## Contents

Prologue: On Being an Imaginary Viking 1

Part One: Gateway Drugs Mind Yer Fingers 11 A Piece of Cake 19 The Trip 22 The Graveyard Shift (or How to Play One Note for a Very Long Time without Losing Touch with Your Mind) 30 The Spacemen 35 The Acid Party 38 Playing with Fire 41 Hash Yoghurt and Hells Angels 52 Wide Awake in a Dream 59 Back to the Bolts 64 Elvis Died for Somebody's Sins but not Mine 72 The Nun Next Door 84 Tiny 87 Waves of Joy 90

Part Two: The Key to the Door
The Autist Turns Twenty-One 97
Says a Lot to the Trained Mind 103
Suicide 106
Or Start Living with Your Mother 110
Taking Drugs so Other People Don't Have to 115
Coventry 121
Spacemen 3 on Spectrum 126
Gerald and the Two-Handed Shuffle 139

Elvis Plays 'Revolution' 141

'Are You Just Peripheral Shit or are You in the Band?' 148
The Monkey Grinder's Organ 157
Better Off Alone 161
Dependence 170
Play the Fucking Hit 174
Going Solo 175

Part Three: Look Ma... Three Hands!
In the Trenches 183
You Say You Want a Revolution? 189
What's in a Name? 192
Twice-Dead Pork (in Treacle Sauce) 197
Those Lights are Cold and Pretty and Nothing Like
My Love 203
Playing the Bass with Three Left Hands 210
That's Not Normal Behaviour 220
Little Thief 229
Working on a Building 235
Fifty Tons of Blood 238
Jumping Ship 248

Part Four: Living on Nuts and Berries
Psychotic Reaction 259
Fame at Last 266
Two Christmas Stories 275
Or Something... 279
A Very Strange Dream 288
No Lawyers, Only Longbows 290
Thoughts on Being a Musician 298

Epilogue: Thanks to the Ghostwriters 300 With Thanks to 302