Hello my friend so happy to see you again I'm so alone All by myself Just couldn't make it.

Have you heard Baby What the winds blowing down Have you heard Baby A lot of peoples coming right on down.

Communication is coming on strong It don't give a damn Baby if your hair is short or long

I said get out of your grave Everybody is dancing in the street Do what you know don't be slow You gotta practice what you preach Cause it's time for you and me come to face reality.

Forget about the past Baby Things aint what they use to be Keep on Straight Ahead. We got to stand side by side
We got to stand together and organize
They say power to the people
that's what they're screamin'
Freedom of the soul
Pass it on, Pass it on to the young and old.

You got to tell the children the truth they don't need a whole lot of lies Cause one of these days Baby They'll be running things.

So when you give them love You better give it right Woman—Child—Man and Wife the best love to have is the Love of Life.

Hello my friend So good to see you again Been all by myself I don't think I can make it alone Keep Pushing Ahead.

> Jimi Hendrix August 1970.



- 1 FREEDOM 3:24
- 2 **DRIFTING** 3:46
- 3 **EZY RYDER** 4:09
- 4 NIGHT BIRD FLYING 3:50
- 5 MY FRIEND 4:40
- 6 STRAIGHT AHEAD 4:42
- 7 **ASTRO MAN** 3:37
- 8 ANGEL 4:25
- 9 IN FROM THE STORM 3:42
- 10 BELLY BUTTON WINDOW 3:34

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NOTES

With its exquisite and evocative guitar work and haunting intimations of mortality, The Cry Of Love remains among the most personal and revealing albums in the Jimi Hendrix catalog. The last recording before his untimely death, The Cry Of Love contains some of the legendary guitarist's most accomplished songwriting and highlights an intense yet tightly controlled virtuosity that marks a distinct stylistic departure from his flamboyant early work.

As a journeyman guitarist, Hendrix played with a wide variety of major musical stars including B.B. King, Jackie Wilson, Sam Cooke, Little Richard and King Curtis. It was in a Manhattan club that he was first spotted by former Animals bassist Chas Chandler, who brought Hendrix to London. There he formed The Jimi Hendrix Experience with bassist Noel Redding and drummer Mitch Mitchell, quickly becoming an international rock sensation following the release of his debut album Are You Experienced? and an incendiary appearance at the Monterey Pop Festival.

Two subsequent LPs, Axis: Bold As Love (1968) and the double-album Electric Ladyland established Hendrix as one of the premier rock guitarists of all time. Following the break-up of the Experience in 1968, Hendrix embarked on a wide-range of musical experiments. He made an historic appearance at Woodstock with a large, loose-knit ensemble called the Electric Sky Church and later that year formed The Band Of Gypsies with drummer Buddy Miles (with whom he had played behind Wilson Pickett) and Army buddy Billy Cox on bass. The group recorded their debut album live at the Fillmore East on New Year's Eve 1969.

Shortly afterwards, Hendrix began recording what would be his last official work. Again using Miles and Cox, Hendrix also recruited former Experience bassist Noel Redding, Traffic's Steve Winwood and Chris Wood, among others. Produced by Hendrix, Mitch Mitchell and Eddie Kramer, *The Cry Of Love* was recorded at Hendrix' own Electric Lady Studios in New York City. It contains ten original cuts including "Freedom," "Ezy Ryder," "Straight Ahead," and "In From The Storm," representing some of the most assured writing and inspired performances of his career.

The Cry Of Love was released in January of 1971, four months after the artist's death.

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