

# ROOTS & ROUTES COLOGNE

PRESENTS

## 3 MILLION YEARS OF RAIN



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"Je l'ai trouvé, j'espère que tu le trouveras aussi."

"I found it; I hope you find it too."

## TEXT & LYRICS

### 1. Chronos

Cuando el ruido en la ciudad  
Θέλω να παρασυρθώ  
Y me envuelve en un baile atemporal

Μες το κύμα να χαθώ  
No quiero dejar mi hogar  
Η καταιγίδα που θα 'ρθει μια μέρα, μια μέρα, μια μέρα  
Nunca cesa

Ríos marchan  
Nunca paran  
Nunca podré volver hacia  
Atrás  
El tiempo a mi me amarga  
Dime si algún día parara

Τα ποτάμια θα σε πάρουν, θα σε φέρουν πιο κοντά μου, σαν ταξίδι όπου ο χρόνος πια  
ποτέ δεν σταματά  
(Nunca para)

Αφέσου σε μένα, μην φοβηθείς

### (English Translation)

When the noise in the city  
I want to let myself be swept away  
And it envelops me in a timeless dance

In the wave I will lose myself  
I don't want to leave my home  
The storm that will come one day, one day, one day  
Never ceases

Rivers flow  
They never stop  
I'll never be able to go  
back  
Time makes me bitter  
Tell me if it will ever stop

The rivers will take you, they'll bring you closer to me, like a journey where time now never stops  
(It never stops)

Let yourself go with me, don't be afraid

## 2. The Race Begins

Sometimes you have to make a choice.

Sometimes the choice chooses you.

You say goodbye to your life, you kiss your parents goodbye, you remember your mother saying "after every traveling experience you come back older",  
you say goodbye to your younger self, to the current one, you will be so many versions of yourself, you hope you won't forget, you hope you will reunite.

You are nervous and a little bit excited, you are scared and you are thrilled.

You try not to think of all the things you will miss out. You try not to think not to fear.

Your journey has started.

### 3. Start of Journey

Verse 1:

Waves and water, it's getting hotter  
This journey just started and we'll see where we end up

Storm and thunder and we all wonder  
How on earth we'll be able to stay alive

Verse 2:

But it is okay, because today  
We'll have great winds and sail towards a better life

But it is so dark, and I see a shark  
This nonsense will surely have us drowned by tonight

Spoken piece 1:

-E.B. are you kidding, we can't go! The world is so big and unknown. You know how dangerous the unknown is.

-Nonsense E.B., the unknown is fun. There's so many people that you meet, so many sights that you see, so many people that you see, so many foods that you taste, so many people that you...

-But there's so much that you have to finish here, so many articles and letters to write, so many plants to water... and uhm... the cat's litter.

-Nonsense E.B., the cat will be fine, we'll be fine.

-Forget the cat then! What if we change? What if we forget who we are?

Pre-chorus:

We're gonna die  
No, we'll be fine  
We won't survive  
We'll be alright  
How do you know?  
Well i just know  
Where will we go?

Chorus:

Around the world we go, around the world we go  
Many said we can't but now they're down below  
Below the deep waters they said we can't sail  
And we'll keep on going without fail

Spoken piece 2:

-STOP! Wait...What if I don't make it in 80 days. What if i fail?

-You won't fail.

-No wait, she's right! What if we come back and everyone thinks we re failures?

-Exactly! What if i can t do it? What if she's faster than me? What if i'm not good enough?

Pre-chorus:

We're gonna fail

We will prevail

There is no time

It will be fine

How do you know?

Well I just know

Where will we go?

Chorus:

Around the world we go, around the world we go

Many said we can't but now they're down below

Below the deep waters they said we can't sail

And we'll keep on going without fail

Around, around, around, around we go go

Round, around, around, around we go go

Round, around, around, around we go go

Round, around the world we go

## 5. 77 Days

C'est comme si je faisais  
Le tour du globe  
Sans pouvoir m'échapper  
De ce putain de love

Je suis  
Comme un étranger  
Dans mon propre corps  
Plus que 77 jours  
Si je m'aime encore

Quand est-ce que je vais arrêter de regarder mes pensées tourner en boucle  
Je sais que je suis seul au monde pour vérifier  
J'en ai même fait le tour  
La tête sur les épaules, Les vices dans le corps  
Mais les humeurs qui m'ont rattrapé sont pires qu'une balle dans le torse

J'commence à kiffer mais en fait  
Comment je me sors de cet enfer  
Ma soif est dure à étancher  
Ouais en ce moment

Je te comprends pas des fois  
Mais je peux pas t'effacer  
Je sais que ça te déçoit  
Et que le temps est passé

On se quitte pourquoi déjà?  
Je te jure que moi j'ai changé  
Je peux pas me passer de toi  
J'aime le passé de toi

C'est comme si je faisais  
Le tour du globe  
Sans pouvoir m'échapper  
De ce putain de love

Je suis  
Comme un étranger  
Dans mon propre corps  
Plus que 77 jours  
Si je m'aime encore

## (English Translation)

It's like I'm  
Traveling around the globe  
Without being able to escape  
From this damn love

I'm  
Like a stranger  
In my own body  
Only 77 days left  
If I still love myself

When am I going to stop watching my thoughts go round and round?  
I know I'm alone in the world—I've checked  
I've even gone all the way around  
Head on my shoulders, screws in my body  
But the moods that've caught up with me are worse than a bullet to the chest

I'm starting to dig it, but really—  
How do I get out of this hell?  
My thirst is hard to quench  
Yeah, right now

Sometimes I don't understand you  
But I can't erase you  
I know it disappoints you  
And that time has passed

Why are we breaking up again?  
I swear to you, I've changed  
I can't live without you  
I love your past

It's like I'm  
Traveling around the globe  
Without being able to escape  
From this fucking love

I'm  
Like a stranger  
In my own body  
Only 77 days left  
If I still love myself



## 10. Drunk Phone Call

Hey.

Lang ist's her.

In letzter Zeit träume ich öfters von dir. Letzte Nacht standen wir inmitten der Steppe, um uns herum nichts als trockenes Gras. Und dann hast du mir gesagt, dass du den Zug nehmen musst.

Du hast dich verabschiedet... nur um zurückzukommen und dich nochmal zu verabschieden.

Und dann hast du mich umarmt.

Oh, Gott. Wie ich deine Umarmungen vermisse.

Ich rufe nicht an, um wieder zusammenzukommen, oder sowas. Wir wissen beide, dass das uns zerstören würde.

Ich rufe wegen etwas ganz anderem an.

Ich weiß nicht mehr, wer ich bin. Vieles ist passiert, vieles was nicht so schön war. Alles, was ich dachte, das mich ausmacht, ist zersplittert, und jetzt liegen die Scherben überall verteilt.

Mein Leben fühlt sich derzeit an, als wäre ich auf einer Reise. Eine Reise zurück zu mir selbst.

Ich habe viel an dich, an uns gedacht. Unsere Liebe hat mich damals so lebendig fühlen lassen. Mit dir konnte ich sein. Selbst als du meine hässlichsten Seiten gesehen hast - Gott, wie wir gestritten haben - hast du mich geliebt. Vielleicht hast du mich deshalb sogar noch mehr geliebt.

Ich kling' verrückt, stimmt's?

Nein. Ich weiß, du wirst es verstehen. Das hast du immer getan.

Ich erinnere mich noch an unsere erste Nacht. Dein warmer Atmen auf meiner Haut, mein Nase vergraben in deinen Locken. Ich habe mich geweigert einzuschlafen, wollte meine Augen nicht schließen.

Ich habe dich angesehen, wie du in meinen Armen lagst, und ich dachte:

Ich muss das schönste Wesen auf der ganzen Welt sein, um dich zu verdienen.

Fuck, das ist seltsam. Sorry.

Ich sage das nicht, um wieder zusammenzukommen. Verdammt, ich weiß nicht mal, ob du jemand Neuen gefunden hast. Also... falls ja, freue ich mich für dich. Wie auch immer. Ich habe dich angerufen, um dir einfach nur zu sagen, dass ich dich vermisse. Dass ich uns vermisse. Aber am meisten...

Vermisse ich die Person, die ich mit dir war.

Okay. Ich lege jetzt auf.

Ich habe keine Ahnung, wann du das hier hören wirst. Vielleicht hab ich heute Nacht was zu viel getrunken. Aber ich will dass du weißt, dass ich jedes Wort auch so meine. Jedes Einzelne hiervon.

Mach's gut.

Und danke... danke für alles.

## (English Translation)

Hey.

It feels like ages.

I've been dreaming about you a lot lately. Last night, we were in an open field, just the two of us, with nothing around us but the dry, rustling grass. And then you told me you had to catch the train. You said goodbye... just to turn around, come back, and say it all over again.

And then you hugged me.  
Oh, God. How I miss your hugs.

I'm not calling to get back together. We both know that would destroy us. I don't even expect you to call me back. I'm calling because of something else.

I don't know who I am anymore. A lot has happened since we ended things. Everything I thought defined me shattered, and now the pieces are scattered all around me. I tried to retrace my steps, and so many of them lead right back to you. To us.

Our love made me feel so intensely alive. You saw my ugliest sides - God, how we fought - and yet, you loved me. Maybe you even loved me more for it.

Do I sound crazy?  
No. I know you'll understand. You always did.

I still remember our first night. Your warm breath on my skin, my face buried in your curls. I refused to fall asleep, I didn't want to waste a single second closing my eyes. But then I looked at you, sleeping peacefully in my arms, and I thought:  
I must be the most beautiful thing in the entire world to deserve you.

Fuck, this is weird. I'm sorry.

Like I said, I'm not saying this to come back together. Hell, I don't even know if you've found someone new. If you have, I genuinely want you to be happy. Anyway. I'm saying this simply to tell you that I miss you. I miss us. But most of all...

I miss who I was when I was with you.

Okay. I'm hanging up now.

I have no idea when you'll hear this. I'm a little drunk, you know. But I will not regret anything I have just said. I mean it, all.

Goodbye.

And thank you... for everything.

## 11. **Desire**

You are my desire  
You always make me feel  
Like a girl with no sense at all  
So I go where I belong  
You gave me a taste of love  
Now you gone and I'm craving for more  
Gotta find my way back to you  
But I got to move on

Got me in my feelings  
I know that you miss me  
Scared to move on  
Cause I know that I missed this  
Got me in my feelings  
Pains are getting deeper  
Feeling so lost  
And you left without a reason

You are my desire my desire my desire  
Go go leave and take everything away everything away  
Now the trust has been broken  
I hope that you are okay  
with the choice that you made

My desire  
Everything is fire  
Need to go higher  
Don't call me a liar  
My desire  
Singing with my choir  
Screaming and shouting  
Cause you make me a crier  
Things I Dey feel  
Talk say you don't no the deal  
The tears in my eyes is the pain that I'm feeling  
Left me on read like you don't know what's next  
Cause I found myself now I'm going for the next

## 12. In Places Only You Can See

You just Live in my head for free  
You don't pay the rent, you just stay inside my mind all night  
That's not alright

You casted me a spell now I'm on my knees  
Thinking how would it feel being touch by you lips  
I'll let you sing for me  
In places only you can see

The thought of you doesn't let me breath  
You can call it obsession, I don't care what it is  
Cause uh  
I need you to touch my,  
I need you to touch my  
My body  
Body  
Body

Touch me like you wanna be part of me  
Touch me like you wanna get lost on me  
Let me ride you to places that you've never been

Cause you casted me a spell and now I'm on my knees  
Thinking how would it feel being touched by you lips  
I'll let you sing for me  
In places only you can see

The thought of you doesn't let me breath  
You can call it obsession I don't care what it is  
Cause, uh  
I need you to touch my  
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Body  
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## 14. **Wind**

There are 3 main type of clouds in the sky.

The highest clouds are called Cirro Stratus and you can find them at altitudes of more than 20.000 feet. One foot equals to 0.333 meters. If you see them, it's sunny, you're safe for now but not for much longer.

The median clouds are called AltoStratus. They cover the sky completely from 6.500 feet to 20.000. A blueish,green blanket that won't let anything pass, not even the sun.

The lowest clouds are NimboStratus. You find them from 6.500 feet and below. In latin Nimbo means rain and that's the only thing you can expect.

Last and probably the most feared cloud is Cumulonimbus. They start off low but in less than 25 minutes they can reach the height of 50.000 feet, where they flatten out like an anvil. They bring storms and strong winds. Your only option is to take shelter.

## 18. **Babylon**

I'm missing all my words  
Since you've been gone  
How could it be so hard  
Now that I'm on my own

Sound might not translate  
But there was a time  
When I could read your mind  
When you're missing all the words

How could I write a song  
Where we used to go  
When you're the missing piece all along  
Come find me now

Under velvet skies  
In silken nights  
Words mean less than eyes  
When you sat next to me

Rain drops on our skin  
Cities fall apart  
For just one wrong word  
Made every melody stop

How could I write a song  
Where we used to go  
When you're the missing piece all along  
Come find me now

Find me find me  
In the maze of the words of your heart  
Find me find me  
In the maze of the words without sound  
Find me find me  
Find me find me  
In the maze of the words of your heart  
In the maze of the words without sound  
In the maze of the words of your heart  
In the maze of the words without sound



## 19. **Mother of All Storms**

GRAVITY.

What will they be afraid of when I'm up there?

That the wind will blow me over?

That a storm will make me vanish?

Or perhaps nobody will care.

And gravity will be my only friend.

If I'm still alive tomorrow, it'll be thanks to gravity.

And if I die, it'll be because there's nothing stronger than gravity.

Maybe I've always been alone.

And if gravity isn't with me,

loneliness will devour my very being.

I'll wake up with a deadly cold.

Light-years away from you, amongst space debris.

I'm not afraid of storms.

I'm afraid of the force that makes them lethal.

It doesn't matter how strong the storm is.

Nothing terrifies me more than the only friend I have left.

Take care of me. Gravity, mother of all storms.

## 20. **Big Fat Storm**

NELLY

You know you think you won't make it. You think it will swallow you whole, bones and all.

There is this constant, enormous mountain in your system, this huge, unbearable thing you never found the words for.

There has always been this something, lurking and waiting. It's hidden everywhere, in every shadow, in every storm.

And yet there has always been this dream, this hope for something more.

There have been 3 million years of rain and there has been you surviving all of it.

You try to remember this. You have been running for a long time now.

This is the year of your arrival.

## 21. End of Journey

I've been trying to sort things out  
I've never thought I'd come this far  
See the smoke on still water  
And ancient trees bending before the fire,  
Locked within the cages of desire,  
And I guess I should have known much better

But I've already gone the distance  
But I've already gone the distance

Darling, baby, what do you want me to do?  
Should I tell you sweet lies or do you want the whole truth?  
Come out here, come take my hand  
You can't find no cure, you don't have a chance  
Beyond the horizon, nothing stands  
It's only yourself that you  
have to understand.

But I've already gone the distance.  
But I've already gone the distance.

It's strange that darkness will come as closure  
Maybe it's there between pain and pleasure  
Memories of evenings past  
Old time melodies and aging photographs  
Rest on the web of life that's been woven  
Deep inside every man and woman

'Cause I've already gone the distance  
'Cause I've already gone the distance