

Fire in the Wire

Peter Blacksmith · album · 2026

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About this album

Fire in the Wire is a deeply personal album. It is about the fight against illness and physical pain, and I wrote it in 2025 and 2026, during a very dark period of my life.

If you recognise yourself in one of these songs, I sincerely hope it gives you courage – and that, like me, you will never give up.

Guardian Angel is for everyone who, in one way or another, helped me not to give up despite the pain, and to keep on fighting.

Ellen is for my dear wife, who has carried me through every hardship for so long, and still does. Without her I would not have survived this fight, and this album would not exist.

The last song on the album holds the warm memories I cherish of my former rock band, Whispering Wind, and of everyone who was part of it, from near or far.

— *Peter Smits (Peter Blacksmith)*

01 · LYRICS

Fire in the Wire

starts at 0:00 in the video



My body hums like a restless ghost,
My veins blocking where it hurts the most
But I keep chasing, chasing the echoes of my dreams,
While the pain hits me with a red laser beam

There's a fire in the wire, burning through my veins,
Every spark is screaming, please break these chains.
I'm rising from the shadows, better than before
I'm alive, I'm alive, I'm still ready for more.

I've walked the line between hope and fear,
Where every single fall puts me in a higher gear
Felt the ground tremble under my feet.
But I'm still standing tall, while refusing defeat.

There's a fire in the wire, burning through my veins,
Every spark is screaming, please break these chains.
I'm rising from the shadows, better than before
I'm alive, I'm alive, I'm still ready for more.

A storm is calling my name again,
I'll pass the gates of pain and fear again
But I won't bow for its thunder's roar.
Till I find the truth that I am looking for.

There's a fire in the wire, burning through my veins,
Every spark is screaming, please break these chains.
I'm rising from the shadows, better than before
I'm alive, I'm alive, I'm still ready for more.

02 · LYRICS

I Will Never Give Up

starts at 4:16 in the video



Didn't sleep last night
Ceiling cracks
I trace my doubts
Every breath feels tight
But I'm still here
I'm still proud

Hands shake
Heart races
Same old shadows in new places
Yeah
It cuts
It stains
But I'm learning how to stand inside the pain

I know it hurts like hell sometimes
But I will never
Never give up
Staring down the dark
I rise
Yeah
I will never
Never give up
Every scar on my skin
Is a line that says I win
I know it hurts like hell sometimes
But I will never
Never give up

People say "you're strong"
They don't see the nights I break
Talking to the wall
Begging it to bend
For heaven's sake

Still
I lace my shoes
One more mile in these worn-out blues
If all I've got is faith this thin
I'll wrap it 'round my mind and swing again

I've been on the floor
Face down
Asking "what for?"
But every time I breathe
That is my victory
That's one little more

So if the weight comes back
Let it press
I won't crack
I bend
I bleed
I burn
But I won't turn
I won't turn back
I won't turn back

I know it hurts like hell sometimes
But I will never
Never give up
Staring down the dark
I rise
Yeah
I will never
Never give up
Every scar on my skin
Is a line that says I win
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03 · LYRICS

Bending with the Tide

starts at 7:54 in the video



The walls are closing in, inch by inch
The road is long, the hills are far too steep
Every muscle aches, I feel the pinch
The promises I made are hard to keep
The wind is cutting through my weathered skin
The voices whisper: "Just let it all go"
But I tune out the noise, the doubt within
And find a rhythm that they'll never know

When the thunder rolls and the ground gives way
I'm holding on to the light of day
I won't break, I only bend with the tide
Fighting the waves with nothing to hide
Teeth grit tight, fists balled in the rain
I'm rising up, rising through the pain

The light is fading, the night is far too long
My lungs are burning, my breath is getting thin
I'm not invincible, I'm not always strong
I've felt the shadows creeping underneath my skin
But in the distance, a golden streak appears
A fire burning deep inside my chest
It's the hope I've carried through all these years
Put to the ultimate, final test

When the thunder rolls and the ground gives way
I'm holding on to the light of day
I won't break, I only bend with the tide
Fighting the waves with nothing to hide
Teeth grit tight, fists balled in the rain
I'm rising up, rising through the pain

It's not about how many times you hit the floor
It's about the strength to go and ask for more
Let the ache be the fuel, let the fear be the spark
Watch the lightning strike and shatter the dark
I'm not moving, I'm standing my ground
Today was heavy, but I'm glory-bound!

When the thunder rolls and the ground gives way
I'm holding on to the light of day
I won't break, I only bend with the tide
Fighting the waves with nothing to hide
Teeth grit tight, fists balled in the rain
I'm rising up, rising through the pain

I'm still standing...
I'm still standing...
Nothing can pull me down.

04 · LYRICS

Echo of the Turning Sky

starts at 12:05 in the video



I woke beneath a silver morning,
Where the shadows learned to breathe.
The world was turning slow and ancient,
Like a memory beneath my feet.
I felt the pulse of distant thunder,
Rolling softly through my bones.
And every step became a question
Of the places I have known.

And the wind whispered stories
Of the man I used to be.
But the sky kept on turning,
Turning endlessly.

So I walk into the echo of the turning sky,
Where the colors melt and the hours drift by.
I'm a stranger to the moment, but I'm learning why
Every heartbeat leaves a trace of light.
In the echo of the turning sky.

I saw reflections in the water,
Faces drifting out of time.
Some were broken, some were hollow,
Some were versions of my mind.
And in the quiet of the distance,
I heard a voice I used to know.
It said the truth is just a river
And you choose where it will flow.

And the wind whispered stories
Of the man I'll never be.
But the sky kept on turning,
Turning endlessly.

So I walk into the echo of the turning sky,
Where the colors melt and the hours drift by.
I'm a stranger to the moment, but I'm learning why
Every heartbeat leaves a trace of light.
In the echo of the turning sky.

"We are fragments of a future
We have not yet learned to see.
We are echoes of a moment
Searching for a place to be."

So I walk into the echo of the turning sky,
Where the questions fade and the dreams don't die.
I'm a wanderer of shadows, but I still get by
On the traces of the light inside.
In the echo of the turning sky.

Turning... turning...
The sky keeps turning...
And so do I.

Shelter Me

starts at 17:59 in the video



Loneliness has kept me company
While the sound of sadness became a friend of me
I felt the pain carving in my soul
When an angel of death came asking for its toll

Emptiness has been fulfilling me
While you crossed the Styx
I came to pay your fee
Why don't you turn around, just to see me cry
I didn't even have the chance to say goodbye

Ain't no religion gonna pull me through
I don't need no teacher to tell me what to do

Shelter me from the storm
Cure me from the pain
Come on and stop me now from going insane
Be the wind in my sails and feel what I feel
Only you can cure this wound that never heals

Faithfulness is what's guiding me
When I look into your eyes it feels like ecstasy
Come on hold me tight
Give your light to me
Then I'll know you will be here until eternity

Ain't no religion gonna pull me through
I don't need no teacher to tell me what to do

Shelter me from the storm
Cure me from the pain
Come on and stop me now from going insane
Be the wind in my sails and feel what I feel
Only you can cure this wound that never heals

Look at me, I'm falling
I scream your name
Don't you hear me calling
Make me see and show my eyes infinity
And protect me when I hit reality

Look at me, I'm crying
I scream your name
Don't you see me trying
Take my hand, lead me to the sacred land
And pull me out of this sinking sand

Shelter me from the storm
Cure me from the pain
Come on and stop me now from going insane
Be the wind in my sails and feel what I feel
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06 · LYRICS

The Maze

starts at 23:15 in the video



Open your eyes
Just look around you
So many different ways
Leading to good or bad
There are highways and railroads
Or you might stray
But it's not even certain
Whether you will leave or stay

Now you must choose
The path to hang on
So many different faiths
Just let your heart decide
Many roads can be followed
Rocky or straight
Paved with flowers
Or an alley full of hate

Try to see crystal-clear
Through the hazes of your past
The pain has gone, you're almost near
The blindfold has to fall at last

Make up your mind
Just try to hang on
The undefinable dream leads you through the maze
Take my hand
Together we'll go on
Finding our way
Out of the maze
In Love and grace

I'll follow your steps
If you step in mine
Together we'll go on
Like constellations we'll travel
Spangling the sky
In vermilion moonlight
While the seasons pass us by

Try to see crystal-clear
Through the hazes of your past
The pain has gone, you're almost near
The blindfold has to fall at last

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07 · LYRICS

Guardian Angel

starts at 27:53 in the video



In cold hallways where time stands still
Where every breath is a test of will
I walked alone through an endless night
Searching for an exit, searching for a light
And then suddenly, when I least expected
A hand reached out, a soul connected
You stepped in with a grace so slight
To turn every shadow into light.

You read the fears hidden behind my eyes
You find the words that cleared the skies
When the weight of sickness was so hard to bear
You brought an answer to every prayer.

You, who heal with heart and mind
A soul so rare, a different kind
In my battle, you were the spark
A massive strength within the dark
It's not just a job, it is who you are
Your devotion is like a guiding star
Thank you for staying, for all that you do
My guardian angel, nursing me through.

More than just care, it's your humanity
A presence of unseen pure integrity
You carried me when all hope was gone
Giving me the strength to carry on
I heard you whisper hope into me
When darkness was all that I could see.

You, who heal with heart and mind
A soul so rare, a different kind
In my battle, you were the spark
A massive strength within the dark
It's not just a job, it is who you are
Your devotion is like a guiding star
Thank you for staying, for all that you do
My guardian angel, nursing me through.

We often forget those who stay on their feet
Watching over us, never in retreat
But your smile is etched in my memory
You are a brand-new chapter in my history.

With all my heart...
With all my soul...
I want to thank you
Thank you for helping me through

08 · LYRICS

Ellen

starts at 32:39 in the video



The shadows used to linger in the corners of my heart
A heavy, silent winter that tore my soul apart
I carried every heartache like a stone within my chest
Searching for a quiet place where my weary soul could rest
Then you stepped into my life and the grey began to fade
Breaking every cycle and the debt that sorrow paid.

The sharpest thorns of memory, they don't sting me like before
Because you gently picked me up, picked me up from the floor
The chaos of the world outside is nothing but a sound
Since I found the steady rhythm of your feet upon the ground
You take the jagged edges of a mind that's prone to fear
And smooth them into silk the moment that you're leaning near.

Oh, your love is the light that conquers every sting
The healing in the winter and the breath inside the spring
It's a brand-new color that I've never seen defined
Washing through my spirit and easing up my mind
Through the pain and the suffering, you are the steady glow
The only truth I need to feel, the only home I know.

It isn't just a feeling, it's a shield against the night
A way of seeing beauty in the fading of the light
Where there used to be a desert, now a holy garden grows
Painted in the palettes that only eternal passion knows
The scars are still a part of me, but they don't define my soul
Because your love has taken every piece and made it whole.

Oh, your love is the light that conquers every sting
The healing in the winter and the breath inside the spring
It's a brand-new color that I've never seen defined
Washing through my spirit and easing up my mind
Through the pain and the suffering, you are the steady glow
The only truth I need to feel, the only home I know.

So let the colors run...
Vivid blue and endless gold
The stories of the suffering are stories that are old
My mind is quiet now, anchored in your grace
Finding all my heaven in the kindness of your face
Eternal. Untouched.
Ellen... oh, Ellen, oh, Ellen
I love you, Ellen, I love you
Ellen, I love you

09 · LYRICS

A Band Called Whispering Wind

starts at 38:16 in the video



I remember every highway, every neon-colored night,
When we carried all our dreams in battered vans and borrowed light.
We were young and we were fearless, didn't know what we didn't know,
But the world felt wide and open, and our hearts were set to glow.

And every town felt like a promise,
Every stage a piece of home.
We were brothers, we were fire,
Never once we stood alone.

Now I'm whispering back to yesterday,
To the nights that shaped my soul.
When my screaming guitar notes
Made the toughest hearts lose control.
And the band, and all the angels
Who walked with us through every show…
I'm whispering back to yesterday,
And I still feel the afterglow.

There were people all around us,
Family born from sound and sweat.
They were waiting for my lyrics
Where a whisper always met
Some wandering, gentle angel
Who kept floating through my lines—
She was hope, she was the silence
Between the chords we left behind.

And every night we felt immortal,
Every chorus felt like truth.
We were louder than our sorrows,
We were guardians of our youth.

Now I'm whispering back to yesterday,
To the nights that shaped my soul.
When my screaming guitar notes
Made the toughest hearts lose control.
And the band, and all the angels
Who walked with us through every show…
I'm whispering back to yesterday,
And I still feel the afterglow.

Time moves on, but it can't steal
The fire we carved in every song.
And though the crowds have changed their faces,
The echoes still feel strong.
I close my eyes and I can hear
The wind we used to chase—
Whispering like it always did,
A ghost I still embrace.

So I'm whispering back to yesterday,
Where the music made us whole.
Where one wild, burning guitar note
Could tear open any soul.
And the band, and all the angels
Still walk with me wherever I go…
I'm whispering back to yesterday,
And I'll never let it go.