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PRODUCED BY CASON COOLEY AND KATIE HERZIG

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ON DRUG AND THICK AS THIEVES



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Produced by Cason Cooley and Katie Herzig
Additional co-production by Butterfly Boucher on Drug and Thick as Thieves
Mixed by Justin Gerrish at 17B Moultrie in Brooklyn NY, St. Cecelia
and Blackbird Studio B (assisted by Leland Elliot) in Nashville, TN
Mastered at Sterling Sound by Joe LaPorta
Photography by Heidi Ross
Album design by Butterfly Boucher and Annie Herzig

All songs written by Katie Herzig (Katie Herzig Music/ASCAP) except:
Drug, Your Side, Summer, Say it Out Loud and Lines written by Katie Herzig
and Cason Cooley (Look I Have Publishing/ASCAP)
Thick as Thieves written by Katie Herzig and Butterfly Boucher (B2G2 Music/BMI)
Proud written by Katie Herzig and Ingrid Michaelson (Breakable Girls Music/ASCAP)

All songs recorded at St. Cecelia and Lady Friend studios in Nashville, TN
Drums and bass recorded by Buckley Miller at The Trophy Room in Nashville, TN
All instruments and programming played by Katie Herzig and Cason Cooley except:
Butterfly Boucher played bass on tracks 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10 & 11, electric guitar
on 2 & 5, keys on 2,8 & 9, cowbell on 9, and background vocals on 2,3,5,6 & 8
Claire Indie played all cello parts
Eleonore Denig played all violin parts
Jordan Brooke Hamlin played electric guitar on tracks 1,7 & 10,
clarinet and French horn on 1 & 12 and accordion air on 1
Will Sayles played drums on tracks 2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10 & 11
Ruby Amanfu sang background vocals on tracks 1, 2 and 12

1. FREQUENCIES

I've never been quite as tough as them
I've been picking up frequencies
Just as long as my little heart could beat me down
Before I run off and drown in the stuff that never happened

The crazy thing about love
Is that it's always good enough
And if you let it grow then you know for sure
That it could hurt you more
But you've been hurt before
By all of the stuff that never happened

Follow your heart
'Til it's easy 'til it's open
Long enough to feel a little bit broken
'Til heaven has spoken

You got a hold of me before I got to be
The kind of person that I dreamed I'd be
The kind of person that would never ever hide away
When there's so much to say about the things that matter

Follow your heart
'Til it's easy 'til it's open
Long enough to feel a little bit broken
'Til heaven has spoken

2. DRUG

Oh you left me with a little of your love your love
Oh I'm gonna need some more I need some more love
Oh you left me in the middle of your love your love
Oh and now I need some more you're like a drug a drug

Heaven must have sent you because I never meant to meet you
Heaven must have sent you because I never meant to meet you
Heaven must have sent you because I never meant to

Oh I'm taking it to everywhere I go I go
Oh and now you need to know you need to know to know
Oh you kill me when you say you have to go to go
Oh addicted to you baby even though my lord oh my lord

Heaven must have sent you because I never meant to meet you
Heaven must have sent you because I never meant to meet you
Heaven must have sent you because I never meant to

3. WALK THROUGH WALLS

How do you know the world is round
When you're blissfully enchanted on the ground
How do you see a world outside
When you're surrounded by a picture in your mind
When I saw your eyes they stole my heart
And they told me I was living in the dark
And now I'm caught in a great divide
And I'm aching to be on the other side

But before you walk through walls
You will leave all this behind
Before you walk through walls
You will look it in the eye
Before you walk through walls
You will learn to say goodbye
If you let your guard down long enough to try

How do you know a flame is real
Out of all the fires this is one I feel
They happen so fast
The moments pass
And we're all waiting for the moments that will last
When I saw your eyes they stole my heart

But before you walk through walls...
You will leave all this behind
You will look it in the eye
You will learn to say goodbye
You will look it in the eye
You will learn to let it die
In the moment where the darkness needs the light

4. SUMMER

I remember the time you first held your hand in mine
We left our worries behind us
We got lost alright
And there's no way to describe how a moment changes
Maybe the world would define us
But our hands were tied

Don't let go of me
Don't give up on me

We had our feet in the sand
With an ocean waiting
And I was tied to the land of summer fading
Will you lay down with me here
While the waters rise
Or will you follow my fear to the other side

Don't let go of me
Don't give up on me

5. SAY IT OUT LOUD

Say it out loud
We're moving the world around
Careful you don't look down
You might be the last one out
We're here to stay
We won't give our lives away
We know there's a better way
The people will have their say
And they'll say it out loud

You think it's fun
Holding a loaded gun
Pointing it at the sun
Not fooling anyone
I'll say it now
We're starting a revolution
Against our own confusion
There will be no illusion
When we say it out loud

Say it out loud...

6. YOUR SIDE

We felt love so we made it
We felt hope so we braved it
We felt fear so we tamed it
We held on and we waited
From the fire to the fear to the fall
Heaven knows I'm on your side
From the first to the last through it all
Everywhere our worlds collide

Oh oh
We can't hide from each other
We can hide from no one
Oh oh
Give our hearts to each other
Lift them up like we're young

When we lived in the moment
We forgot all our shame
When we woke in the morning
We knew then we are the same
From the fire to the fear to the fall
Heaven knows I'm on your side
From the first to the last through it all
Everywhere our worlds collide

7. LINES

I don't want to hurt you
I just want to be your friend
Even though we draw our lines with very different ends
Do you believe me
Have I even earned your trust
To ask you for it now, would it ever be enough
With all the words to say
Surely we can find
A place to leave our past behind

Oh our worlds collide
When they can't survive
On their own precious lies
Oh we make mistakes
Find what it takes
And make an honest try

Searching for an answer
Searching for a place to stand
That doesn't tear you down
Can you even see me
Would you look me in the eye
Or will it just remind you
We're living in a great divide
Are you looking for a truth
Are you looking for a sign
Or are you looking for your own kind

8. THICK AS THIEVES

Do you feel heaven
When the ache is strong
When the nets are left alone
Wonder what we'll find
As the cast is drifting

My love hold me to your side
My love just like the first time
Hold on hold me through the mourning
Hold on harder than I'm falling

Do you feel heaven
In late July
We'll never learn to say goodbye
The sand will dry
Now the sun is lifting

My love hold me to your side
My love just like the first time
Hold on hold me through the mourning
Hold on harder than I'm falling

All all that I long for
All that I look for
All all that I long for
All that I look for
My love

9. HUMAN TOO

Look me in the eye
We've been here before
The start of the future
The end of a war
We lost where we came from
We found who we were
We fell out of space
And landed on Earth

Ooh tell me that you understand
Tell me that you're human too
That all the magic
And all the tragic
Lives inside you too

If we looked up
If we looked in
If we let go
Of the shape that we're in
Start with a stranger
Ask them their name
Forgive them their fortunes
Forgive them their pain

Ooh tell me that you understand
Tell me that you're human too
That all the magic
And all the tragic
Lives inside you too

We all breathe the same air that we breathe
We all seek the same love that we need

10. WATER FEAR

All the weight you left behind you
Hiding in the space in my chest
You're wide awake when I am sleeping
On the other side on the other side
Oh I pray that I will keep you
Got to keep you in my grasp
Because you broke me made me saved me
Never look back never look back never look back

Oh the way you shake my senses
Shaken from the first to the last
In the moments heaven sent us
Why can't all of them last
I am open fallen broken since the moment you passed
I am searching aching taking
Never look back never look back never look back

I'm all the way to the water
I'm all the way to the fear
I'm all the way to the water
I'm all the way to the fear

You have broken my heart open
Left me on the edge of the land
It's the furthest I have traveled from the palm of your hand
An unspoken deep devotion heaven and earth understand
Oh the moment I give in and never look back
Never look back never look back

11. FORGIVENESS

You were given long enough to move along
You said we're living to forgive what may have come
As you were leaving
As I was grieving
I have loved you all my life
I ask forgiveness I ask forgiveness I ask forgiveness
For our last goodbye

I still need you no matter how much time has passed
I still feel you oh how I long to feel your grasp
Because I love you
Because you love me all my life
I ask forgiveness I ask forgiveness I ask forgiveness
For our last goodbye

12. PROUD

We should ask ourselves out loud
Are we really proud
Are we living with our hearts in the open
We should ask ourselves out loud
Are we really proud
Of the lines that we have chosen
Of the words we haven't spoken
To repair what we have broken

We should ask ourselves out loud
Are we really proud
Are we building walls or bridges
Are we sharing our own riches

You couldn't look away...

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I dedicated my last album to my mom Cheryl and I can't help but dedicate this one to her as well. This record was birthed in the aftermath of losing her and the only way to create it was through all of my grief, inspired by all she was, chasing the mystery of where she is. She was a seeker and a lover, as open hearted as they come. This album is my journey of trying to become the same. Thank you Mom.



