her old guitar, pennies in her jar  
And she stops to hear the sounds she's longing for, the crowd yells out for more,  
its just the subway's roar.

Jennifer sings her song, Jennifer sings her song.

# LIVE FOR TODAY

*David Alter, 2012*

Some say a man without beliefs has no soul  
I say the soul can't be seen  
Some say that life without faith cannot be whole  
Which holes have these people seen?

Somewhere I think I read  
Something someone once said  
Hold what you have  
Not wishes you had

Live for today, live for today  
Live today as though tomorrow is behind us  
Live for today, live for today,  
Live today as though tomorrow is beyond us

Some seem to always have an answer to give,  
Answers to questions not asked  
And for those others so content to outlive  
Yet even they never last

Live for today, live for today  
Live today as though tomorrow is behind us  
Live for today, live for today,  
Live today as though tomorrow is beyond us

And for those fears we hide  
We'll let our fate decide,  
Just let it be,  
Live full and free

There are some who throw it all away  
Some will take to their graves  
Some are lost re-living yesterday  
Some are just too afraid.....

Live for today, live for today  
Live today as though tomorrow is behind us  
Live for today, live for today,  
Live today as though tomorrow is beyond us

And as the moments pass  
Time slips away too fast  
We just don't know how  
Just don't know how  
Just don't know how

... To live...

... Ah ah ya... live for today... live for today....

# STILL THE ONE

*David Alter, 2012*

Still the one  
Still the one

Guides me through the path I'm on.

Never really told you,  
guess it was just left unsaid  
Never really showed you,  
guess it was kept in instead

Did you ever wonder, did you shed tears,  
and did you cry?  
Guess I never said good-bye

And though you've gone away,  
its never too late, I hope its ok,  
And while not yesterday, not much has  
changed from today

You're still the one, you're still the one,  
you're still the one,  
Who guides me through the path I'm on...

Never really held you,  
guess I was just too afraid  
Kept my feelings from you,  
guess it had just been my way

Did you ever ask me,  
were you too scared to question why?  
Or maybe just too shy.  
Maybe deep inside you,  
you had the answers all along,  
maybe there was nothing wrong

It seems so long ago, since you've been here,  
where did you go?  
In time you knew I'd show,  
how much you meant, you need to know,

You're still the one, you're still the one,  
you're still the one  
Who guides me through the path I'm on  
You're still the one, you're still the one,  
you're still the one  
Whose words of wisdom carry on,

Still the one  
Still the one  
Guides me through the path I'm on...

Still the one  
Still the one  
Words of wisdom carry on.....

## LAI LAI LAI

*David Alter, 2012*

Everywhere that I go,  
there's a voice that I know  
From a girl who is timid and shy

She may drift on her own,  
but she's never alone,  
We are drawn as she passes us by  
We are touched by her words lai lai lai

As you hear her,  
you'll come near her,  
words forever, do not die

You'll be sad and withdrawn,  
You'll be scared to move on  
Overwhelmed with your tears as you cry

And this voice you will hear  
and your fears disappear  
As the sun fills the earth and the sky  
From her words as she sings lai lai lai

As you'll hear her,  
you'll believe her,  
words that never, seem to die

When we're all loosin' hope,  
and we no longer cope,  
With her words, she will open our eyes

When we search honesty, but we still cannot see,  
For our wishes and dreams have run dry,  
'til the girl sings her song lai lai lai

Lai, Lai Lai...



## SPECIAL WORLD

David Alter, Murray Alter, Shirley Alter, John Arpin 2012

I can't tell the time of day  
I can't hear what people say  
There's no threat of bomb,  
Just peaceful calm  
In my special world

I don't feel the rain that falls  
I am safe within these walls  
There's no sign of fog  
Just misty smog  
In my special world

In my world,  
there are apple trees that play with me  
In my world,  
there are honeybees that sing with me

I don't think about life's end  
Its forever I pretend  
Everyday can be a century  
In my special world

### Interlude

In my world,  
there are honeybees that sing with me

I don't think about life's end  
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Everyday can be a century  
In my special world  
In my special world  
In my special world

## BROTHER

David Alter, 2012

Just a young boy when he went away,  
I can see him standing there,  
not knowing where he will be,  
And I see my daddy's face thinking  
why him not me,  
Where have you gone my brother?

Never seems to care just whose his friend,  
He'll walk with you and hold your hand,  
for hours on end,  
Living as an older man  
with a mind less than ten,  
Where have you gone my brother?

What would have been, if you had been  
just another one of mother's wishes?  
A golden child, so free and wild, you would  
have carried all their fame and riches...

Brother, brother of mine.  
I swear, if I could find  
Just half the strength the grace and will,  
that carried you on,

Sitting there I wonder what he sees  
Does he think what life would be,  
if he were like me?

Doesn't seem to fear  
the evils of life's jealousy  
Where have you gone my brother?

Here all alone, my older bro you're like a  
child sleeping snug and curled  
It once was said, you like to be left all alone  
within your special world

Brother, brother of mine.  
I swear, if I could find  
Just half the strength the grace and will,  
that carried you on,

Brother, brother of mine.  
I swear, if I could find  
Just half the strength the grace and will, that  
carried you on

Brother...

## SOBRIETY

*David Alter, 2012*

Ooh... Ooh...

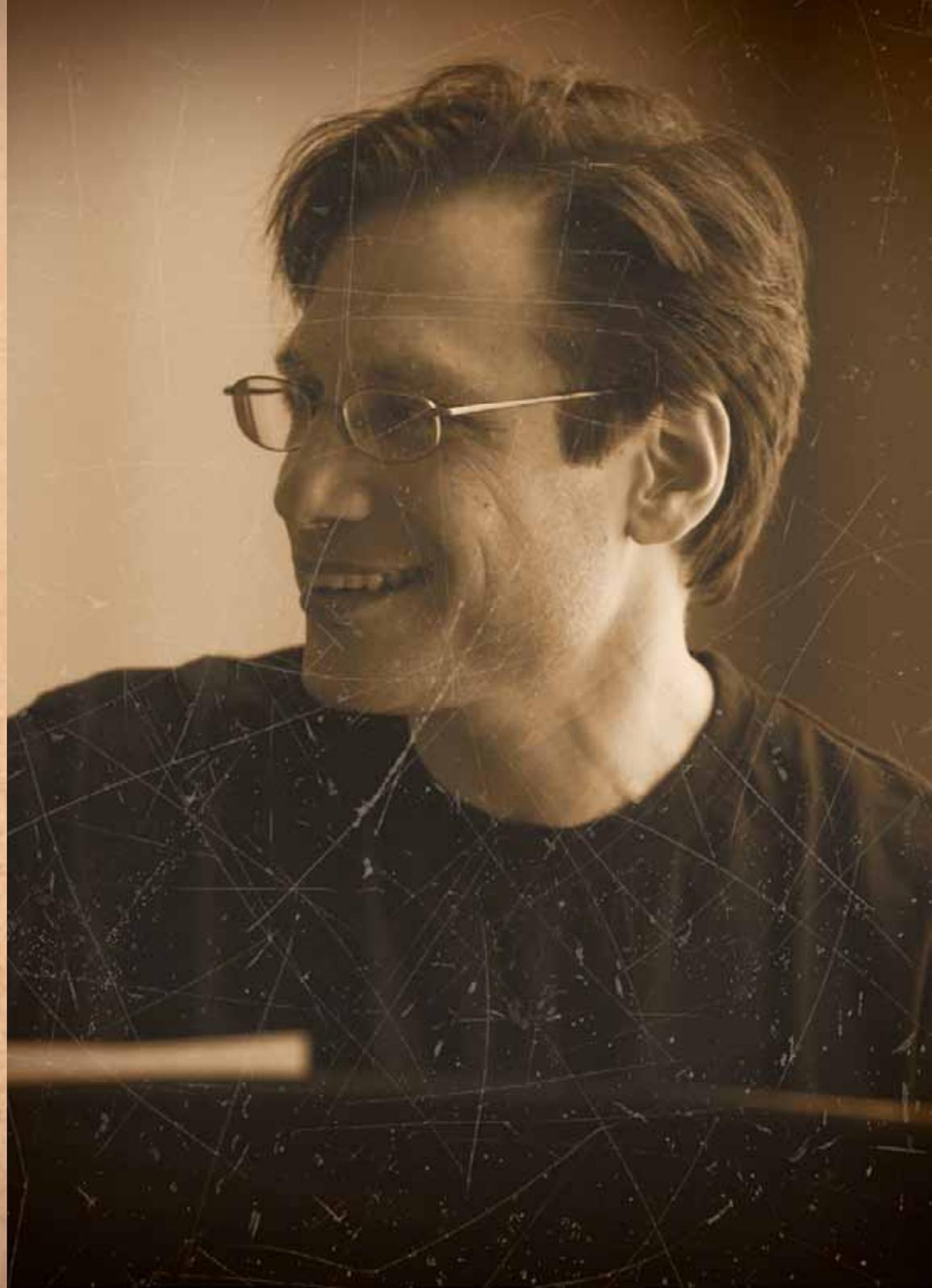
Oh sobriety, won't you come and comfort me  
Oh sobriety, come and comfort me

Oh sobriety, won't you come and carry me  
Oh sobriety, lift my soul and free

Ahhh... Ahhh... mmmm

Oh sobriety, won't you show me clarity.  
Oh sobriety, shine your light on me...

Oh sobriety, come and comfort me  
Oh sobriety, my serenity...



## START AGAIN

*David Alter, 2012*

Start again,  
Where we've been  
Oh my friend  
I wouldn't change a thing  
You know I'd start again,  
Where we've been,  
Travelin' the end,  
We'd turn around again together then

Looking back at all the times our lives just you and I, through the years, live the tears  
Images of darkened country roads in which we drove, way back when, never end

I'd start again,  
Where we've been  
Oh my friend  
I wouldn't change a thing  
You know I'd start again,  
Where we've been  
Travelin' the end  
We'd turn around again together then

La La La La  
La La La La

Oh oh oh through your eyes I see;  
Oh oh oh through your soul I breathe,  
Oh oh oh if there had to be, one last wish, there for me.

We'd start again,  
Where we've been  
Oh my friend  
We wouldn't change a thing  
You know we'd start again,  
Where we've been  
Travelin' the end  
We'd turn around again together then

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*Acoustic and Electric guitars:* Rob Piltch  
*Piano and organ:* Richard Evans  
*Upright bass:* George Koller

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*Piano and organ:* Richard Evans  
*Bass:* George Koller  
*Drums:* Charlie Cooley

### 3. JENNIFER

*Featured Lead vocal:* Kirsten Rea  
*Harmonies:* George Koller  
*Acoustic guitar:* Rob Piltch  
*Upright bass:* George Koller  
*Dilruba:* George Koller  
*Cello:* Christian Howes Strings

### 4. LIVE FOR TODAY

*Featured Lead vocal:* Yvan Pedneault  
*Guitars:* Nigel Franklin Jr  
*Drums:* Eli Haynsworth  
*Piano:* Charles (Chuck) Stallings  
*Organ:* Richard Evans  
*Bass:* George Koller

### 5. STILL THE ONE

*Featured Lead vocal:* Kathryn Rose  
*Harmony and back-ups:*  
Kirsten Rea and Kathryn Rose  
*Piano:* David Alter  
*Bass:* George Koller  
*String ensemble:* Christian Howes Strings

### 6. LAI LAI LAI

*Featured Lead vocal:* David Alter  
*Harmony and back-up vocals:*  
George Koller and David Alter  
*Acoustic guitars:* Rob Piltch  
*Mandolin:* Kyle Wellens  
*Electric guitars:* Rob piltch  
*Keyboards:* David Alter  
*Bass:* George Koller  
*Violin:* Christian Howes Strings

### 7. SPECIAL WORLD

*Featured Lead vocal:* Shira Alter  
*Harmony vocals:* Rachel Alter  
*Acoustic guitar:* Josh Engel  
*Upright bass:* George Koller  
*String ensemble:* Christian Howes Strings

### 8. BROTHER

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*Harmony vocals and back-ups:*  
Kirsten Rea; Alex Samaras  
*Piano:* David Alter  
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*Bass:* George Koller  
*Drums:* Charlie Cooley

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