

LATERAL PARADIGM

Waves & Constellations



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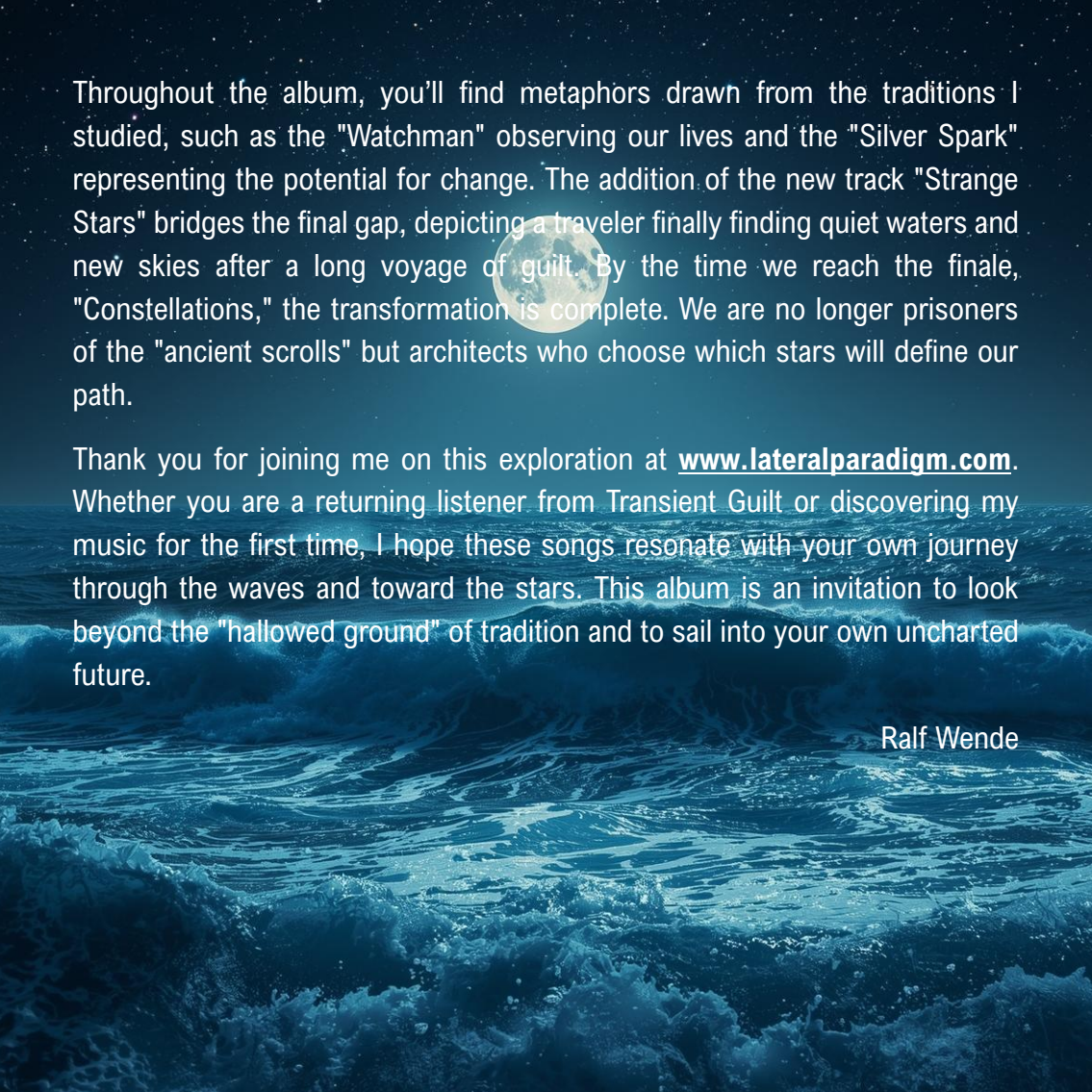
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Introduction

Welcome to the next chapter of Lateral Paradigm. My newest album, *Waves & Constellations*, represents a significant evolution from my debut, *Transient Guilt*. While my first project explored the immediate weight of the past, this new work is deeply rooted in narrative and is far more lyric-intensive. The initial inspiration for these songs struck me during a recent holiday, as I found myself immersed in a book about Celtic folklore and traditions. I was captivated by the ancient concepts of destiny and the natural world, which led me to craft a series of songs whose lyrics are loosely woven from those folkloric threads.

The album is a cohesive story that explores the delicate balance between fate and free will. It begins with the crushing uncertainty of "Waves of Doubt," where one feels overwhelmed by the tides of life. As the tracks progress, we move through the heavy atmospheric weight of "Knot of Fate," a direct nod to the Celtic idea that our lives are part of a pre-determined pattern. This overarching connection ensures that every song serves as a step on a journey—from feeling lost in the storm to finding the inner strength to confront the old ways in "Showdown".



Throughout the album, you'll find metaphors drawn from the traditions I studied, such as the "Watchman" observing our lives and the "Silver Spark" representing the potential for change. The addition of the new track "Strange Stars" bridges the final gap, depicting a traveler finally finding quiet waters and new skies after a long voyage of guilt. By the time we reach the finale, "Constellations," the transformation is complete. We are no longer prisoners of the "ancient scrolls" but architects who choose which stars will define our path.

Thank you for joining me on this exploration at www.lateralparadigm.com. Whether you are a returning listener from Transient Guilt or discovering my music for the first time, I hope these songs resonate with your own journey through the waves and toward the stars. This album is an invitation to look beyond the "hallowed ground" of tradition and to sail into your own uncharted future.

Ralf Wende

Waves of Doubt

Another year washed
Onto the shore
Watched the old life
Finally crash down

Another doubt rushed
Over my head
Drowning in a memory's
High tide

Whatever I did
It wasn't my choice

Can't find a foothold on
This shifting ground
Just a body floating
With the stream

Whatever I did
It was your choice

[Chorus]

Waves of doubt
Pulling me under
Can't fight the current
Watching my past dissolve

My life is just
A metronome
The same mistakes,
The same retreat

Living by the rhythm
Of the tides
Found the old regret
That I left in the sand
Whatever I did
It was their choice

Whatever I did
It was their choice

[Chorus]

At last the water hit,
That final wave
Came crashing down
To kill the lie

Whatever I did
It was my choice

[Alternate Chorus]

No more waves of doubt,
Pulling me under
Watching my new life
Unfold before me



Clouds in the sky

The rain is pounding on my
windowpane,
Each drop a tear that
echoes my pain,
The sky is crying, just like
me,
In this storm, I am lost at
sea.

[Chorus]

Clouds in the Sky,
wash away my sorrow,
In the night,
I search for tomorrow,
Clouds in the Sky
Sing a song of regret,
Memories linger, I can't
forget.

The thunder roars like a
heart in despair,
Lightning flashes, but you're
not there,
In the downpour, I find no
relief,

Each raindrop speaks of my
grief.

The world is gray, the colors
have bled,
A canvas of sorrow, painted
in red,
In the rainfall, I wander
alone,
Searching for solace in the
unknown.

[Chorus]



Knot of Fate

The patterns are already
set,
Long before we ever met.
The knot of fate,
It never changes
Just patiently waits
To be treaded

[Bridge]

A thread of light,
A silver streak,
Across the void,
A path I seek.

[Chorus]

Knot of fate
Our destiny's sealed
Before we're born
Knot of fate
The path before us
Already worn

Before the break of every
dawn
With every pass,
The future's sealed

Feels like time endlessly
withdrawn
For protection there'll be no
shield

[Bridge]

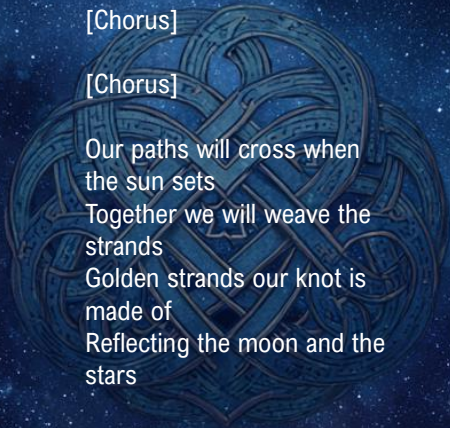
[Chorus]

[Chorus]

Our paths will cross when
the sun sets
Together we will weave the
strands
Golden strands our knot is
made of
Reflecting the moon and the
stars

[Bridge]

[Chorus]



Wild Hearts

Current running through my
veins,
Lightning in the pouring
rain,
Shadows falling, futures
sold,
Every story now retold.

[Chorus]

Lift me up where the wild
hearts run,
Show me the place where I
belong.
Lift me into the open skies,
Carry me where dreams can
rise.

See the headlands, burning
bright,
Lost horizons blaze in light.
Voices echo from the haze,
Calling me beyond these
days.

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

Hear the old gods sing
Above the raging sea
Tonight, their world
Is calling me.

[Chorus]



Bearer of Light

Lost in the dark
Lost on my path
A single turn
Changed it all

I saw a pattern,
Clear and bright
My thread of light,
A guiding fire

[Bridge]
Where have you been?
What have you done?

[Chorus]
Bearer of Light
A bright flame
You are carrying

Bearer of Light
Your sure steps
I shall follow

A lonely beacon,
On the horizon
Standing tall against
The dark night

To guide the lost,
To heed their call
A single flame
Glows in the night

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

You light the way
Where my shadow falls
Now we are two threads
That weave together

A new design
Our lights now join
No longer alone
The way ahead

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

The journey's end
It is just
A new beginning
A new era that comes

Now my light shines on,

Through this long spell
I am the guide,
Forever bound

(Now I know)
(I see it now)

[Chorus]
Bearer of Light
A bright flame
I am carrying

Bearer of Light
My sure steps
You shall follow

No More

The currents run beneath,
Our breathing and our grief.
Every cycle leaves its scar,
Reminding who we are.

[Chorus]

No more,
No end
No more
Coming to rest

We count the days and run,
Waiting for the race to be
done.
The past still echoes deep,
In promises we could not
keep.

[Chorus]

I hear the sweet sound now,
Where nothing breaks or
bows.
It pulls me from this space,
To find a final, timeless
grace.

Where the fire won't reach

All the years doing what
Was expected of you
The fight has left your eyes,
A stillness took its place.

The storm has passed you
by,
And left a different face.
You found the quiet space,
The place the maps ignore.

[Bridge]

No judgment from the stars,
No crashing on the shore.
No more drowning in tears
No more drowning in tears

[Chorus]

The stars can't burn you
now,
The waves can't pull you
down.
You found your hallowed
ground,
Where the fire won't reach.
Where the fire won't reach.

Where the fire won't reach.

The grid has left its mark,
I see the fading lines.
But they no longer hold,
Your story is your own.

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

You reached the silent gap,
Between the wave and star.
No longer pulled apart,
You know just who you are.

[Bridge]

[Chorus]



Uncharted Waters

Tear the ancient map
Cut the golden thread
No more looking back
All the lies are dead

No more stars to guide
Only soul inside
Step by steady step
Secrets that I kept

[Chorus]
Uncharted waters
Break the old design
My wild heart leading
Leaving fate behind

Catch the rising wind
Sail the open deep
Promises I break
Promises I keep

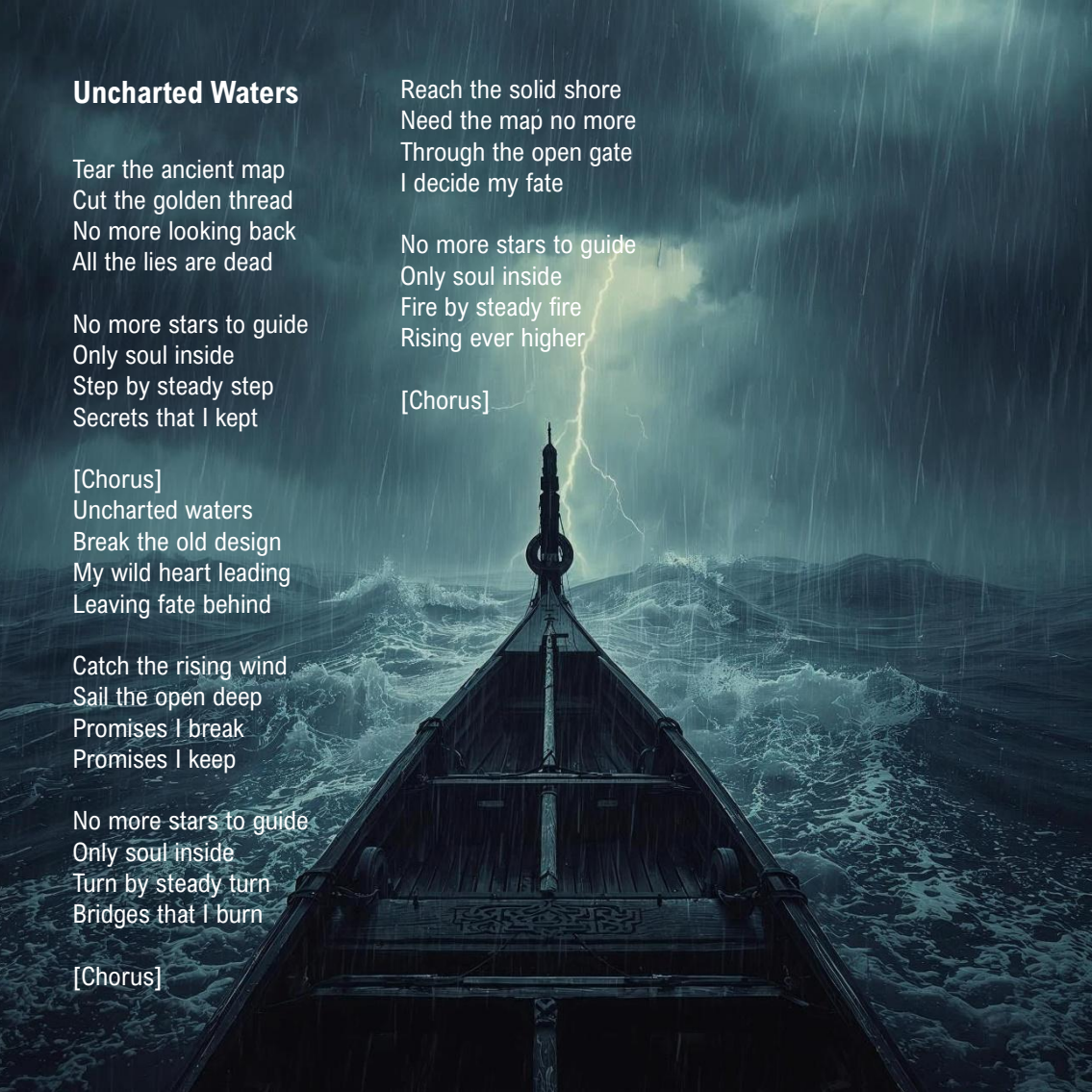
No more stars to guide
Only soul inside
Turn by steady turn
Bridges that I burn

[Chorus]

Reach the solid shore
Need the map no more
Through the open gate
I decide my fate

No more stars to guide
Only soul inside
Fire by steady fire
Rising ever higher

[Chorus]



Showdown

[Chorus]

Standing in the ring
End of everything
Face the empty space
Look into your face

No more hiding now
Take the final bow
Breaking every chain
Wash away the pain

[Chorus]

Settle every score
Break the locked door
Now I am free
It's my Showdown,
Showdown,
Showdown!

The knot starts to fray
End of yesterday
Shards of broken glass
Let the shadows pass

Power in my hand
No more dark command
Burn the old design
This life is now mine

[Chorus]

Steel against the stone
I am not alone
Heart is like a fire
Rising ever higher

Watch the patterns fall
I will have it all
No more wait and see
Victory for me

[Chorus]

Settle every score
Break the locked door
Now I am free
Face to face now
I will not bow
Winner takes all
It's my Showdown,
Showdown,
Showdown!



Strange Stars

My burden is almost gone
The last cards are drawn
No more trying to hide
No more trying to escape

The green lands are laying
ahead
To be found, to be
cherished
No more trying to cheat
No more trying to run

[Chorus]
Strange stars
Ahead of me
Looking down on me
Strange stars

Strange stars
In the wild land
To be tamed
Strange stars

I lay still in the night
The stars burning in my
eyes

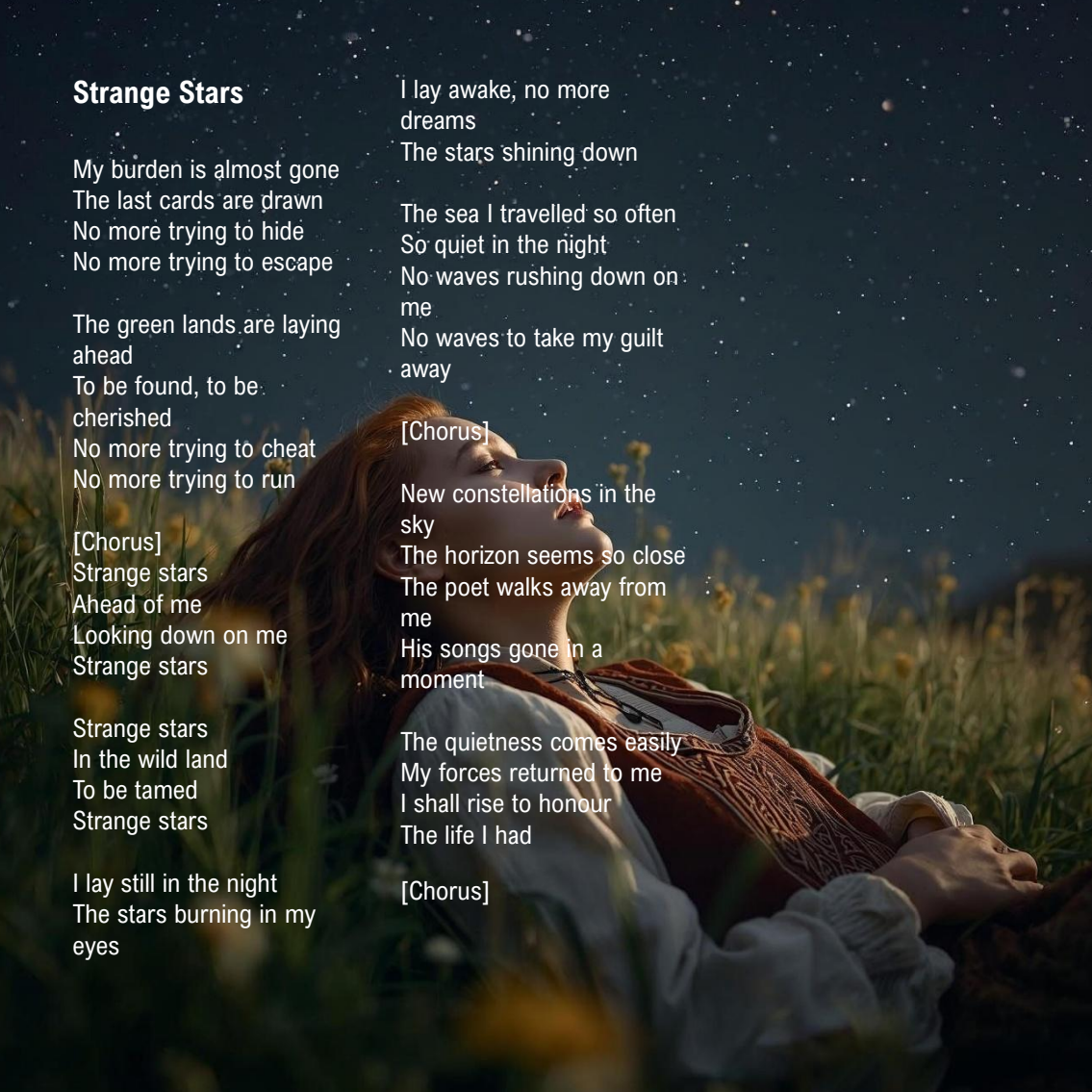
I lay awake, no more
dreams
The stars shining down

The sea I travelled so often
So quiet in the night
No waves rushing down on
me
No waves to take my guilt
away

[Chorus]
New constellations in the
sky
The horizon seems so close
The poet walks away from
me
His songs gone in a
moment

The quietness comes easily
My forces returned to me
I shall rise to honour
The life I had

[Chorus]



Constellations

I see the ancient scrolls
The ink is dry and deep
The stories told of old
Are promises to keep

I take the quill in hand
And strike the line away
Across this barren land
I start a new day

[Chorus]

The stars are not a cage
My will defines the light
I rewrite every page
Across the endless night

The current pulls me down
Toward the rocky shore
I hear the thunder sound
Like many times before

I drop the heavy oars
And grab the iron wheel
I steer for distant shores
With hands of tempered steel

[Chorus]

I look up at the black
The patterns in the sky
There is no turning back
Under the watchman's eye

I move a silver spark
To where it ought to be
No longer in the dark
Because my soul is free

[Chorus]

Credits

**All songs, music, lyrics,
guitars, bass & synth:**

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(really played, no AI)

Vocals: Drana by suno.com

Guitars used:

Ibanez Roadstar II
LTD MH-10
Epiphone Sheraton II Pro
Zoom G5n
Boss SY-200 Guitar Synth

Bass used:

Ibanez Gio GSR280
Rocktile
Zoom B1 Four

Synth:

MicroKORG 2

Drum Loops:

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