1. You're either livin' or you're dyin' inside every day, You're either givin' or they're buyin' your time away. If you're doin' it for love, you know what I mean, but while it's only for pay dirt, you'll never come clean... It takes a candle to take away the dark from the night; it takes a song to make the way it is, be all right.

And every song I sing, it's true
is just another way, for me to say, how much I love you.
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2. Every day as you fritter away more time, You get a little bit better with a little less tryin'. Every lesson makes you bigger with every passing day, but you keep pulling the trigger of the price you pay. You light a candle to take away the dark from the night, so write a song to make the way it is, be all right.

[REPEAT HOOK]

3. You save up all your greens to buy a life of struggle, while you trade in all your dreams for a ticket through the rubble. Every man and woman's heart is the harbor of a dream, but when your boat's gettin' stuck in the muck of the stream... Light a candle to take away the dark from the night; write a song to make the way it is, be all right.

[REPEAT HOOK]

4. They say, The more you give, life gives more in return, and the more you live, the more you learn.
You learn to sell your freedom, in order to be free, never quite becoming what you learned you could be...
But, light a candle to take away the dark from the night, and write a song to make the way it is, be all right.

And every song I sing, it's true...
[INSTRUMENTAL]

5. They say, Everything in life's a teacher or a lover, and you're always lookin' with, what you're tryin' to discover. If you keep on tryin', one day you'll decide everything you ever wanted has always been inside... I light a candle to take away the dark from the night; I write a song to make the way it is, be all right.

[REPEAT HOOK, OVER & OVER, TO FADEOUT]

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