

Songwriting Steve Lukather on Toto and Lukather albums

When you take this section in one glance, you can see that as far as Toto is concerned Lukather started very slowly as a (co-)writer. No written song on the first Toto album, one on *Hydra*, two on *Turn back*, three on *Toto IV* etc. From *The seventh one* Lukather's production increased clearly, six out of eleven songs, on *Kingdom of desire* nine out of twelve, on *Tambu* twelve out of twelve and on *Mindfields* thirteen out of fourteen. On *Lukather*, released one year after *The seventh one*, Lukather co-wrote eleven out of eleven songs, on *Candyman*, released between *Kingdom of desire* and *Tambu*, nine out of eleven and on *Luke*, released between *Tambu* and *Mindfields*, ten out of eleven. On the 15 Toto studio albums Lukather (co-)wrote altogether 87 songs out of 162. On his solo albums he (co-)wrote 61 out of 94 songs. The songs on his solo albums he didn't write, are covers: Jimi Hendrix (*Freedom* and *Red House*), Joe Walsh (*The bomber*), Stephen Stills (*Blue bird*), Jeff Beck (*The pump*) (some important favourites from his youth) and some Christmas tunes.

It's also obvious that Lukather only wrote 3 Toto songs and three solo songs all by himself: *Live for today* on *Turn back*, *I won't hold you back* on *Toto IV*, *How does it feel* on *Isolation* (with a melodic flash forward on *Stop loving you*), *Always be there* on *Luke*, *The truth* on *Ever changing times* and *Smell yourself* on the 1989 Los Lobotomys album. In an interview in Frankfurt on 25 June 1997 (toto99.com) Lukather explained how he did the writing of the songs on *Luke*: "I had ideas for the stuff but needed to have guys help me finish it... cause lyrics are hard for me, lyrics are very hard to write, and the guys that know me... all the guys I wrote with are my friends, they know what I went through the last few years. I wanna write about life. Kind of reflecting on my whole life. It's about that." In the duologue with Eddie Van Halen (one year after the release of *Kingdom of desire*), Lukather answers on Eddie's question about the difference between a Toto record and a Steve Lukather record: "As far as song writing goes I get to play a little more. And the type of compositions I can do, I've got 10-minute songs. I don't write songs and say "I'll save this for me" or "This is a Toto song". When I write for Toto I write whatever comes, with Toto we write the songs all together. Here (on *Candyman*, A.S.) I'm writing most of the stuff with David Garfield."

Toto (studio albums)

Albums	Songs	(Co-)written by Luke	Songtitles (co-)written by Luke
Toto (1978)	10	-	-
Hydra (1979)	8	1	Hydra
Turn back (1980)	8	2	Turn back, Live for today
Toto IV (1982)	10	3	Good for you, Afraid of love, I won't hold you back
Dune (1984)	17	16	All except, Prophecy theme
Isolation (1984)	10	3	Isolation, Mr. Friendly How does it feel
Fahrenheit (1986)	10	4	Can't stand it any longer, I'll be over you, Somewhere tonight, Don't stop me now
The seventh one (1988)	11	6	Anna, Stop loving you, Stay away, Only the children, These chains, Home of the brave

Past to present (1990)	4	1	Out of love
Kingdom of desire (1992)	13	9	All songs, except KOD, Little wing The other side, Kick down the walls
Tambu (1995)	13	13	All songs
XX (1998)	10	3	In a word ('86), Mrs. Johnson ('77), On the run ('91)
Mindfields (1999)	14	13	All except Mad about you
Trough the looking glass (2002)	11	-	-
Falling in between (2006)	11	11	All songs
Toto XIV (2015)	12	6	Running out of time, Holy war, 21st Century blues, Orphan, Unknown soldier, Great expectations
40 Trips around the sun	3	3	Alone, Spanish sea, Struck by lightning
Songs			
Moodido (The match) (1984)	1	1	
The seventh one (1988)	1	1	
Total:	177	96	

Steve Lukather

Albums	Songs	(Co-)written by Luke	Songtitles (co-)written by Luke
Los Lobotomys (1989, live)	9	2	Lobotomys stew, Smell yourself
Lukather (1989)	11	11	All songs
Candyman (1994)	12	9	All songs except Freedom, The bomber, Red house
Luke (1997)	12	10	All songs except Blue bird, The pump
No substitutions (2001, live)	5	-	
Santamental (2003)	11	2	Broken heart for Xmas, Look out for angels
Ever changing times (2008)	11	11	All songs
All's well that ends well (2010)	9	9	All songs
Transition (2013)	9	7	All songs except Smile, Rest of the world
Total:	89	61	

Songs written by Steve Lukather solo

Live for today (Toto-Turn back, 1981)
 I won't hold you back (Toto-IV, 1982)
 How does it feel (Toto-Isolation, 1984)
 Smell yourself (Los Lobotomys, 1989)
 Always be there (Steve Lukather-Luke, 1997)
 Simple life (Toto-Falling in between, 2006)
 The truth (Steve Lukather-Ever changing times, 2008)

Albums (official)

Toto: 17x studio + 6x live

Steve Lukather: 7x studio + 2x live