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## 1. CUBA AFRICA

Verse 1.  
Like a story with no end  
(if only I can change it now).  
Sometimes... it is easy to pretend  
Hard to understand yourself  
Spinning' up your dreams  
Making up your mind  
My friend...

Verse 2.  
Have I ever held her hand?  
Have I ever met with you...  
Don't know...  
Life is running ocean sand  
Nothing ever will remind  
Emptiness behind ... Me  
Questions of any kind  
in my mind

*Chorus:*  
*Wonder what's your name...*  
*Cuba Africa*  
*Asking what's your name*  
*Cuba Africa*

Verse 3.  
Should we stop or should we go  
Asking what was right or wrong  
...before  
She was gone so long ago  
And I never found the door  
Leaving for myself  
Just ordinary life,  
My friend.

*Chorus.*

## 2. COSMOPOLITAN LIFE

Verse 1.  
One day on Monday  
I will ride the subway  
From Bombay to Norway  
I'll be driving on a highway

If I don't know  
How to take the next train  
Then I won't ask  
It's so hard to explain  
Simply I'll take the reality dive  
To my cosmopolitan life

*Chorus:*  
*(In Portuguese)*

Verse 2.  
Moscow, Rio...  
Is it real or unreal?  
Faces, places  
I'm keeping time in my suitcases  
If I don't know  
How to take the next train  
Then I won't ask  
It's so hard to explain  
Simply I'll take the reality dive  
To my cosmopolitan life

*Chorus:*  
*(In Portuguese)*

### 3. NOBODY

*(thanks Julie Sino)*

It's a lonely sky...  
Are we still close by?  
Once again me and you....

If I lose you now  
As for you I'll say  
I will always try to make you stay

Cause I

Overlooked from a day when you  
Started learning to fly...  
But I ... know you can hear  
Once again for sleepless lullaby

Nobody... Nobody's asked me  
Nobody... Nobody...Why?  
Nobody... Nobody'll meet you  
On the sky

Why can't you take me?

Nobody... Nobody's told me  
Nobody... Nobody...Why?  
Nobody ever explained to me  
I'll always deny

Why can't I share with you?  
Strawberry taste of life...

I should say no more  
Stay on empty shore  
Right across your Land  
Try to understand  
You feel my regret  
Have no met you... yet... My friend

Did I

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#### 4. PRICE TO LEARN

Do you Remember life  
When God just opened the door  
Did you care what went on before?  
Right after the Christmas song,  
The way I've burnt first spring  
I was in a rush for summer strings.

I need a pass to yesterday  
To save a time that sleeps  
To find my dreams  
Wake up my mind  
Slow down life clips

Why all the flowers  
Why all the trees  
Will get to know when to fall as leaves?  
And I should know  
That all I have said  
That all I have dreamed  
Never happened to me but  
There's gonna be my turn...

Exchanging life for prying  
You've got to lose much time  
It is a price to learn.  
How many times I wish  
To change the life I live  
To get an answer that you will give  
What I have learned so hard  
Don't look for something new  
When you still have somebody close to you

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There's gonna be my turn...

Exchanging life for prying  
You've got to lose so much time  
It is a price to learn.

## 5. TANGO

### Verse 1.

Someone said  
You belong to the place  
You were born and raised.  
No one knows  
How long did I follow the rule  
Someone phrased?

Uh-La-La-La  
[It] was the day when I said  
Uh-La-La-La

Uh-La-La-La  
Something tells me I am close.  
I'll find you know  
Domani... Staserra...

*Chorus:*  
*Tango, Tango, Tango...*  
*Such a cold Primavera.*  
*Tango, Tango, Tango...*  
*Never say Never... Ever*  
*Tango, Tango, Tango...*  
*Time is rollin' to Zero*  
*Every step when I'm walkin' down the street...*

### Verse 2.

Walkin' down...  
Every step... seeing lights...  
It's so easy to drown  
Straight ahead...  
Watching faces... I am...  
I am walking down

Uh-La-La-La  
[It] was the day when I said  
Uh-La-La-La

Uh-La-La-La  
Something tells me I am close.  
I'll find you know.  
Domani... Staserra...

*Chorus:*  
*Tango, Tango, Tango...*  
*Such a cold Primavera.*  
*Tango, Tango, Tango...*  
*Never say Never... Ever*  
*Tango, Tango, Tango...*  
*Time is rollin' to Zero*  
*Every step when I'm walkin' down the street...*

(Is Tango, Tango, Tango...)

## 6. WHEN CAN I SEE YOUR SMILE?

Verse 1.

If you feel I did it wrong...  
Apologize...  
Imagine that I still belong...  
make me realize  
How jealous I am that on the sky  
are bright  
We don't have to be alone  
Tonight.

*Chorus:*  
*When can I see your smile?*  
*Probably soon if you'll be able*  
*To find out [the] reason why*  
*Yellow Moon is being stapled.*

*So... Show me how you smile.*  
*I'll understand... We've finally started...*  
*I know your number to dial*  
*When I will see your smile.*

Verse 2.

I hope I didn't sound too strong...  
...I Apologize  
If only you would stay for longer  
...Today I realized  
No matter what we left behind  
You'll make up your mind  
We don't have to be alone...  
...Tonight

*Chorus:*  
*When can I see your smile?*  
*Probably soon if you'll be able*  
*To find out [the] reason why*  
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## 7. PORTOFINO

Verse 1.

Hiding from your eyes under the white umbrella  
Small cafe is watching dreams in view of stella  
Summer day was sparkling like a glass of vino

No surprises...  
It was a summer...  
When you tried to find your way  
To Portofino...

*Chorus:*  
*Hey, try to find a better way*  
*Why, did you miss a summer day?*  
*Where, where were you?*  
*When she said forgive me...*

Verse 2.

Anyway, you need more time to look around  
You don't get in real life surround sound  
But if you'll blame everything on old nostalgia

When it happened...  
And you lost it...  
Going back to Portofino...  
Wrong idea...

*Chorus:*  
*Hey, try to find a better way*  
*Why, did you miss a summer day?*  
*Where, where were you?*  
*When she said forgive me...*

## 8. IF I'LL EVER GET A CHANCE....

Verse 1 in Russian.

*Chorus:*  
*If I'll get a chance to talk to you*  
*Teach me how to ask for your forgiveness*  
*If I only new*  
*I would rather forgive you*

If you'll have a chance to talk to me  
I could wind a clock by falling rain...  
Did I really mean  
What I failed to explain

If I'll ever get a chance to talk with you

Verse 2 in Russian.

If I'll get a chance to talk to you  
Teach me how to ask for your forgiveness  
If I only new  
I would rather forgive you

If you'll have a chance to talk to me  
I could wind a clock by falling rain...  
Did I really mean  
What I failed to explain

If I'll ever get a chance to talk with you

## 9. BLUE RIVER

*(Dedicated to Oriana Di Meola)*

*Chorus:*

*How to explain*

*Why Blue River's icy rain*

*Chasing away*

*A blue water night and day*

*Asking ... Don't leave me ever again ...*

Verse 1.

Sun will come up, believe me

It's never on time

Summer is late, forgive me,

You're trying and I'm

Once you will say remember

Last winter's blue stream

Did you forget December,

The rain of my dream?

*Chorus:*

*How to explain*

*Why Blue River's icy rain*

*Chasing away*

*A blue water night and day*

*Asking ... Don't leave me ever again ...*

Verse 2.

Why did we pay attention

What would be fair?

Day on cold icy station

With us somewhere

Wait and expect ... it's not bad

What else to do?

Do you believe in what I said?

Whisper... I do

*Chorus:*

*How to explain*

*Why Blue River's icy rain*

*Chasing away*

*A blue water night and day*

*Asking... Don't leave me ever again...*

## 10. SHADE OF YOUR WORLD

June is breaking up to the end,

I try in making you understand,

I talked to you so many days and nights.

Every road I walked alone,

And after all it is said and gone,

What should I do to keep you off my mind?

And I'll move

*Chorus:*

*Don't you know my life story?*

*How can I be in a shade of your world?*

*Shade of your world...*

*You left for me...*

*So what?*

*Do I make you feel worried?*

*How can I be in a shade of your world?*

*Shade of your world... you left for me...So what?*

Too many steps have been in my way,

(It's true what fortune – tellers say)

I've seen them all I looked at looking glass...

Wonder why?

Many ways but just one is mine.

Can you drink my words like a bitter wine?

These foolish dreams are still around us...

Certainly...

*Chorus:*

*Don't you know my life story?*

*How can I be in a shade of your world?*

*Shade of your world...*

*You left for me...*

*So what?*

*Do I make you feel worried?*

*How can I be in a shade of your world?*

*Shade of your world... you left for me...*

*So what?*

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Produced by Leonid Agutin and AI Di Meola

# COSMOPOLITAN LIFE

2005 year

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