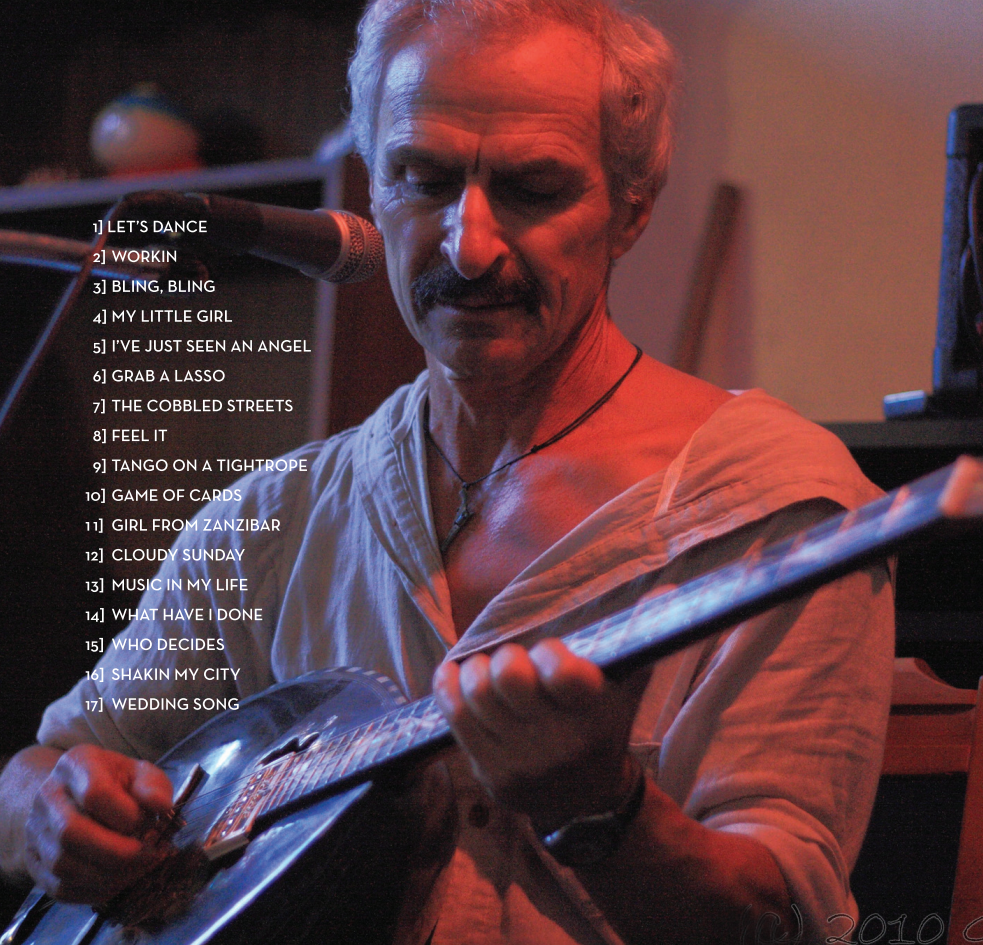


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THE MUSICAL



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*It took a shake up of the earth, to shake up some deeply entrenched traditions.
It's*

THE BIG SHAKE

STORY, MUSIC & LYRICS BY COSTA KERDEMELIDIS

Yorgo, a young Greek boy, gets his Kiwi girlfriend pregnant and immigrates to live with her in Christchurch, New Zealand. They have a son Achilles, but feeling she was too young to bring up the child shes leaves Yorgo with the baby to pursue her own life. His mother comes from Greece to help raise the child bringing with her a greek girl Sophia who she hoped Yorgo would marry. He marries Sophia who bears him two sons, Jason and Stavros and a daughter Agapi. Tragically Sophia dies leaving Yorgo to raise his children with the help of their grandmother [the Yiayia]. Yorgo, a deeply religious and traditional man continues to live in a time warp imposing his beliefs on his family.



When he discovers his children are secretly following their own aspirations he becomes infuriated, pushing them away and further isolating himself. A devastating earthquake strikes Christchurch, shaking up their lives and old traditions are pushed aside.



LET'S DANCE

(The family dances a traditional dance for the customers)

Na,na,nanana,na Na,na,nanana,na Na,na,nanana
We're gonna dance tonight.

In our little Greek Island by the river
In the centre of the city
Where you eat a little, shake a little, let yourself be free
And the girls are young and pretty
Where you drink a little, dance a little, whatever you want to be
Break those chains that bind you and be free.

If you're feeling lonely, if you're feeling down
Don't hide in the corner like a, sad old clown
There's a little secret we'd like to share with you
It's an Island in the city
There's a little secret we'd like to share with you
Where you let your soul be free.

You can try a tasty moussaka or a nice sweet baklava
Take a little drop of ouzo or a shot of Metaxa
Shout out Yiamas! and Opa! and dance wherever you like
Through the kitchen, on the tables, let's all set the place alight
Shout out Yiamas! and Opa! and dance wherever you like
Join together, come kick your heels up, come to Greece for the night..
Opa!! Lets Dance !!



Bling Bling

(Yiayia remembers her younger days and names the till Beethoven)

When I am just a little girl methinks I was only three.
(or maybe it was it six or seven)
My Father sent me out to work to feed the family
(that's how it was)
The man he make me milking cows from
morning time till tea
And then he give me a bucket of milk,
he telling me that's your fee
I give him back that bucket of his,
and say thats not for me
(he thinking me stupid)
He looking cross he dig in his pocket and giving
some coins to me (thats more like it)
He saying not to tell anyone, because it all tax free
(I no understand this one)
I hold them me little hand and
skipping all the way home
They made that jingling sound I love
that makes the world go round.

Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
how I love the sweet sound of Beethoven,
Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
such a wonderful ring in my ears,
Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
I'm so happy what more can I say,
Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
floating high in the clouds every day.

It's a happy sound, makes the world go round ,
If there's not much there, then we all feel down,
So let's all work hard, make that happy sound,
that bling bling of our Beethoven.

Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
for Yiayia it's all about the money,
Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
we hope she doesn't gamble it away,
Ding ding , bling bling, ca ching,
soon we're off on a big holiday,
Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
but first there's a lot of bills to pay.

It's a happy sound, makes the world go round,
If there's not much there, then we all feel down,
So let's all work hard make that happy sound,
that bling bling of our Beethoven.

Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
how I love the sweet sound of Beethoven,
Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
such a wonderful ring in my ears
Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
I'm so happy what more can I say,
Ding ding, bling bling, ca ching,
floating high in the clouds every day.

It's a happy sound, makes the world go round,
If there's not much there, then we all feel down,
so let's all work hard, play that happy sound,
that bling bling of our Beethoven.

Look at you, my little girl, it seems like only yesterday,
sitting there by the window, looking out at the moon, sharing our dreams together.
Now those precious moments have passed into years
leaving memories behind them of laughter and tears.
And now my sweet girl you're a woman now and I hope all your dreams may come true.
Yes my sweet girl you're a woman now time to help choose a good man for you.

I see the way he looks at me, it's carved in stone my destiny
How can I make him understand, I'm not that little girl in his hand
But when I raise my hand to speak, he plays his game of hide and seek,
He simply smiles and turns away, just going about his day to day.
I know, I'll hurt him so, if I go, I know, I'll hurt him so,
if I go I know I'll hurt him so, if I go, I know.

Remember that first song we sang, we sat together hand in hand,
I'd make up some stories of witches and ghosts, that look in your eyes so frightened
And then you would hug me and hold me so tight,
and beg for more stories before your goodnight,
But now my sweet girl you're a woman now, and I hope all your dreams may come true,
Yes my sweet girl you're a woman now time to help choose a good man for you.


Each night as I lay in my bed, a fire burns inside my head,
that choking feel, that urge to weep, each night I cry myself to sleep,
But when I raise my hand to speak, he plays his game of hide and seek,
He simply smiles and turns away, just going about his day to day.

I know, I'll hurt him so, if I go, I know, I'll hurt him so,
if I go, I know I'll hurt him so, if I go
I know, one day, he'll understand, I'm not, that little girl in his hand
I know, one day, he'll understand, I'm not, that little girl in his hand
I know, I'll hurt him so, if I go I know,
I'll hurt him so, if I go I know...



MY LITTLE GIRL

(Yergo admires his daughter Agapi, but she has her own tale to tell)



I'VE JUST SEEN AN ANGEL

(Ali sees Agapi for the first time and falls in love.)

All my life I've been hoping to find someone as beautiful as you
But I'm not sure that you even noticed me,
trying to give you a sign.
That I want to make you mine.

I've just seen an Angel, gonna ask her what's her name
Wanna ask her if she'll be my girl, wonder if she feels the same
She's got a style about her the way she moves,
how she holds her head up high
How she flicks her hair as she spins round,
gotta make that lady mine.

All my life I've been hoping,
to find someone as beautiful as you
But I'm not sure that you even noticed me,
trying to give you a sign
That I want to make you mine.

Can I walk with you, can I talk to you,
will you let me hold your hand
Shall I tell your mother, shall I tell your father,
do you think they'll understand
I wanna taste your lips, lick your fingertips,
sip you slowly like a fine wine
Did you really look my way or was it just my imagination,
was it just my imagination.

When I see you smile so sweet,
it makes my faint heart skip a beat
Trying to compose a rhyme, to sing to you to make you mine.

When I see you smile so sweet,
it makes my faint heart skip a beat
Trying to compose a rhyme, to sing to you to make you mine.
Trying to give you a sign, that I want to make you mine.

Twinkle starlight in your eyes, and a smile that's
sweeter than honey
Goose bumps spreading all over me,
my hairs gone stiff and prickly
Someone pinch me to be sure, I'm not dreaming any more
Funny feeling can't let go, how am I to let her know

All my life I've been hoping,
to find someone as beautiful as you
But I'm not sure that you even noticed me,
trying to give you a sign
That I want to make you mine

She's so pretty it's plain to see, there'll be many more than me.
Feeling lucky that this time, I'll be at the front of the line
Hey girl don't just walk away,
I've got a million words I have to say,
Sitting here watching waiting for a chance,
to make a move on you, hoping for romance

When I see you smile so sweet, makes my faint heart skip a beat
Trying to compose a rhyme, to sing to you to make you mine.
When I see you smile so sweet, makes my faint heart skip a beat
Trying to compose a rhyme, to sing to you to make you mine

Trying to give you a sign, that I want to make you mine.

If you want to catch yourself an Angel,
listen what you've got to do,
Hop up on your camel, and grab a long lasso,
Swing it to the left, twirl it to the right,
cast it high into the heavens, with all of your might,
When you feel that pull, give a tug hold tight,
slowly bring her in till the morning light.

Well sometimes you know those angels,
they can be a lot stronger than you,
When they start to flap those wings of theirs,
well there's not much you can do.

You gotta slip it out slowly, gently now,
give her just an inch or two,
Keep your eyes in the sky, and if your lucky,
she'll soon be coming into view.

Get down on your knees, give it all that you've got,
Lean back, pull hard, gotta give your best shot,
Hold it tight in your hands, till it's burning red hot,
Work those arms, don't get tied in a knot.

Get down on your knees, give it all that you've got
Lean back pull hard, gotta give your best shot,
Hold it tight in your hands till it's burning red hot
Work that six pack, no time for slack.

GRAB A LASSO

(Jason gets everyone up for a belly dance)





THE COBBLED STREETS

(Jason dedicates this song to his little brother who is determined to wed a Greek girl)

I've just seen, the girl of my dreams, dancing through the cobbled streets,
They tell me she's from Mykonos, an Island far away,
And I've got to find a way to make her mine, before she goes away.
And her heels go clickety, clack, clack, clack, to the pounding beat of my heart,
Yes her heels go clickety, clack, clack, clack, to the pounding boom, boom, boom, of my heart.

Gonna build me a boat with golden sails, to come and steal her away.
I'll pray to the Gods for a good strong wind, to help us sail away.
Yes I'll pray to the Gods for a good strong wind, to help us on our way.
And her heels go clickety, clack, clack, clack, to the pounding beat of my heart,
Yes her heels go clickety, clack, clack, clack, to the pounding boom, boom, boom of my heart.

We'll live by the sea in my little white cottage where the sun shines every day,
And we'll have lots of children and dance together, through my village just down the way.
Yes we'll have lots of children and dance together, through my village just down the way.
And their heels will go clickety, clack, clack, clack, to the pounding beat of my heart,
Yes their heels will go clickety, clack, clack, clack, to the pounding boom, boom, boom of my heart.

And their heels will go clickety, clack, clack, clack, to the pounding beat of my heart
Yes their heels will go clickety, clack, clack, clack, to the pounding boom, boom, boom of my heart.

FEEL IT

(Agapi tells Ali she may meet him later that night)

Feel it , can you feel it, tonights gonna be the night
Ooh yeah I can feel it, everything's gonna turn out right.
I love it, that crazy feeling, thats creeping all over me,
I love it, that high you're dealing, got me buzzin like a bumble bee.
Tonights gonna be the night.
You and me girl, soaring high as a kite

If you say you'll be my girl, give my aching heart a whirl.
Just one little kiss from you, will make my wildest dream come true.

Come out, we'll dance together, let's burn the dance floor,
come spin with me.

Come on, forget the others, we'll steal the limelight,
just you and me.

Hey there girl we'll have such fun, floating around together.
Don't you know I love you so, you and me forever.

Tonight's gonna be the night.
You and me girl, soaring high as a kite.

If you say you'll be my girl, give my aching heart a whirl.
Just one little kiss from you, will make my wildest dream come true.

Feel it, can you feel it, tonights gonna be the night
Ooh yeah, I can feel it, everything's gonna turn out right.
Tonight's gonna be the night,
yeah, tonight's gonna be the night,





Tango on a Tightrope

(Achilles wants to reveal he is gay)

My life, is a tango on a tightrope,
Far from all those glaring daggers down below,
Care with every step, can't afford to lose my balance,
Knowing there's no one to catch me if I fall,
Will I ever find the strength to speak what hides inside of me,
Or forever walk in darkness, is that how my life will be,
Wishing someday someone feels my pain and comes to give me hope,
Till that day I'll dance my tango on a tightrope.

Come, take my lead, don't be frightened just let yourself fall into my warm
Embrace, let me be your conchita, your lover, your sweet liberator
Raise your head, proud and high, follow me, through those bars that that you've lived locked away
All you life, it's OK, there's no reason to hide, hold my hand and together
we'll walk, in the light, just step out of the closet, push open the doors,
Voulez vous, Ma petite chou, then you'll see there's a whole world around you that feels
As you do, so step down, and let's tango on the dance floor.

Game of Cards

(Achilles confesses his secret to Agapi)

Hush not a word, don't hide your eyes
Tears like rain falling from the skies
That bitter salt taste on your cheeks
Scratching old wounds buried deep.

Words I'm trying to say to you
Lump in my throat won't let them through
Hold me close a little longer,
Your love will make me stronger
Your love will make me stronger.

Life's a game of cards, we're all dealt our hand,
To fold, to chance a bluff, go all in, outcomes can't be planned.

The years gone by, I sensed your pain
That troubled look time and time again
I came to stand there by your side
waiting for you in me to confide.

Words I'm trying to say to you
Lump in my throat won't let them through
Hold me close a little longer,
Your love will make me stronger
Your love will make me stronger.

You're my brother, lean on me
Whatever path you chose to follow
I'll hold your hand to turn that key
Through open doors to your Apollo.

Life's a game of cards, we're all dealt our hand
we're all dealt our hand.





girl from zanzibar

(Jason sings of his new found love)

I met a little girl from Zanzibar, not so far, Zanzibar.
A little biddy Island east of Africa, not so far, Zanzibar.

Her lips sweet as chocolate, you can taste it when she kissed you.
Her skin soft as velvet, when you hold her in your arms.

My little girl from Zanzibar, not so far, Zanzibar.
A little biddy Island east of Africa, not so far, Zanzibar.

She wants to take me back to her little stone village.
We'll live a simple life, building castles in the sand.

Me and my girl from Zanzibar, not so far, Zanzibar.
A little biddy Island east of Africa, not so far, Zanzibar.

My little girl from Zanzibar, not so far, Zanzibar.
A little biddy Island east of Africa, not so far, Zanzibar.

I want the world to know that she's my girl.
Long black shiny curls and teeth like pearls.
She's my inspiration, she's my muse.
Sings only happy songs, no more blues.

My little girl from Zanzibar, not so far, Zanzibar.
A little biddy Island east of Africa, not so far, Zanzibar.

I met a little girl from Zanzibar, not so far, Zanzibar.
A little biddy Island east of Africa, not so far, Zanzibar.

Cloudy Sunday

(Yorgo dances to overcome his desperation)

Dark clouds weighing down from high all over me,
Blocking out my vision blurring my reality.
Like a black veil swooping down to hold and smother me,
Covering my everything, no colours there to see.

Tell me Mother Mary is it Sunday today,
Someone help me find a church where I can kneel and pray.
Forbidden love the sweetest love that words can never say,
If time could just unwind itself to sunny Saturday.

Cloudy Sunday, you paint my heart so black,
If only it were saturday my love I'd have you back
Cloudy Sunday you showed your heart of stone,
You took the sun away from me and left me all alone.

Cloudy Sunday, you paint my heart so black,
If only it were saturday my love I'd have you back
Cloudy Sunday, you paint my heart so black,
If only it were saturday my love I'd have you back



MUSIC IN MY LIFE

(Agapi and Ali are forbidden to see each other)



Once there was music in my life, now there is nothing
Birds singing in the trees, now they are nowhere
You said with our first kiss, you'd leave me never
That night we pledged the stars, we'd be forever.

There was a time I'd always try,
to bed each girl that passed me by
I never gave much notice to,
whether their eyes were brown or blue
I just thought what would suit me best,
a flowery shirt or leather vest
And should my hair be straight or curled,
whatever helped me get the girls.
I never knew what love was then,
but now I know deep in my gut
Those feelings that I tried to hide,
and now it's me going on that ride
I'm just a nothing as you were,
to me before you showed to me
It was my ego brought me down,
the want to be a teenage clown
You turned and stabbed me in the heart,
that feeling I gave you at the start
It's sad how all directions change,
and truth implodes inside the brain.

Ooh Ooh, Ooh Ooh, Ooh

Once there was music in my life, now there is nothing
Birds singing in the trees, now they are nowhere
You said with our first kiss, you'd leave me never
That night we pledged the stars, we'd be forever.

Doctors, nurses, boys and girls,
it wasn't in my box of pearls
And birds and bees and all sensations
was never part of conversations
From times when I was just a fledge,
they taught me well to cross my legs
To keep my skirt below the knee,
my path to chastity guaranteed
But bodies speak of other stories,
and closest friends of all their glories
Respect would always make discussion,
enough to give a girl concussion?
Then you appeared from heavens high,
you struck a chord don't ask me why
Like lightning piercing heart and head,
you were my Lord my daily bread
Now those that taught me all so well,
have made my life a living hell
To hide inside my room to kvetch,
and wait in hope with arms outstretched.

Once there was music in my life, now there is nothing
Birds singing in the trees, now they are nowhere
You said with our first kiss, you'd leave me never
That night we pledged the stars, we'd be forever.

Once there was music in my life, now there is nothing
Birds singing in the trees, now they are nowhere
Once there was music in my life, now there is nothing



What have I done

(Yorgo regrets the way he behaved towards his daughter Agapi)

God what have I done, was I so blind to see
I pushed her away when I knew she loved me, I should've held her high above me.
Don't you take my little girl, don't you take my little girl away from me.

She's there buried deep in rubble, If only I'd listened to her plea's
I'm here drowning in my tears, in my self made pool of misery.

God give me another chance, give me another chance, give me another chance
To hug my girl and dream, of her wedding dance.

I didn't need this great big shake to open up my eyes to make me see
There's no more meaning in my life, if you take her, away from me.
If time could wind back to the start, I'd set her free to follow her heart.

I don't know what to believe in, and who I should be listening to
No one has the right to tell you, what's right and what is wrong.

God give me another chance, give me another chance, give me another chance
to hug my girl and dream of her wedding dance.
Of her wedding dance

WHO DECIDES

(Agapi mourns the loss of life)

Is there anybody that can tell me why, someone out there choses if we live or die,
Will we ever find out why it's so, or do we have to go before we get to know.

What words would you have to say, if you were here with me today,
would you tell me no don't cry or pray, that you'd spread your angel wings and just flew away.

Tell me who decides, which one of us will live or die
which one of us will live or die, which one of us will live or die.

Can I ask you ,is it lonely there, are there people that you know from here,
In that long white tunnel that you go, is there bright sunshine or thunder hail and snow.

Remember when you said you loved me, the words just floated high above me,
I laughed and turned my head away, I played you like a game young people play.

Tell me who softly blows out our candle, and kills the fire inside
and kills the fire inside, and kills the fire inside.

Now the shoe is on the other foot, there is no more laughter nothing good
I'm so sorry you were misunderstood, now you'll always hold a place deep in my heart.

Tell me who decides, which one of us will live or die
which one of us will live or die, which one of us will live or die.





SHAKING MY CITY

(Yorgo pleads for the shaking to stop)

I live in what was once a beautiful city,
One that I'm so proud to call my home,
It has beaches, hills, rivers, mountains and churches,
Has a Gondola and a great big ice cream cone.

Now someone out there started shaking my city
Someone out there started rocking my world
Did I say I wanted my streets to flow like a river
Who told you I was ready to rock and roll.

Hey you out there stop shaking my city,
hey you out there stop rocking my world
Hey you out there stop shaking my city,
hey you out there stop rocking my world.

I look out my window and see the destruction
Plumes of dust all around me blanket my world
Brown stuff oozing out from under the houses
Buildings turning to rubble in front of my eyes.

Forget about sleeping cause wherever you are
somebody picked us out from all of the stars
There was plenty to chose from so what
was it made you pick us
Well we're trying to move on now so pack up
and piss of to Mars.

Hey you out there stop shaking my city,
hey you out there stop rocking my world
Hey you out there stop shaking my city,
hey you out there stop rocking my world
With insurance something's funny,
telling us there's not much money,
But there's no need to disparage,
you can shack up in your garage,
And be sure we'll fix your plumbing,
in time for Jesus second coming,
Until then it's portaloos for you,
until then with portaloos make do. So I say:
Hey you out there stop shaking my city,
hey you out there stop rocking my world
Hey you out there stop shaking my city,
hey you out there stop rocking my world
Stop rocking my world.

WEDDING DANCE

(A dance for the bride and groom.)

Come join with us to celebrate this special day

Let's raise a glass and drink a toast to them that made their vows today.

What glowing beauty like the sun the bride, how proud and grand the groom

Let's wish them both a happy fruitful life, together to blossom and bloom.

And here's to friends and family who graced us on this day

Let's drink to all those absent friends, who sent their thoughts from far away.

Today's the day our children spread their wings and fly to pastures green

And may they grow together old and grey, forever as king and queen.



