

# The New Life

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I've burned my bridges  
And I'm free at last  
All my chains are  
In the past  
The new life starts here

(I was trying to get happy  
I thought it was hard  
Until I found that  
In my own back yard  
The new life starts here)

The day is wide open  
The sky is blue  
The world is a miracle  
And so are you  
The new life starts here

My papers arrived  
Stamped and complete  
All previous dispatches  
Are obsolete  
The new life starts here

I can see my way so clear  
Rejoice for...  
The new life starts here

There's a war in the Gulf  
But it ain't in my head  
I just declared a state of  
Peace instead  
The new life starts here

(Tempters and tricksters  
Banging at my door  
I'm not fighting with them  
Anymore  
The new life starts here

Users, abusers,  
Banging at my door  
I'm not fighting with them  
Anymore  
The new life starts here

Tempsters and tricksters  
Wondering how  
To seize my attention  
They cannot touch me now  
The new life starts here)

Generals, Presidents  
How do you do?  
I can make it with or  
Without you  
The new life starts here

I can see my way so clear  
Rejoice for...  
The new life starts here

Are you under the Mercy?  
Are you under attack?  
Are you going forward?  
Are you going back?  
The new life starts here

(Are you coming to grips?  
Are you coming apart?  
Are you listening to fear?  
Or to your heart?  
The new life starts here

Are you building heaven  
Or are you building hell?  
When that great day comes  
Will you be able to tell?  
The new life starts here)

Citizen, criminal, child  
Woman or man  
The keys to the Kingdom  
Are in your own hands  
The new life starts here

(God of our love  
Who ignited the sun  
Not my will  
But thine be done  
The new life starts here)

Mock the devil  
Make him sweat!  
He hasn't won  
The battle yet  
The new life starts here

(A whole new age in seven more years  
A brave new age in ten more years)  
Rejoice for...  
The new life starts here